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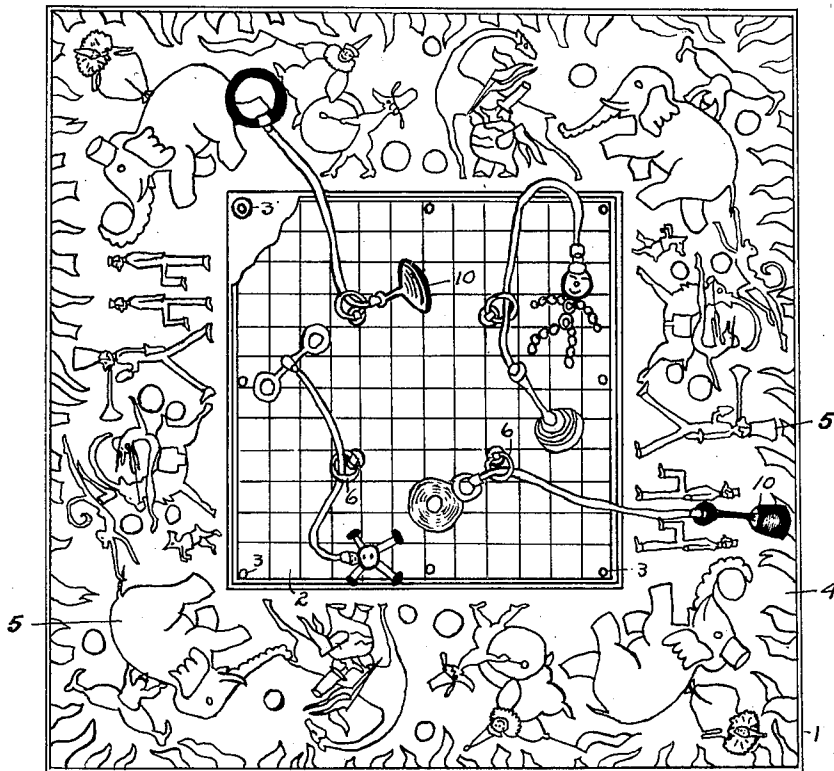


Fig. 1

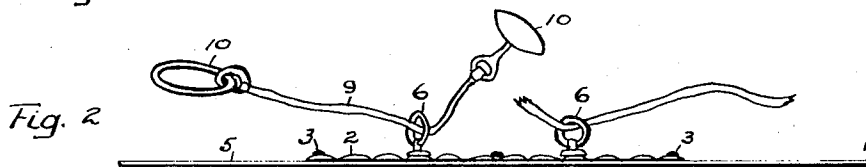


Fig. 2

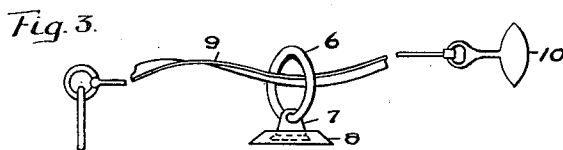


Fig. 3

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The invention relates to play pads for infants and particularly for an infant who is able to sit up.

The object of the invention is to provide a play pad that will furnish amusement and entertainment for an infant and effectively protect the surface upon which it is placed.

Another object is to provide a play pad in which there is an absorbent member removably attached to a base member which is greater in area than the absorbent member, the base member having an educational and entertaining design about the absorbent member.

Another object is to provide a portable play pad having a relatively thin fabric base member and a removable absorbent member and toy carrying members movably mounted thereon in novel manner, the base member having a decorated area about the margin of the absorbent member that is adapted to shield the toys from contact with the floor or other object upon which the pad is placed.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which

Figure 1 is a plan view of a pad embodying the invention, a portion being broken away.

Fig. 2 is an elevation of the pad and Fig. 3 is an elevation of one of the toy attachment members.

Referring to the illustrative embodiment of the invention the invention consists of a base member or cover 1 preferably formed of a sheet of suitable lint free fabric. A pad 2, preferably formed of relatively thick quilted material that will be absorbent, is adapted to be attached at suitable points to the base 1 by suitable fasteners 3, such as the commonly used snap fastener. The fasteners hold the pad in place on the base preferably in the center thereof and permit of its ready removal for washing and the substitution of another pad. The base is formed with greater dimensions than the pad so that a wide margin or border of the base entirely surrounds the pad and forms a shield 4 upon which is formed, as by imprinting or otherwise displayed, a series of configurations 5 that will be attractive and educational to an infant. The configurations are so disposed on the shield that they face the infant at all times regardless of the position of the child on the pad, thereby avoiding eye strain and confusion in the child's mind.

The pad 2 is relatively small and thick, while the base is relatively large and thin. This makes easy and compact folding of the article and its ready transportation. Laundering of the pad is all that is necessary and since it is relatively small in size its laundering is much less difficult than if it were as large as the base 1.

A selected number of swiveled rings 6 are attached to the pad 2 at selected points. Each ring is mounted in a lug 7 that is revolvably supported on a base 8 which base is attached to the pad 2. A tape 9 extends through the ring 6 and is attached at its opposite ends to selected toys 10. Since the toys are attached to the opposite ends of the tapes the child may pick up one of them and draw it toward him. The tape, of course, travels in the ring and the toy at the opposite end of the tape will be moved to the ring. When the child throws or drops the toy in hand, the other toy on the tape is located so that he may reach it without shifting his position on the pad. In this way some of the toys are constantly within the grasp of the child. The tapes are limited in length so that the child cannot throw a toy off of the shield, nor can the toy strike him as would be the case where it is hung from some object.

Since the base is formed of a relatively thin sheet of fabric having no lint thereon no lint remains on the floor, rugs or carpets when the article is removed after being in use. The article may be folded into a compact relatively small package so that it may be readily transported or stored and its light weight affords easy handling.

What I claim is:

1. An infant's play pad consisting of a fabric base having a decorated border, an absorbent pad removably attached to the central portion of the base, the pad having less dimensions than the base whereby the decorated border of the base is exposed, swivelled rings attached to the pad and members longitudinally slidable in the rings having toys attached to their opposite ends respectively, the members being of such length and the rings being mounted at such points on the pad that no toy can be moved outwardly off the said border and one toy on each member is always within the reach of the infant.

2. An infant's play pad consisting of a relatively light fabric base having infant entertaining and educational characters displayed about its border, a relatively thick pad removably attached to the central portion of the base and being of a size that will expose the said border, swivelled rings attached to the pad and tapes longitudinally movable in the rings and having toys attached to their opposite ends respectively, the length of the tapes and the location of the rings being such that no toy can be moved outwardly off of the border and the toy on an end of each tape is always within the reach of the infant, the characters being so arranged on the border that the infant may view them irrespective of his position on the pad.

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