

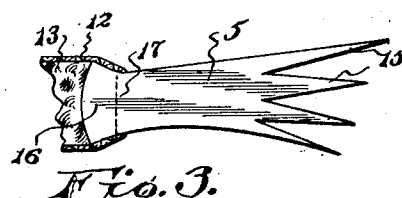
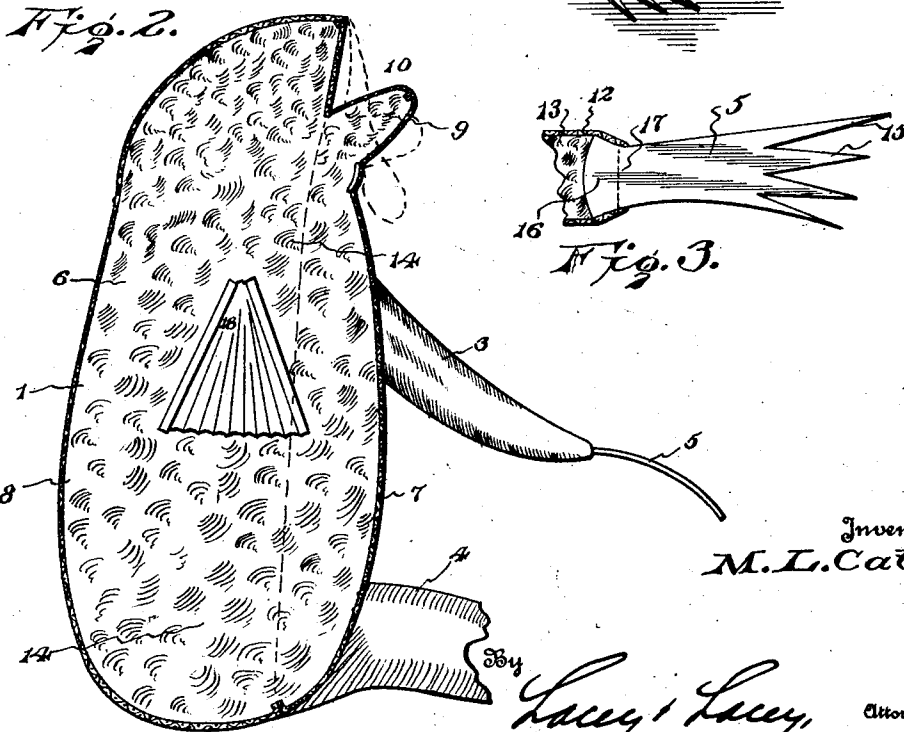
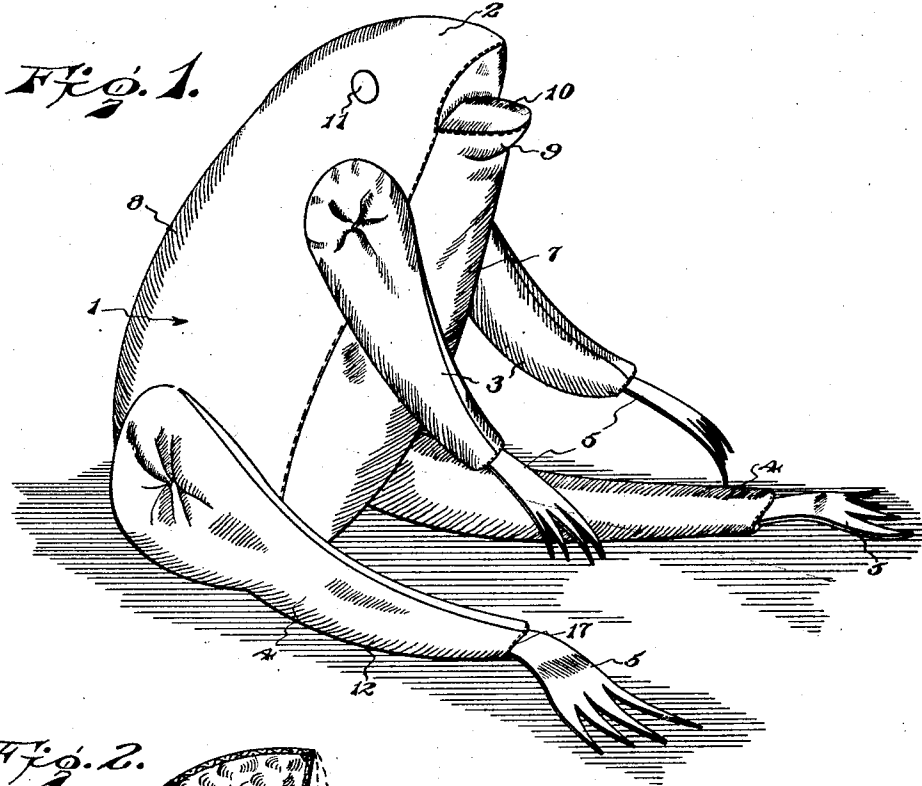
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FIGURE TOY

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## FIGURE TOY.

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This invention relates to toys and more particularly to a stuffed figure toy of the type intended for small children.

One object of the invention is to provide a toy of the type specified which will resemble a frog and may have its legs moved to assume various positions.

Another object of the invention is to so form the mouth portion of the frog's head that the lower jaw thereof may be moved in an opening and closing direction.

Another object of the invention is to provide the body and head portion of the frog with a casing consisting of a minimum number of parts which may be easily sewed together and stuffed with a soft filling.

Another object of the invention is to provide the legs of the frog with feet members formed of flexible material and firmly secured in the end portions of the legs so that they may not be easily torn loose.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the toy;

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view through the toy, and

Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary view illustrating the formation of one of the feet and the manner in which it is secured in the free end portion of a leg.

The toy includes a body portion 1 having a head 2 formed integral therewith and front and rear legs 3 and 4 which carry feet 5. The casing of the body which is stuffed with a soft filler 6 is formed of soft fabric and consists of front and side sections 7 and 8, the side sections 8 being sewed together along the back and across the top of the head of the body and having their forward edge portions sewed to the front section 7 at the sides and across the bottom thereof. The upper end portion 9 of the front section 7 is free from the portions of the side sections which form the head 2 and constitute a lower jaw, the margins of which are sewed to an insert 10 which forms the mouth of the frog and has the margins of its upper portion sewed to the margins of the head forming portions of the side sections 8. Since the casing is formed of soft fabric and is stuffed with a filling of raw cotton or any other suitable soft material, the jaw 9 may be easily moved from the normal position shown in Fig. 1 and in full lines in Fig. 2 to either a closed or a fully opened position, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 2. This

will afford amusement to a small child playing with the toy. The eyes 11 are in the form illustrated represented by buttons sewed at opposite sides of the head but other means to represent eyes could be employed or they could be painted upon the sides of the head. In the preferred construction the side sections 8 of the casing will be formed of green cloth, the front section 7 cream colored and the insert 10 red, but it will be understood that other color schemes may be employed.

The legs 3 and 4 are preferably green and each consists of a tubular casing 12 which tapers toward its outer end and is stuffed with a soft filling 13 similar to the filling 6. The legs are disposed at opposite sides of the body and in the present illustration are secured by stitches 14 which extend entirely through the body and permit the legs to be moved to various positions. If desired, rods may be passed through the body and legs and carry caps or plates at their ends to retain the legs in place.

The feet 5 are of a duplicate construction and each is formed of a soft flexible material preferably sheet rubber. The sheet rubber from which the foot is formed is cut to represent toes 15 at its outer end and at its inner end is flared to provide a shank portion 16 which is disposed in the outer free end portion of the leg where it has been shown secured by stitches 17 passed through the shank and outer end portion of the casing 12. By referring to Fig. 3, it will be seen that when the foot is sewed into the outer end portion of the leg it will be very firmly held in place and its flared end portion 16 will prevent it from being easily pulled out of the leg. A sound emitting bellows 18 of a conventional construction is placed in the body within the filling and causes a croaking noise resembling the croak of a frog when pressure is applied to the body transversely thereof.

Having thus described the invention, I claim:

1. A figure toy comprising a body having a head and consisting of a casing of flexible material and a soft filling for the casing, said casing including front and side sections, the side sections being secured to the front section along the sides and lower end thereof, said front section having its upper end portion free from the side sections and extending to form a flexible lower jaw

for the head movable into and out of an open position, and an insert of flexible material constituting the interior of the mouth and secured to the side sections and jaw-forming extension of said front section.

2. A figure toy comprising a body having a head and consisting of a casing of flexible material and a soft filling for the casing, said casing including front and side sections, the side sections being secured to the front section along the sides and lower end thereof, said front section having its upper end portion free from the side sections and extending to form a flexible lower jaw for the head movable into and out of an open position, a reinforcing strip extending across and secured to the inner face of the jaw-forming extension at the lower end thereof, and an insert of flexible material constituting the interior of the mouth and secured to the side sections and jaw-forming extension of said front section.

3. A figure toy comprising a body having a head and consisting of a casing of flexible material and a soft filling for the casing, said casing including front and side sections, the side sections being secured to the front section along the sides and lower end thereof, said front section having its upper end portion free from the side sections and extending to form a flexible lower jaw for the head movable into and out of an open position,

an insert of flexible material constituting the interior of the mouth and secured to the side sections and jaw-forming extension of said front section, legs carried by said body and each consisting of a tubular casing of flexible material, a soft filling for the tubular casing, and feet formed of flexible sheet material and secured in the free end portions of the legs.

4. A figure toy comprising a body having a head and consisting of a casing of flexible material and a soft filling for the casing, said casing including front and side sections, the side sections being secured to the front section along the sides and lower end thereof, said front section having its upper end portion free from the side sections and extending to form a flexible lower jaw for the head movable into and out of an open position, an insert of flexible material constituting the interior of the mouth and secured to the side sections and jaw-forming extension of said front section, legs carried by said body and each consisting of a tubular casing of flexible material, a soft filling for the tubular casing, and feet formed of flexible sheet material having flared rear end portions fitted into the free end portions of the tubular leg casings and secured therein.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.  
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