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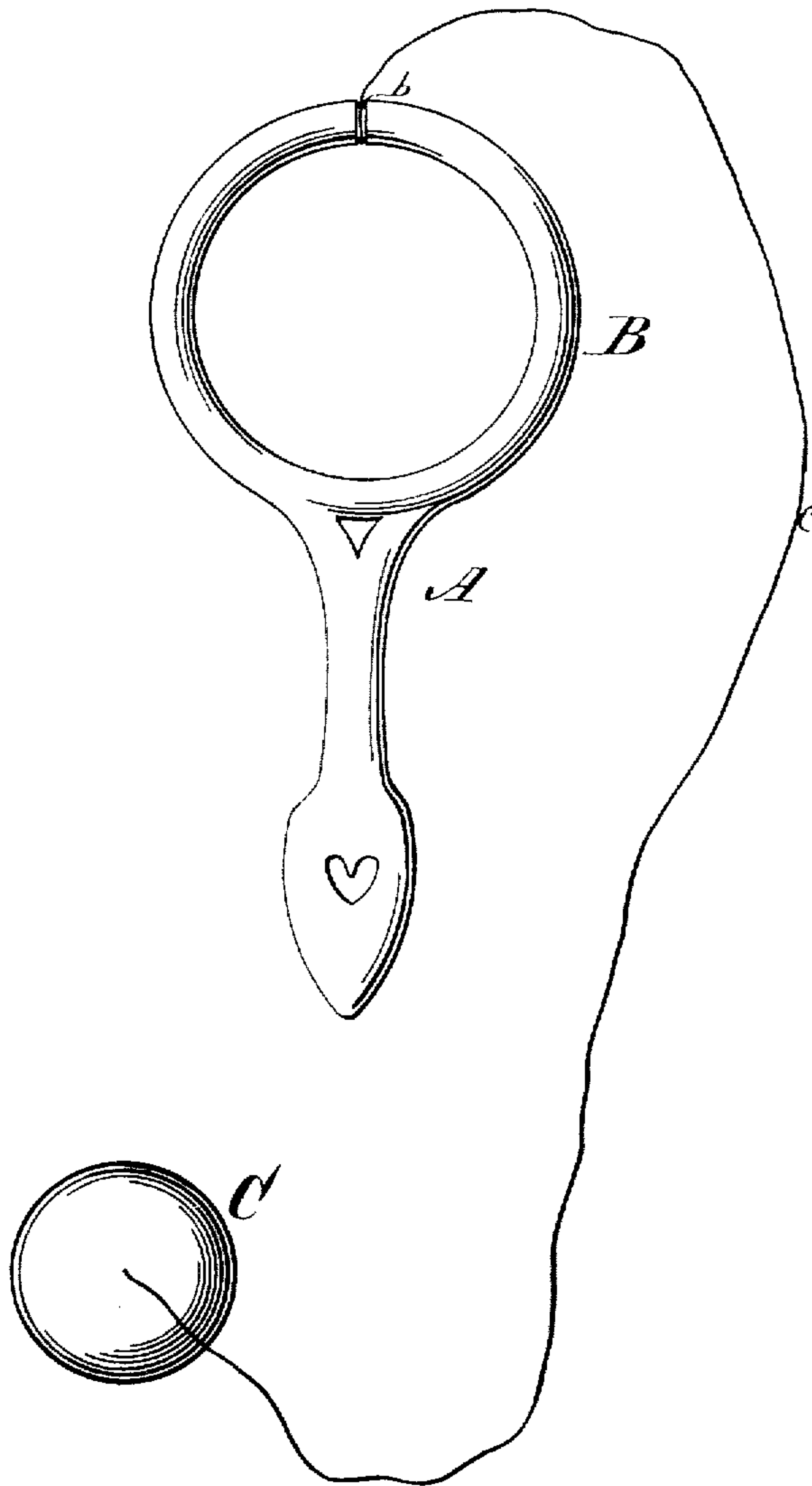
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## CHILD'S TOY.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SIEGEFRIED L. HOCKERT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Children's Toys, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in children's toys, which will be fully set forth and described in the description of the accompanying drawing, in which—

A represents a handle; B, a ring; and they are made integral, of metal, wood, celluloid, or other suitable material.

b represents a groove cut around the ring B at the point opposite or in line with the handle A.

C represents a ball, of a diameter less than the annulus within the ring B.

c represents an elastic cord looped loosely around the groove b at one end, and the other end attached to the ball C.

Instead of ball C, any other toy—such as a boy, doll, monkey, or other image—may be used.

The toy is operated as follows: The operator, holding the toy by handle A, tosses up the ball by a motion of the hand, and then arrests the motion suddenly, so as to allow the suspended body C to drop through the ring B. The loop of the string at b will pass freely around, when the toy is in position for a second toss.

A ball toy has heretofore been composed of a handle having at one end an open ring, and provided with an elastic cord, one end of which is attached to the handle or ring, while the other end of said cord carries a ball, all in such manner that when the ball passes through the

said open ring the reaction of the elastic cord will serve to return the ball back through the ring. Such ball toys have the elastic cord secured in a fixed position to the handle or ring, and therefore if the ball is passed several times through the ring in the same direction the cord will wind on the handle or ring; and, further, by the employment of an elastic cord, any irregularity of movement will invariably prevent the ball from passing through the ring. In my invention I provide an ordinary elastic cord and loosely loop one end thereof in a groove in the open ring, whereby the ball or other body can freely pass through the ring in the same direction any number of times without liability of winding on the ring, as the loop of the string will freely turn in the said groove; and, further, the elastic cord permits the ball to pass through the open ring by various movements of the parts comprising the toy.

I claim—

The combination, with the handle and the open ring, of the cord having one end loosely looped around and in a groove in the ring at a point in line with the handle, and provided at its other end with a ball or other object, whereby the loop of the cord will turn freely on the ring, in the manner and for the purposes described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

S. L. HOCKERT.

Witnesses:

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