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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.

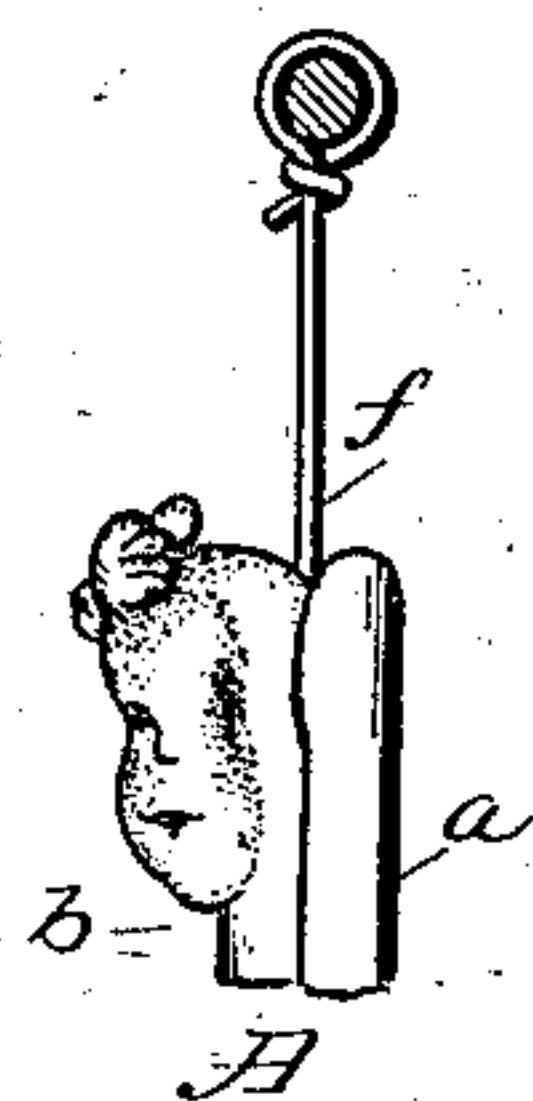


Fig. 3.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALBERT GREEN, of the city of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Toys; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to toys, more particularly of that class composed of candy or gum-paste, which are adapted to be suspended, and which are designed more especially for Christmas-trees and the like.

The invention consists of an adjustable or flexible and ornamental support, whereby the toys may be supported or suspended in any required position without adding to the bulk of the toys in packing or interfering with the convenience of packing for transportation.

Heretofore toys of this class have been provided with a tag made of ornamental or other kind of paper, the tag being perforated, but requiring a pin or some special or additional fastening in order to attach it to the limbs of a tree, or in any other situation.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 shows a toy having the flexible strip bent in the form of a hook. Fig. 2 shows the strip twisted around a branch. Fig. 3 shows the strip twisted to form a spiral and to give an ornamental appearance.

In these figures, A represents an ordinary toy, which may be taken as a specimen of its class. Ordinarily these toys are composed of sugar or gum-paste, and are designed to be suspended from the branches of a Christmas-tree, or in like situations. To these toys is secured a fixed metallic strip, *f*, formed of any suitable mixture of metals adapted to render the strips tough and easily flexible, and at the

same time, preferably, to give a bright color. These strips may be split at the end or flattened, and may be attached to the toys in any convenient way. I prefer to lay them between the back *a* and the front *b* of the toy, when the parts are put together while soft, which fixes the strip securely within the body of the toy. The strip may be of more stiff metal and bent in the form of a hook; or it may, if flexible, be bent in the form of a hook, and will have sufficient strength to hold up the toy; or, if the toy is very heavy, the end of the strip may be bent round, as shown in Fig. 2, and twisted upon itself, so as to give sufficient strength. I prefer to twist the strip, as shown in Fig. 3, in order to give it a more ornamental appearance. The strip may be formed into a hook and wound around the branch or pin in the manner heretofore shown.

I am aware that it has been proposed to provide toys composed of sugar in the form of lanterns with a bail or suspending device, and this I do not broadly claim.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. The combination, with a toy, of a metal strip of flexible material adapted to be formed into a hook or to be wound about a branch or pin, substantially as described.

2. In connection with a toy, a flexible metallic strip, twisted as described, and adapted to be connected to a branch or pin, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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