

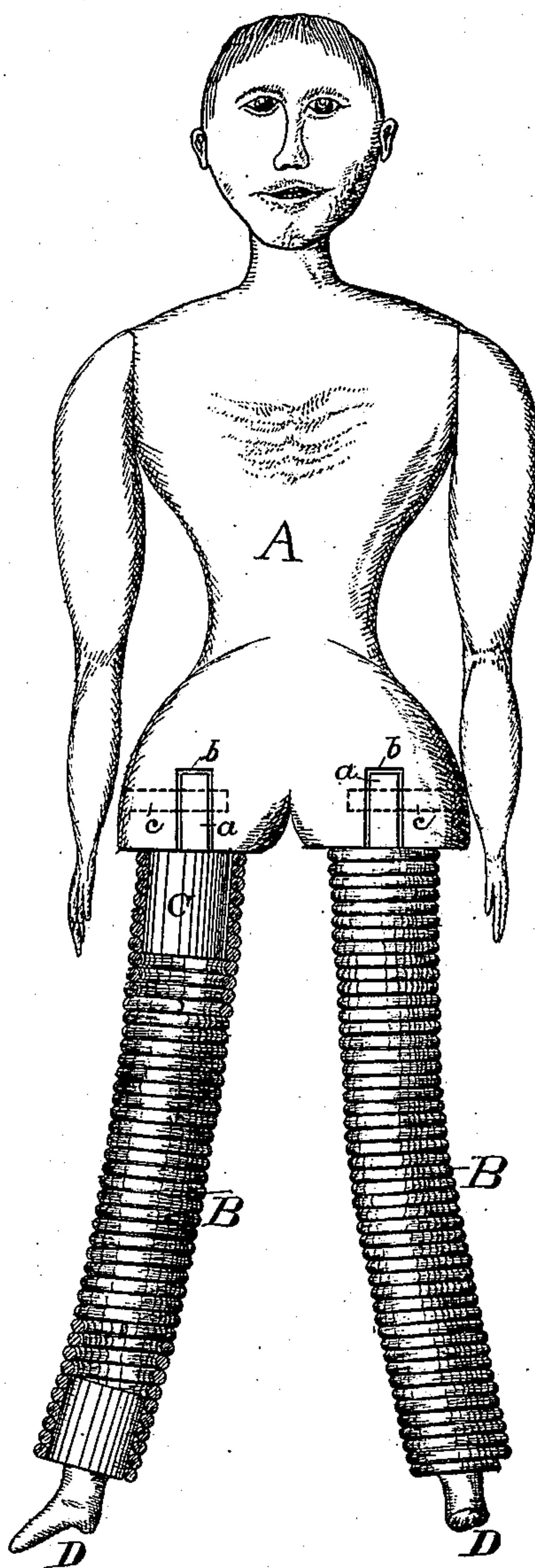
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. ANDERSON, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Toy Figures, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to toy figures, either human or of animals, and its object is to provide limbs capable of universal flexure—in other words, of being bent in any direction required—whereby not only are the limbs rendered much less liable to be broken by rough usage, but the figure itself may be manipulated or operated to produce various postures more or less amusing without liability of fracturing or displacing the limbs.

My said invention comprises the combination, with the body of a toy figure, of tubular limbs composed of spiral wire, this formation of the limbs permitting them to be bent in any direction without liability of fracture.

The drawing is a front and partial sectional view of a figure, in this instance of a doll, constructed according to my invention.

A is the body, which may be shaped to correspond with that of a human figure or with that of an animal.

B are the limbs (in this case the legs) of the figure, and each of which is composed of coiled wire, forming a tube which is capable of flexure or of bending in any lateral direction. These tubes of coiled wire forming the limbs as aforesaid may be attached to the body A in any suitable manner—as, for example, by means of cylindrical blocks C, fitted into the

upper ends of the said limbs, and provided with tongues *a*, placed in sockets *b* formed in the body A, the said tongues being held in place by transverse pins, as indicated in dotted outline at *c* in the figure; or, instead of this, the body A may be formed with protuberances shaped in proportion to be fitted into the ends of the said limbs in the same manner as the block C. When desired, blocks D, representing feet, may be similarly fitted into the lower ends of the said limbs.

It will be observed that the limbs, being of metal, and being flexible, and capable of being readily bent in any direction, are very durable and strong, not liable to break, and that by taking hold of the lower extremities of said limbs the same may be bent in opposite directions, laterally or otherwise, in such manner as to move the figure in contortions more or less ludicrous or amusing, thereby giving the figure greatly increased usefulness as a doll or as an amusing toy.

Of course when the body A, instead of being formed to correspond with that of the human figure, represents that of an animal, the number of limbs may be proportionally increased.

What I claim as my invention is—

The combination, with a body, A, of tubular limbs formed of coiled wire, substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

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