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Fig. 1.

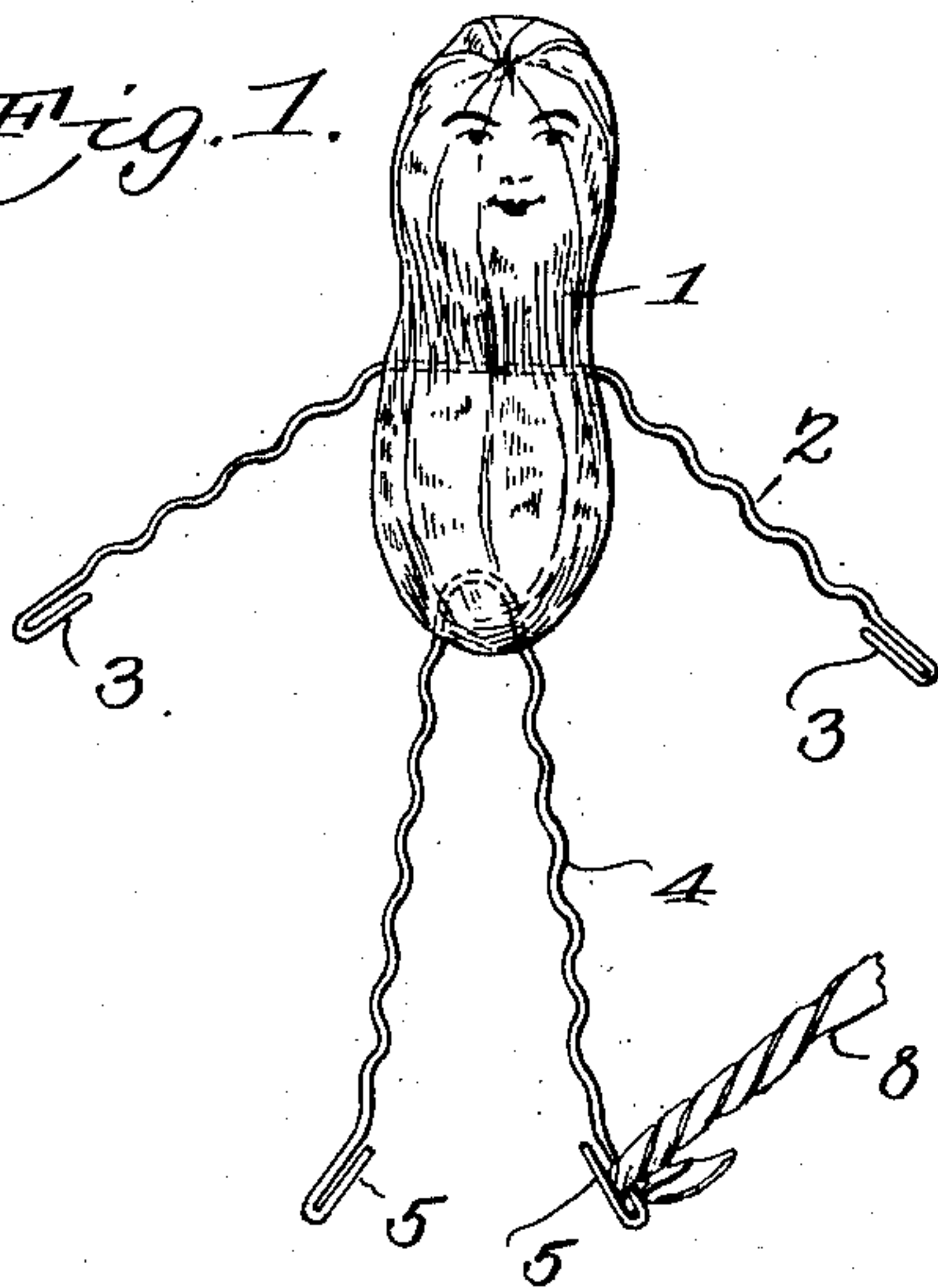


Fig. 2.

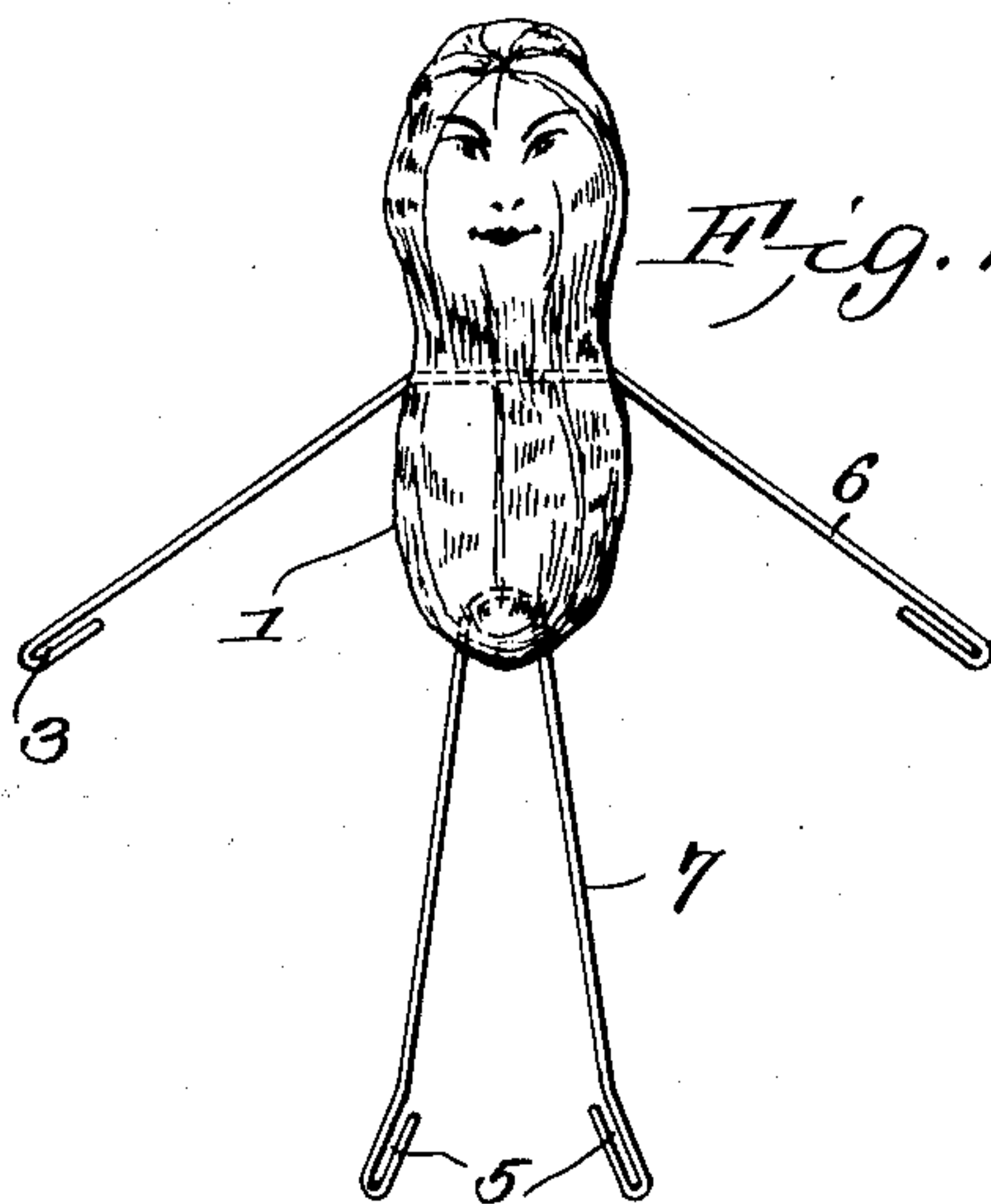


Fig. 3.

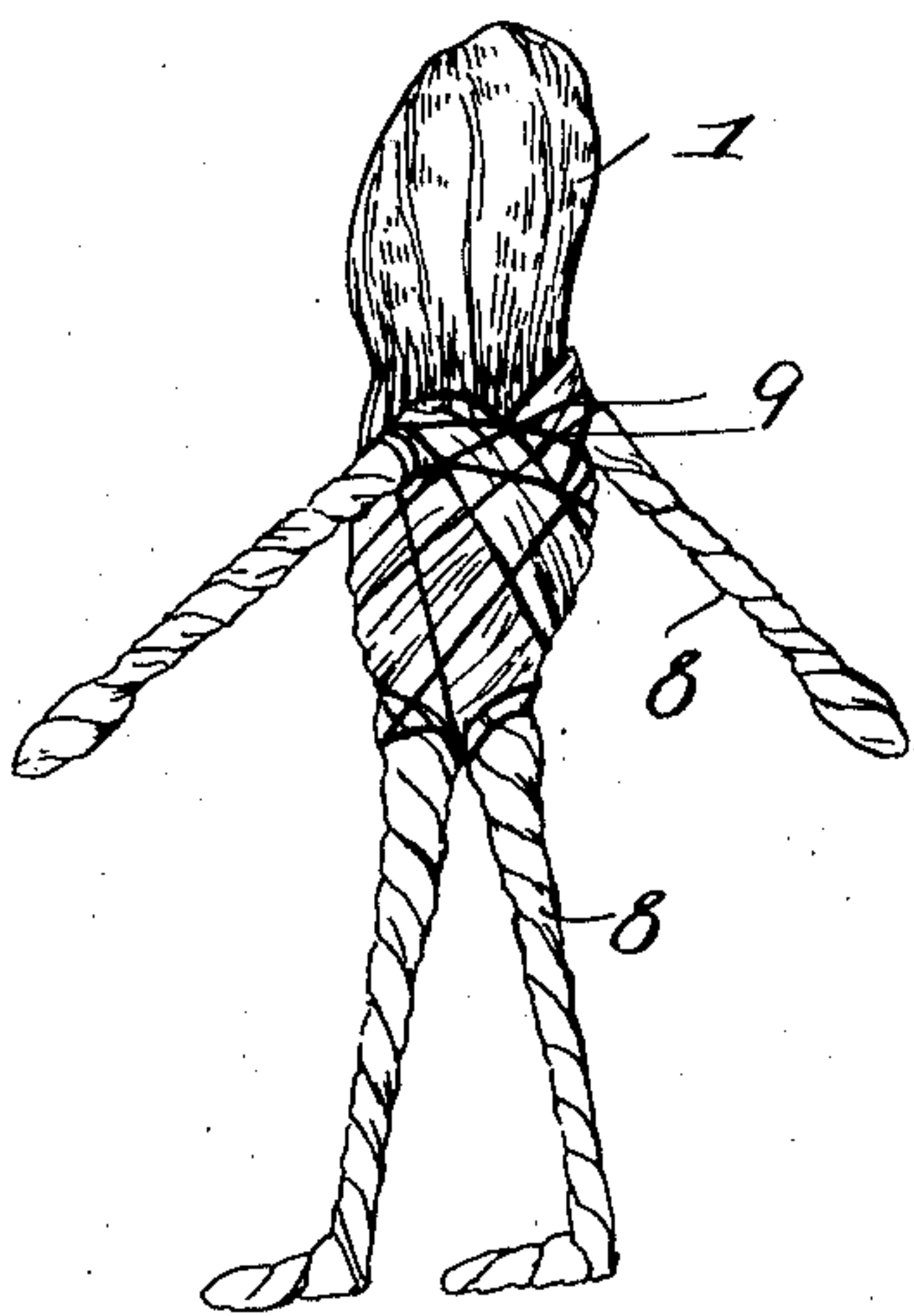


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUISE LAMPREY, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Toy Novelty, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to toy novelties.

The object of the invention is to provide a novelty, adapted for use as a dinner favor, souvenir, and the like, which shall be simple in construction, neat and artistic in appearance, and in which one skeleton or frame shall be capable of being ornamented to represent a variety of objects.

With the above and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction and arrangement of parts of a toy novelty, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, and in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts: Figure 1 is a view in elevation, showing the skeleton of the figure. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing a slightly modified form of skeleton. Fig. 3 is a perspective view exhibiting the figure as it appears when prepared to receive its ornamentation. Fig. 4 is a similar view showing one figure made from the skeleton either of Fig. 1 or Fig. 2.

It is designed that the skeleton shall be ornamented to represent any desired figure, such as a Brownie, as shown in Fig. 4, an Esquimaux, a Chinaman, or the like, and as this will be readily understood, illustration of only one figure is deemed necessary.

In a novelty such as that which forms the subject matter of this application, it is essential, owing to the low price at which the article will have to be sold, that it should be constructed in the simplest possible manner and of the cheapest materials. With this end in view, the body 1 is constructed from a peanut, this not only on account of its cheapness and the fact that it is readily puncturable, but because the various peculiar forms this nut assumes in maturing, will permit the production of many grotesque figures that could not be secured with any other kind of nut in common use.

Upon the side of one end of the nut is depicted the lineaments of a human face, the character of which will be determined by the dress or costume with which the frame is to

be decorated. Through the intermediate portion of the body is threaded a crimped wire 2 the terminals of which are bent to form loops 3 that constitute hands, and through the lower portion of the nut is threaded a crimped wire 4, the terminals of which are bent to form loops 5 that constitute feet. After the wires have been passed through the body in the proper manner, they are bent to form arms and legs as shown in Fig. 1. While it will generally be preferred to employ crimped wires for the arms and legs for a reason that will presently appear, it is to be understood that the invention is not to be limited thereto as the arm members 6 and leg members 7 may be made of straight wire, as shown in Fig. 2, if such be preferred.

After the arm and leg members have been assembled with the body as described, twisted strips of flexible material 8 are wound around the parts, one terminal of each of the strips being secured to the body portion by wrapping a thread or threads 9 around the parts. The strips will generally be constructed of paper on account of its cheapness; but as it will be obvious that textile material may be substituted therefor, the term "fabric" hereinafter employed in referring to the covering for these parts of the frame will be understood to include either paper or woven fabric. In addition to serving as hands and feet, the loops 3 and 4 will subserve the further function of binding or clamping elements to hold the strips assembled with the arms and legs, thereby avoiding the employment of an adhesive for the purpose, and this is effected by inserting the outer terminals of the strips in the loops, pinching the loops together, and then wrapping the strips around the parts as shown in Fig. 3. After the body portion or frame is thus prepared, it is ready to receive its ornamentation or costume, which may be of any character desired. Generally, it will be preferred to use crêpe paper for the legs 10, body 11, and arms 12 of the finished article, although textile fabric may be employed for the purpose, or a combination of paper and textile fabric. Also for the hat 13 or other head covering, either crêpe paper, textile material, or a combination of both, or of other materials may be employed.

An advantage accruing from the employment of crimped wires for the arms and legs is that the flexible strips will be held positively combined with the arm and leg members

against slipping without the employment of an adhesive, and this is of advantage inasmuch as it simplifies the construction of the article and cheapens its production; but as will be obvious, should it be desired to employ an adhesive in connection with the strips, this may be done without departing from the spirit of the invention. While it will generally be preferred to twist the strips before or while being applied to the arm and leg members, this is not essential, as plain strips of fabric may be employed for the purpose.

The finished article will be artistic in appearance, and will be highly attractive and ornamental when used as a dinner favor or for other purposes.

I claim:—

1. A toy novelty comprising a readily puncturable fibrous body, having its central portion reduced wires threaded through the body at one side of the reduced portion thereof to form arm and leg members, and having their terminals bent to produce loops, strips of fabric enveloping the members and fastened to the loops, means for securing the strips to the body, and ornamental materials assembled with the body to form outer garments.

2. A toy comprising a readily puncturable fibrous body having an intermediate portion thereof reduced and the lineaments of a human face depicted on one end thereof crimped wires threaded through the body to form arm and leg members and having their terminals bent to form loops, strips of fabric enveloping the members and fastened to the loops and body portion respectively, and ornamental materials assembled with the body to form outer garments.

3. A toy novelty comprising a pea-nut body having the lineaments of a human face depicted thereon, wires threaded through the body to form arm and leg members and having their terminals bent to form loops, strips of material wound around the members in spiral form and secured to the body and to said loops, and ornamental materials assembled with the body to form outer garments.

4. A toy novelty comprising a pea-nut body having the lineaments of a human face depicted thereon, crimped wires threaded through the body to form arm and leg members and having their terminals smooth and bent to form loops strips of fabric enveloping

the members and secured to the body and to the loops respectively, and ornamental materials assembled with the body and said members to form outer garments.

5. A toy novelty comprising a fibrous body having the lineaments of a human face depicted thereon, wires combined with the body to form arm and leg members and having terminals bent to form loops, strips of fabric enveloping the members and secured to the body and to said loops a flexible binding medium wound around the strips, and ornamental materials assembled with the members and body to form outer garments.

6. A toy novelty comprising a pea-nut body having the lineaments of a human face depicted thereon, crimped wires threaded through the body to form arm and leg members and having their terminals bent to form loops, strips of fabric enveloping the members and secured to the body and to said loops, a flexible binding medium wound around the strips for securing the latter to the wires, and ornamental materials assembled with the members and body to form outer garments.

7. A toy novelty comprising a pea-nut body having the lineaments of a human face depicted thereon, wires threaded through the base of the body to form feet-members, wires extending transversely through the center of the body to produce arm-members, strips of fabric enveloping the members, and ornamental materials assembled with the body to form outer garments.

8. As a new article of manufacture, a toy figure comprising a fibrous body formed of a peanut having the lineaments of a human face depicted thereon, wires threaded through the body to form arms and legs and having terminal loops to constitute hands and feet, a covering of fabric enveloping the arms and legs and secured to the body and in the loops, means for fastening the fabric to the wires, and outer garments combined with the body, arms and legs.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses:

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