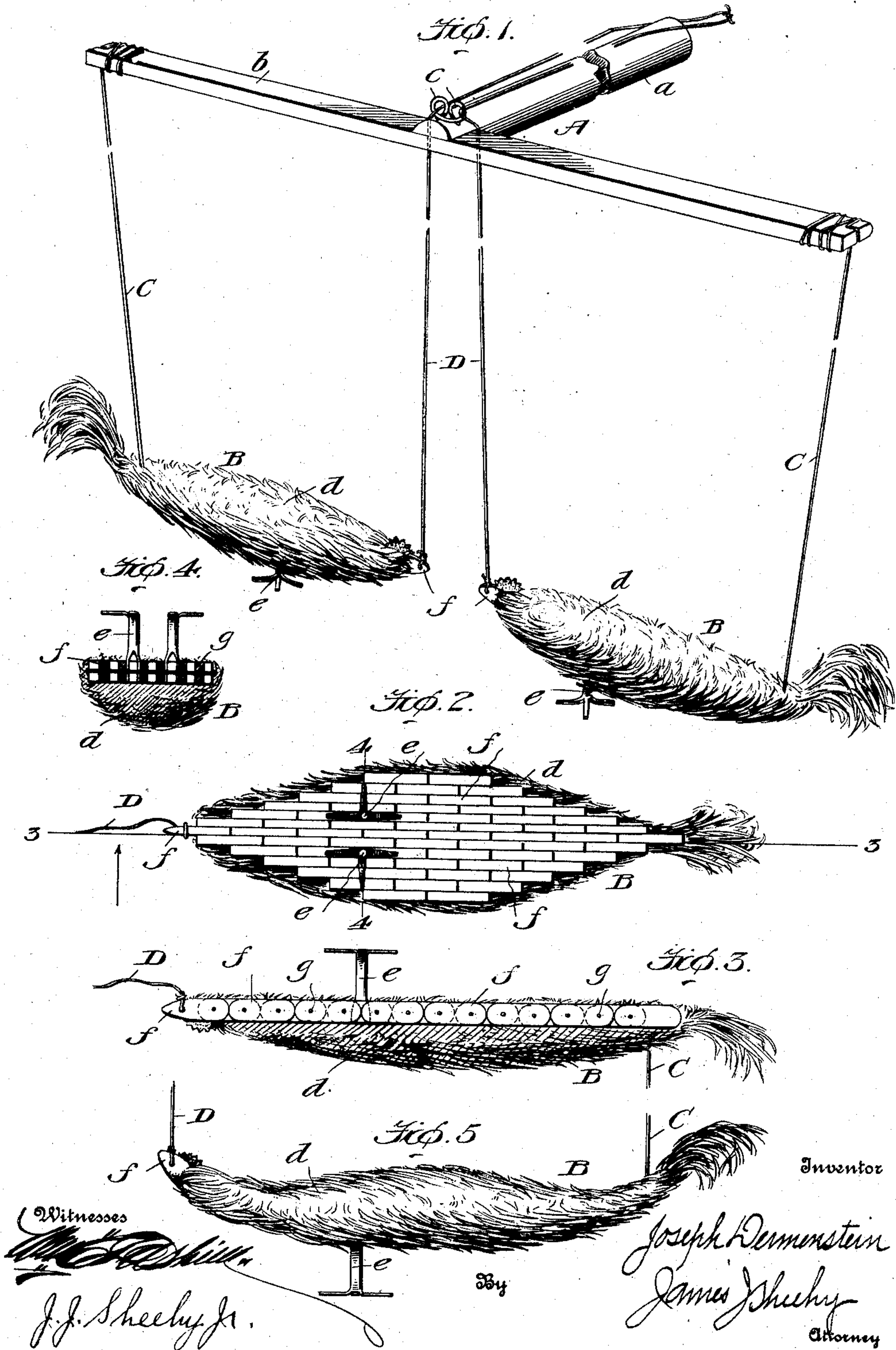


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH DERMENSTEIN, citizen of the United States, residing at New Orleans, in the parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Figure Toys, of which the following is a specification.

My invention pertains to that class of toys in which two figures are manipulated to simulate a fight; and it has for its object to provide a toy of the kind stated in which the figures are constructed and are connected to the manipulating means in such a manner as to render the movements of the figures natural in appearance.

With the foregoing in mind the invention will be fully understood from the following description and claims when the same are read in connection with the drawings, accompanying and forming part of this specification, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the toy constituting the best practical embodiment of my invention of which I am cognizant. Fig. 2 is an enlarged inverted plan view of one of the figures comprised in the toy. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section of the figure taken in the plane indicated by the line 3—3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a cross-section taken in the plane indicated by the line 4—4 of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a side elevation showing one of the figures in its working position, and also showing the manner in which the forward and rear portions of the figure are flexed incidental to manipulation of the figure.

Similar letters designate corresponding parts in all of the views of the drawings, referring to which:

A is the handle of my novel toy, which may be made of wire, wood, or other material suitable to the purpose. The said handle is of general T-form—i. e., comprises a stem *a* and a cross-bar *b*; and it is provided on the stem at the forward end thereof with two guide eyes *c*, for a purpose hereinafter set forth.

B B are the figures comprised in the toy, which figures are preferably made to resemble roosters.

C C are strings extending between and connected to the rear portions of the figures B and the ends of the cross-bar *b*, and D D are strings connected to the forward ends of the figures and extending loosely through the guide eyes *c*, and also extending rear-

wardly along the stem *a* of the handle A. When desired the rear portions of the strings D are tied as shown, but this, of course, is not essential.

The figures B are identical in construction, and therefore a detailed description of the one illustrated in Figs. 2 to 5 will suffice to impart a definite understanding of both. The said figures B, Figs. 2 to 5, comprises a body, of the configuration shown in Fig. 2, a soft and flexible covering *d*, preferably of feathers, arranged on and connected by adhesive or other suitable means to the body, and legs *e*, connected to and depending from the body, and formed of any material suitable to their purpose. The body of the figure is formed of a plurality of sections *f*, elliptical in form, and made of tin, wood or other suitable material. Indeed, when deemed expedient, the sections *f* may be formed by watermelon or other seeds of the desired shape. The said sections *f* are arranged in parallel rows and their lapped ends are pivotally connected by threads or wires *g*, this in order to lend flexibility to the body and the figure as a whole and permit of the figure being moved in a manner simulating the movements of a rooster while fighting. This will be better understood when it is noted that because of the described flexibility of the body of the figure, the forward portion of the figure may be raised and lowered without affecting the rear portion thereof, and in like manner the said rear portion may be raised and lowered without affecting the forward portion. It will also be noted by reference to Fig. 2 that because of the body of the figure being formed of the small flexibly connected sections, the body may be readily given the desired shape in outline; and it will be further noted that the foremost section *f* of the body may be embellished with an imitation comb and otherwise made to resemble a rooster's head, since it is adapted to swing up and down with respect to the remainder of the body.

In the practical use of my novel toy, it will be seen that when the cross-bar *b* of the handle A is rocked in a vertical plane, the rear or tail portions of the figures will be raised and lowered as will also the forward portions of the figures, and the figures in general will be caused to move like roosters when engaged in a fight. It will also be seen that when the operator holds the handle



A at rest and pulls and releases the strings D, the forward portions or heads of the figures will be raised and lowered in a manner resembling the movements of roosters preparatory to engaging in battle; and it will further be noted that by manipulating the handle A and the strings D at the same time, the operator is enabled to cause the figures to move in a lively manner toward and away from each other.

It will be gathered from the foregoing that notwithstanding the simplicity and cheapness of my novel toy, the same is calculated to afford considerable amusement to adults as well as to children.

Having described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters-Patent, is:

1. In a toy of the character described, a handle stem, a cross-bar extending in opposite directions from the stem, and a guide eye on the forward portion of the stem, figures having bodies which respectively comprise parallel rows of sections the ends of which are lapped and connected together by horizontal pivots whereby the bodies are enabled to flex vertically, strings connected to the rear portions of the bodies and the end portions of the cross-bar on the handle

stem, and strings connected to the forward portions of the bodies and extending through the guide eye on the handle stem and adapted to extend rearwardly along said stem.

2. In a toy of the character described, a handle stem and a cross-bar extending in opposite directions from the stem, and a guide eye on the forward portion of the stem, figures having bodies which are shaped to simulate the bodies and heads of roosters and respectively comprise parallel rows of sections the ends of which are lapped and connected together by horizontal pivots, soft coverings arranged on and secured to the bodies, and legs connected to and depending from said bodies, strings connected to the rear portions of the bodies and the end portions of the cross-bar on the handle stem, and strings connected with the forward portions of the bodies and extending through the guide eye on the handle stem and adapted to extend rearwardly along the said stem.

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

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