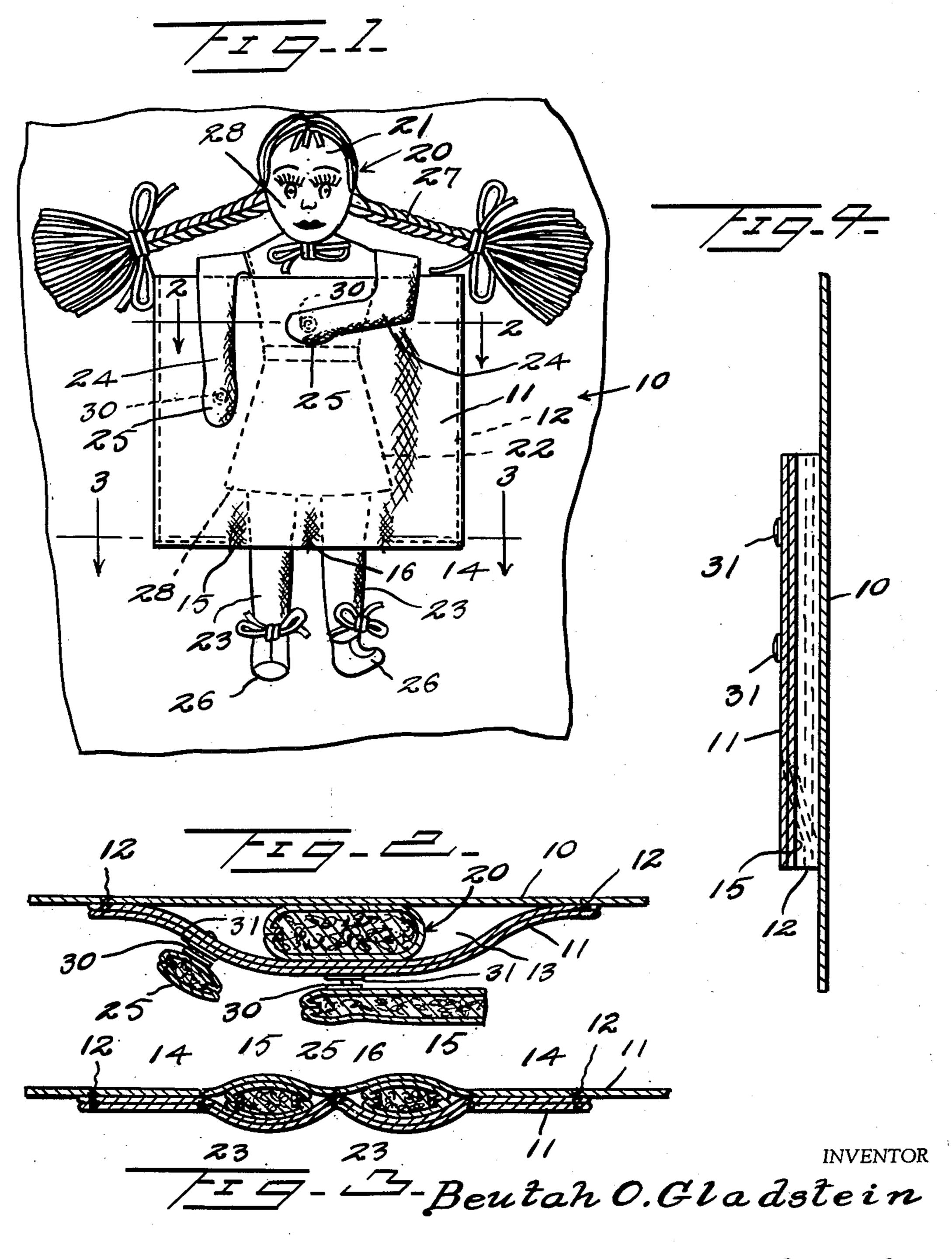
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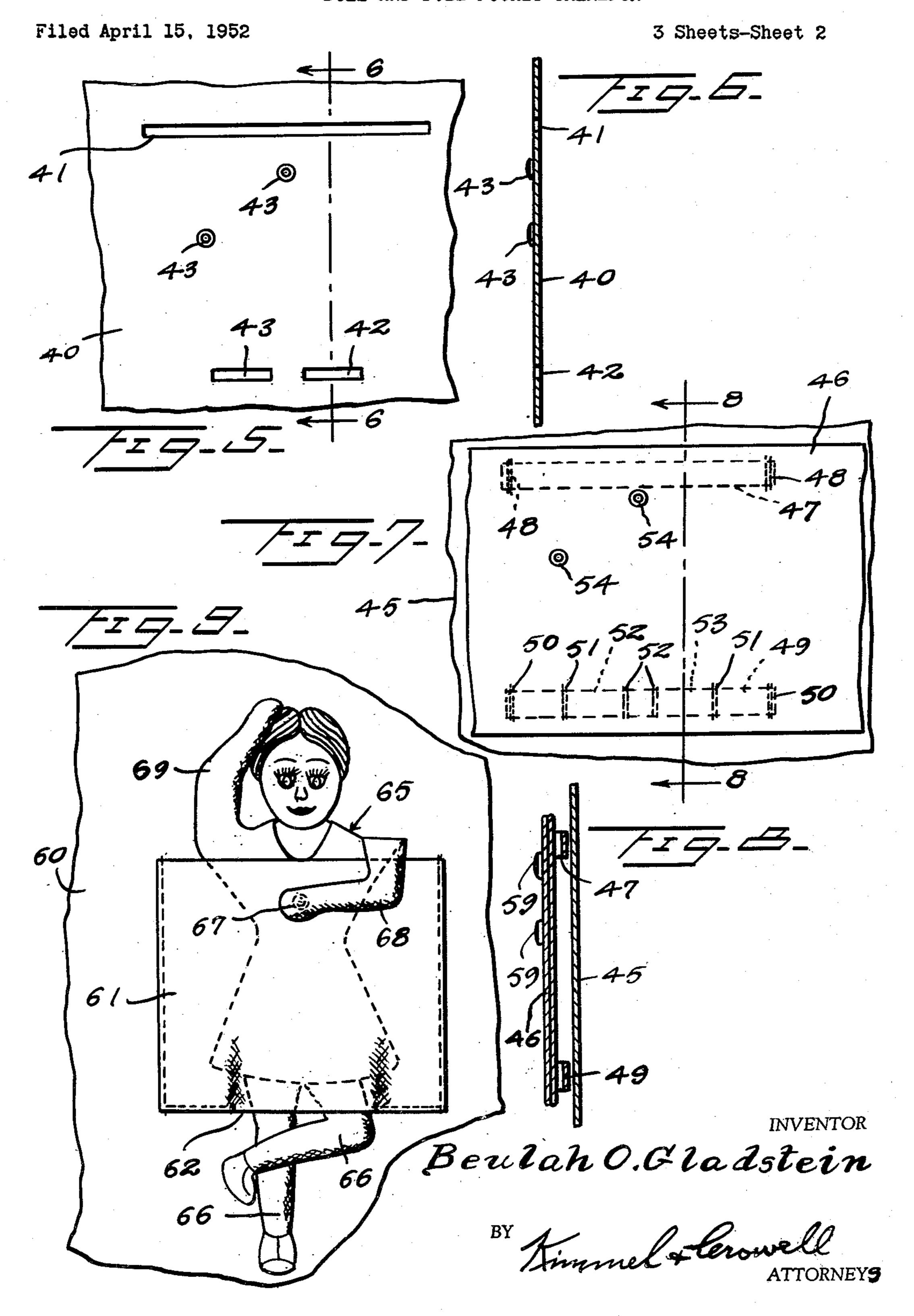
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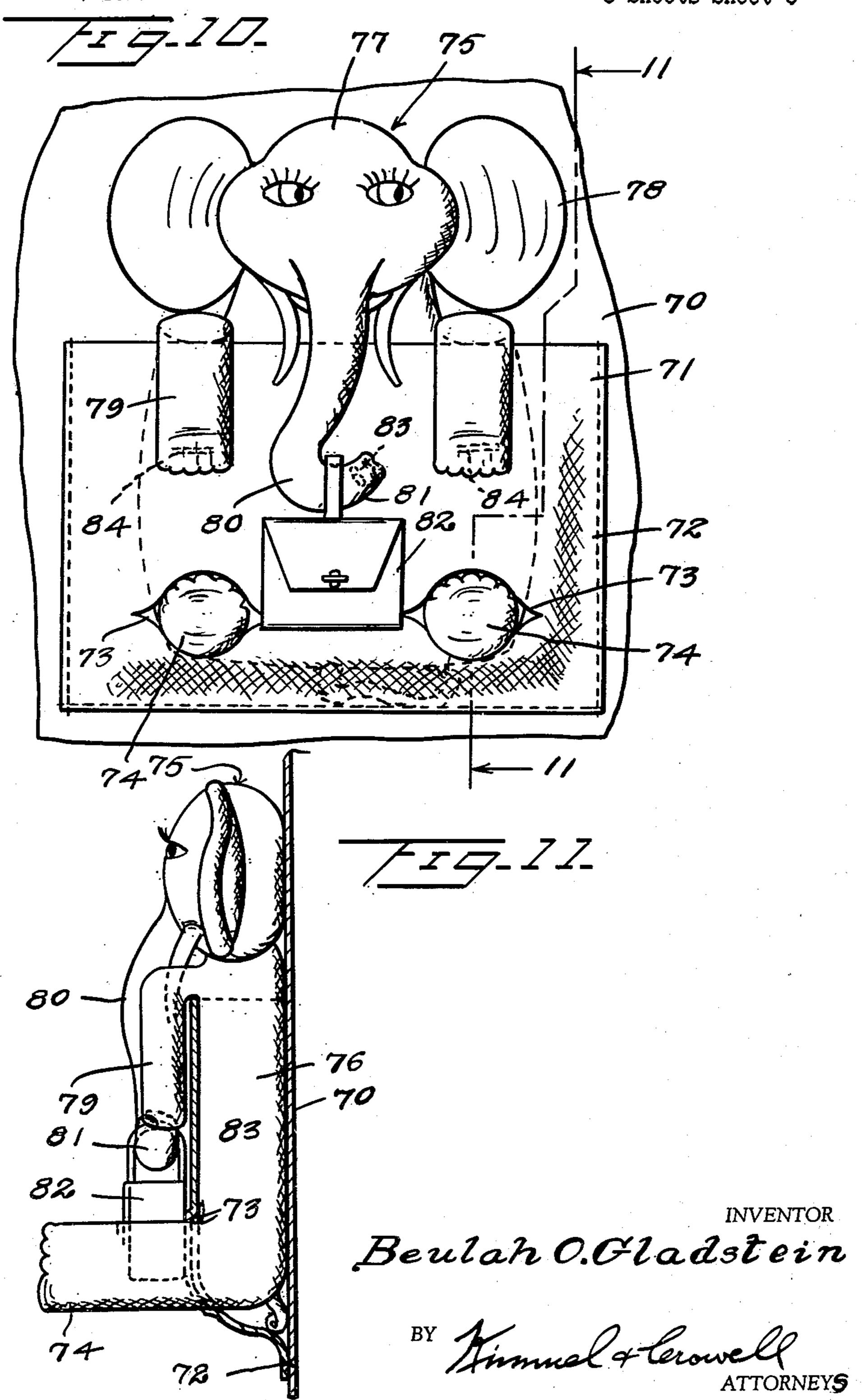
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This invention relates to a simulated human or animal figure and supporting means therefor, and more particularly to a combination of doll and carrying pocket particularly adapted for the pleasure and amusement of a child.

A primary object of the invention is the provision of an improved supporting means such as a pocket or receptacle adapted to be applied to a garment for the reception and securing of a doll or animal figure therein, with the arms, legs and lo head of the doll protruding therefrom.

An additional object of the invention is the provision of such a pocket and figure, having correlated fastening means thereon, whereby the figure may be secured in the pocket.

A further object of the invention is the provision of such a combination figure and figure retaining pocket which may be readily applied to or utilized with any desired garment.

A more specific object is the provision of a 20 garment having a pocket and a doll or animal figure insertible in the pocket, fastening means for securing the figure in the pocket, and slits through which the legs of the doll or animal may protrude.

Still another object of the invention is the provision of such a device which may be readily and simply affixed to any garment which is relatively simple and inexpensive to manufacture and apply, which will further retain the doll and 30 pocket securely in related assembly and which provides a relatively high amusement and entertainment value.

Other objects will in part be obvious and in part be pointed out as the description of the 35 invention proceeds and is shown in the accompanying drawings wherein there is disclosed a preferred embodiment of this inventive concept.

In the drawings—

Figure 1 is a front plan view of a doll pocket 40 as applied to any desired garment, showing a doll retained therein, certain concealed portions being shown in dotted lines,

Figure 2 is an enlarged sectional view taken substantially along the line 2—2 of Figure 1, as 45 viewed in the direction indicated by the arrows,

Figure 3 is an enlarged sectional view taken substantially along the line 3—3 of Figure 1, as viewed in the direction indicated by the arrows,

Figure 4 is an enlarged longitudinal sectional 50 view taken substantially along the center line of the pocket shown in Figure 1, the doll being removed therefrom,

Figure 5 is a front plan view of a modified form of supporting means for a doll associated with 55 a garment,

Figure 6 is a sectional view taken substantially along the line 6—6 of Figure 5, as viewed in the direction indicated by the arrows,

Figure 7 is a front plan view of a further modified form of doll supporting means, certain concealed portions thereof being indicated in dotted lines.

Figure 8 is a sectional view taken substantially along the line 8—3 of Figure 7, as viewed in the direction indicated by the arrows,

Figure 9 is a front plan view of a modified form of doll and doll pocket, certain concealed portions thereof being indicated in dotted lines,

Figure 10 is a plan view of still another modified form of the invention disclosing an animal figure,

Figure 11 is a sectional view taken substantially along the line II—II of Figure 10, as viewed in the direction indicated by the arrows.

Having reference now to the drawings in detail, and more particularly to Figures 1 to 4 inclusive, there is shown at 10 a fragment of a garment of any desired type, such as a child's dress, a blouse, a skirt, an apron or the like. At any desired position on the garment there is affixed a patch pocket 11, the latter being secured along the side edges, as indicated at 12, by stitching or the like. The top edge of the pocket is open in conventional manner, as indicated at 13, while the bottom of the pocket 11 is closed throughout a portion of its length from either side, as indicated at 14, to form a pair of spaced central pockets 15, the latter being separated as by a line of stitches 16.

Adapted to be positioned within the pocket 11 is a doll generally indicated at 20, which includes a head 21, a body portion 22, legs 23, and arms 24, each of the latter having a hand portion 25. Doll 20 may be constructed of any desired material although in practice it has been found preferable to make the body of a flexible material such as a textile or flexible plastic. The doll may be suitably ornamented in any desired manner as by providing shoes 26 on the feet of legs 23, and hair braids 27, and a dress 28 of any desired material may also be provided. Obviously the face 28 may be ornamented in any desired manner as by painting, embroidery, stenciling or the like, and any suitable expression may be provided.

The body is preferably roughly ellipsoidal in cross sectional configuration, as are the legs (see Figs. 2 and 3) but a circular or other cross sectional configuration may be employed if desired.

The inner portion or palm of each hand 25 of the doll is provided with one-half of a separable fastener 30, each of which is adapted to coact with a corresponding opposed half 31, the

halves or portions 31 being secured to pocket 11 in desired positions so that the hands may be snapped thereto when the doll is positioned in the pocket to firmly secure the doll therein. With the doll in position, the legs 23 are adapted to 5 protrude through the openings 15 in the bottom of the pocket in order that the lower portions thereof and the shoes 26 may be visible from the outside.

Obviously the dress of the doll may be made in 10 material matching the pocket or garment, or may be made in suitable contrasting material as may be desired.

When it is desired to remove the doll from the pocket the separable fasteners 30 and 31 15 are disengaged and the doll withdrawn through the upper portion of the pocket. Upon reinsertion of the doll the legs are first projected through the openings 15, this latter operation providing just enough difficulty to entertain a 20 small child, and after the doll is positioned in the pocket the separable fasteners are refastened. Obviously clasps, hooks and eyes or buttons and correlated buttonholes, or any other desired fastening means may be substituted for the separa- 25 ble fasteners if desired.

Figures 5 and 6 disclose a modified form of doll supporting means wherein the garment 49 is provided with an upper elongated slot 41 and a pair of spaced lower slots 42, separable fas- 30 tener halves 43 being positioned on the front of the garment at desired locations. In this modification obviously the doll body is inserted through the top slot 41, and the legs extended outwardly through the bottom slots 42 and the 35 doll secured by means of the coaction of separable fastener portions 30 with separable fastener portions 43. This modification is particularly adapted for aprons or the like, wherein ready access may be had to the interior of the garment. 40

In Figure 7 still another modification of the doll supporting means is disclosed, wherein there is shown a garment at 45, provided with a sash 46. Interior of the sash adjacent the upper portion thereof, is a band or strip of material 47 $_{45}$ secured at its ends as by lines of stitching 48. Adjacent the lower edge of sash 45 is a second strip or band 49 secured at its ends by spaced lines of stitching 50 and 51 respectively, the space between the inner lines 51 being divided 50 as by lines of stitching 52, to form two pockets 53 comparable to the apertures 15 and the slots 42. Separable fastener parts 54 are provided on the outside of the garment for engagement with the separable fastener parts 30 on the palms of 55 the hand of the doll. In this modification obviously the doll is inserted or withdrawn as in the foregoing modifications.

Obviously a pocket similar to the pocket 11 may be substituted for the strips 47 and 50 if 60 desired.

Figure 9 discloses a still further modification of the device wherein there is shown a garment 50 having an outer pocket 61 secured in a manner similar for securing pocket 11, and provided with 65 an open top portion and a single aperture 62 in the lower edge thereof. This single aperture construction may be employed with a doll of the foregoing construction or may be employed with a similar doll 65 wherein the legs 65 are per- 70 manently crossed in such manner that separate apertures for the legs would be undesirable. In this modification also, if desired, only a single separable fastener 67 need be employed, one part being attached to the pocket and the other to 75

the palm of the hand of one arm 68 of the doll. The other arm 69 may be positioned as shown in the drawings, to reach upwardly above the edge of the pocket or may depend thereover, or be positioned in any other desired relation thereto.

Having reference now to Figure 10, there is disclosed at 70 a fragment of a garment to which is secured a patch pocket 71. Pocket 71 differs from the preceding modification in that while it is open at the top, the sides and bottom are completely closed as by a line of stitching 72. Elongated slits 73 are positioned in the outer side wall of the pocket and are adapted for the reception of the feet 74 of an animal figure generally indicated at 75. In the particular embodiment shown, the animal figure takes the form of an elephant and has a body portion 76, a head 77 including ears 78, and bent forelegs 79, the latter being adapted to overlie the edge of the pocket. The elephant has a conventional trunk 33 which extends downwardly over the front of the pocket between the forelegs and has a curved tip \$1. If desired a miniature purse 82 of a size to carry a single coin may be positioned on the upturned portion of the trunk, the trunk being secured to the front wall of the pocket by any suitable fastening means, such as a clasp 83. If desired similar fasteners such as clasps 34 may be provided on the inner side of the forelegs, adapted to engage correlated fasteners on the front wall of the pocket.

It will be obvious that while there is herein shown an elephant, any other suitable animal figure such as a teddy bear or the like may be substituted. Obviously if desired the slits 73 may be positioned in the bottom of the pocket as in the previously described medification and conversely if desired, a human figure may be substituted for the animal figure 75 and provided with legs which extend forwardly through the slits 13.

From the foregoing it will now be seen that there is herein provided a doll and doll supporting means therefor which accomplishes all of the objects of this invention and others, including many advantages of practical utility and high entertainment and amusement value.

As many embodiments may be made of this inventive concept and as many modifications may be made in the embodiments hereinbefore shown and described, it is to be understood that all matter herein is to be interpreted merely as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

What I claim is:

1. In combination with a child's garment, a doll or the like figure supporting means carried by said garment, said figure having a pair of lower extremities, a head and a body portion, said supporting means comprising a non-elastic fabric pocket element having an opening at its top and having a restricted opening of a smaller dimension at its lower portion, said upper opening being of a dimension to permit insertion of said figure and said lower opening being of a lesser dimension than the width of said figure whereby an extremity of said figure may be projected to extend through said lower opening but said figure may not be withdrawn therethrough and said pocket element attached to said garment by stitching on two sides of said pocket element and by stitching of at least a portion of its lower side.

2. In combination with a child's garment, a doll or the like figure supporting means of nonelastic material carried by said garment, and a

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doll or the like figure carried by said supporting means, said figure having a head, body, arm, and leg portions, and said supporting means being of a pocket form having an upper opening of a dimension to receive the body portion of said figure and having a pair of openings adjacent the lower edge thereof, said lower openings each being dimensioned to permit projection of only a said leg portion therethrough, whereby said figure may be inserted in said pocket means and retained therein by projection of a said leg portion through a said lower opening, with said head portion projecting above said supporting means.

3. The structure of claim 2 wherein the figure is provided with upper extremities adapted to 1 overlie the top edge of the figure supporting means, and correlated fastening means are provided on the inside of the upper extremities and the outside of the figure supporting means for

additionally securing said figure in said figure supporting means.

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