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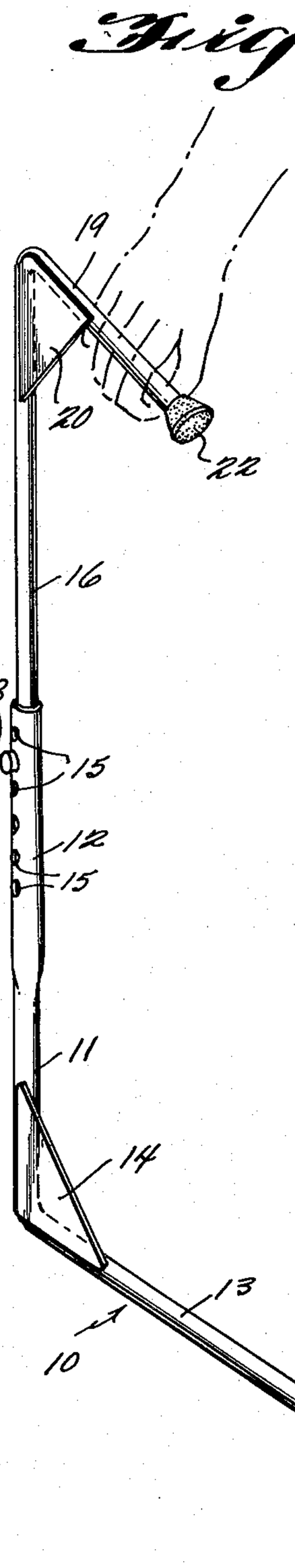
Fig. 1



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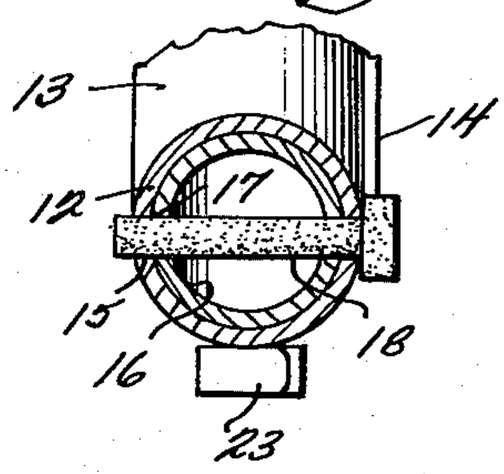

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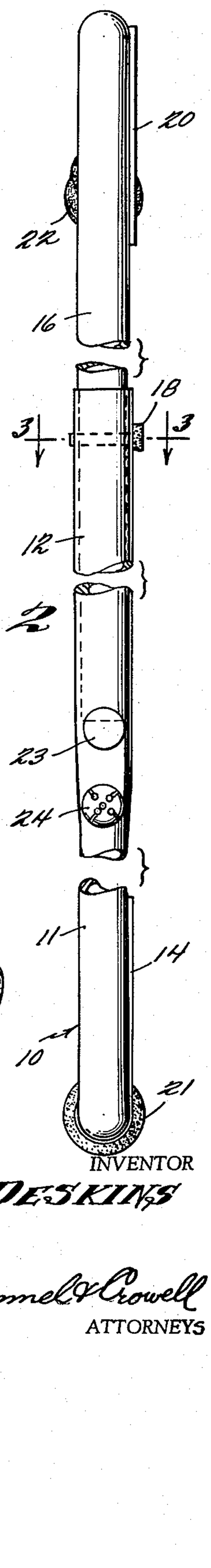

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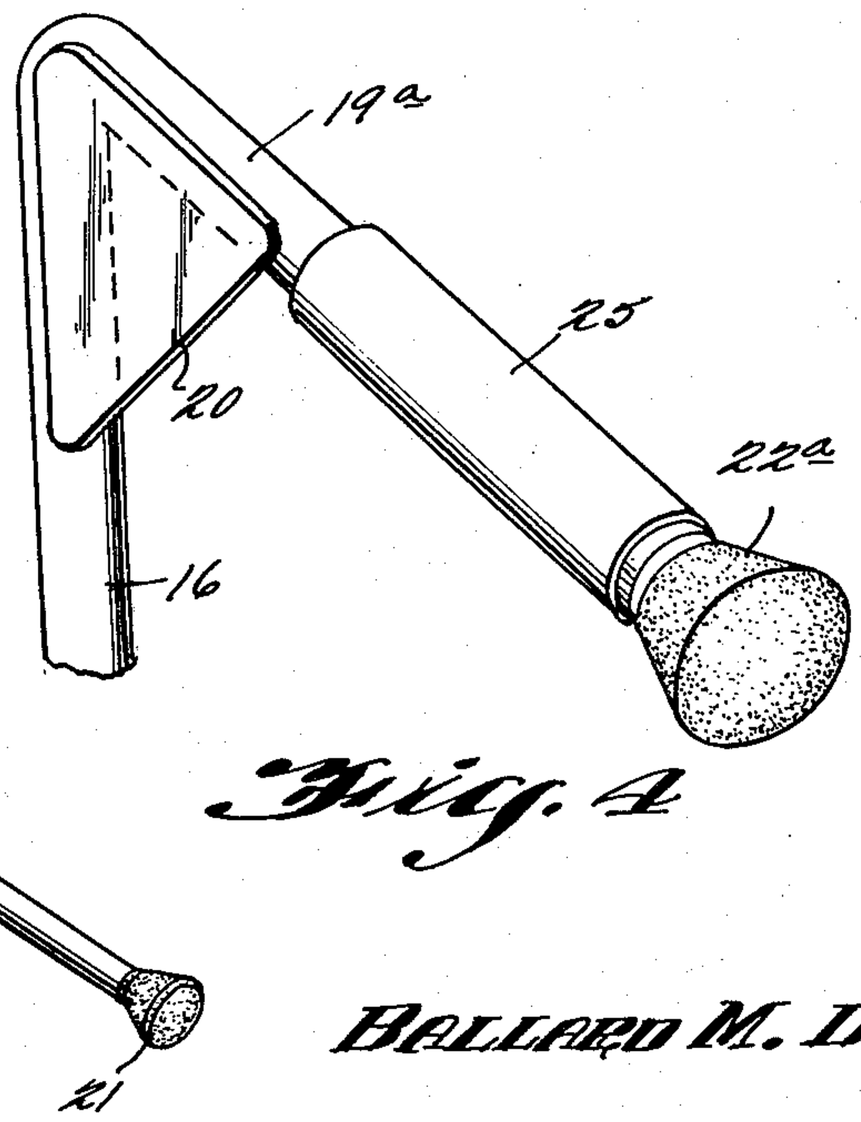

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The present invention relates to a skipping device and particularly to a skipping device used for amusement and exercise, simulating a skip rope.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a skipping device operated with one hand and functioning in a manner similar to a skip rope.

Another object of the invention is to provide a skipping device of the class described which is adjustable to permit its use by persons of different heights.

A further object of the invention is to provide a skipping device of the class described above in which the device is formed of a light-weight tubular plastic body having telescoping portions to permit the adjustment thereof.

Other objects and advantages will become apparent in the following specification when considered in light of the attached drawings, in which:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view of the invention;

FIGURE 2 is a side elevation of the invention shown partially broken away and in section for convenience of illustration;

FIGURE 3 is an enlarged fragmentary transverse section taken along the line 3—3 of FIGURE 2, looking in the direction of the arrows; and

FIGURE 4 is a fragmentary perspective view of the modified form of the invention.

Referring now to the drawings in detail wherein like reference characters indicate like parts throughout the several figures, the reference numeral **10** indicates generally a skipping device constructed in accordance with the invention.

The skipping device **10** includes an upright tubular plastic body **11** having an enlarged end portion **12** integrally formed on its upper end. A horizontal extension **13** is integrally offset perpendicularly from the lower end of the body **11** and a generally triangular reinforcement plate **14** is secured to the adjacent ends of the body **11** and the extension **13**, maintaining the extension **13** in rigid relation to the body **11**.

The enlarged upper end portion **12** of the body **11** is provided with a plurality of vertically spaced transversely extending apertures **15**, for reasons to be assigned.

An upright tubular shaft **16** is telescoped into the enlarged upper end **12** of the body **11** and is provided with a transverse bore **17** which is adapted to be aligned with a selected one of the bores **15** in the enlarged portion **12** of the body **11**. A flexible rubber pin **18** engages through the bore **17** and a selected one of the bores **15** to adjustably secure the tubular shaft **16** to the body **11**.

A handle extension **19** is integrally formed on the upper end of the tubular shaft **16** and extends at an acute angle thereto in outwardly and downwardly sloping relation. A reinforcing plate **20** is secured to the adjacent

ends of the shaft **16** and extension **19** to reinforce and stiffen the corner therebetween.

A rubber cap **21** is engaged over the terminal end of the horizontal extension **13** and a rubber cap **22** is engaged over the terminal end of the handle extension **19**.

A noise maker, such as a whistle, **23** and a bell **24** are secured to the body **11**, if desired.

In the use and operation of the invention, the handle extension **19** is held in the hand, as illustrated in FIGURE 1, and the horizontal extension **13** is whirled in a circular path thereabout, passing beneath the feet of the user and over the head of the user in its orbit. Obviously, as in the case of a skip rope, the user jumps the horizontal extension **13** each time as it passes beneath his feet.

The adjustment of the shaft **16** with respect to the body **11** permits the use of the device **10** regardless of the height of the user.

In FIGURE 4 a modified form of the invention is illustrated wherein a tubular sleeve **25** is journalled on the handle extension **19***a* and is held thereon by the rubber cap **22***a* engaged over the terminal end of the handle extension **19***a*. In this form of the invention, the user grasps the sleeve **25** and the handle extension **19***a* turns freely therein while the device is whirled through the air.

Having thus described the preferred embodiments of the invention, it should be understood that numerous structural modifications and adaptations may be resorted to without departing from the scope of the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

A skipping device comprising an upright tubular plastic body, an integral horizontal extension offset perpendicularly from one end of said body, a triangular reinforcement plate at the juncture of said body and said horizontal extension rigidly securing said extension in position, a rubber end cap on the terminal end of said extension, an enlarged socket having a plurality of aligned bores therein on the other end of said body, a tubular shaft having one end seating telescopically in said socket, and having an opening therethrough, a pin engaging through said opening and a selected bore securing said shaft to the body in a selected position of adjustment, a handle extending in outwardly and downwardly sloping relation from the other end of said shaft, a triangular reinforcing plate secured at the junction of said handle and said shaft, and a rubber end cap on the terminal end of said handle, said horizontal extension and said handle extending in the same direction from said body and shaft, and lying in substantially the same plane.

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