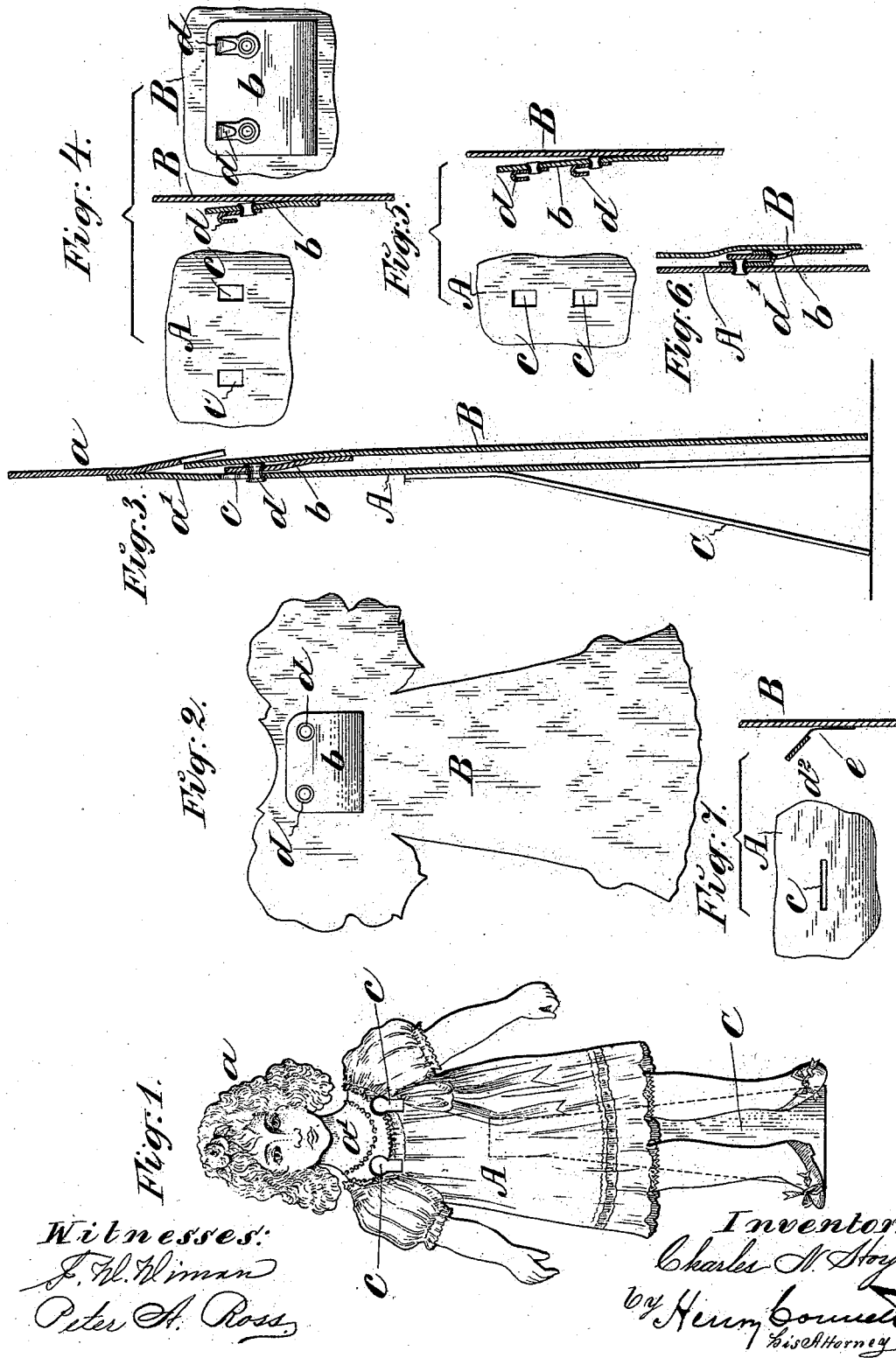


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES N. HOYT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paper Dolls, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to paper dolls and like toy figures wherein the doll or figure is adapted to have applied to it articles of dress, and the object of the invention is to provide a convenient, simple and durable means of securing a dress or dress-section on the front of the doll-body.

The accompanying drawings illustrate an embodiment of the invention, in which—

Figure 1 is a front or face view of the doll-body, and Fig. 2 is a rear view of the dress, or dress-section detached. Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the doll-body with the dress-section attached. This view is on a larger scale than the principal figures. Figs. 4, 5 and 6 illustrate other forms of the fastening devices. These will be fully described hereinafter. Fig. 7 illustrates another slightly different form of fastening device.

Referring first to Figs. 1, 2 and 3:—A is the body of the doll and *a*, the head thereon. As here shown the head is made separate from the body and gummed to the neck, *a'*, but this is not essential. The head and neck may both be integral with the body.

B is the dress-section, which is made separate from the body. There may be any number of these dress-sections, one to be substituted for another at the will of the child, or according to its fancy.

To provide a durable fastening for the dress-section B, two key-holes slots or apertures, *c*, are formed in the body, and in a flap, *b*, attached to the rear face of the dress-section B, are set two fastening hooks, *d*, in the form of projecting eyelets, as shown in the principal figures. These fastening hooks *d*, are set to register with the apertures *c*. In securing the dress-section to the body A, the eyelet-hooks are passed through the larger parts of the key-hole apertures and then drawn down to the position indicated in Fig. 3, the flanges on the eyelets then engaging the margins of the narrow parts of the respective apertures *c*, and securing the dress-section in place on the

body. By employing two fastenings the dress-section is prevented from turning about the hook of the fastening as about a pivot.

The object in employing the flap *b*, gummed or pasted to the dress-section is, partly, to avoid the necessity of passing the hooks through the dress-section, and partly to cause the dress-section to stand out in relief in front of the body. I prefer to use the flap or tab *b*, and to secure it to the dress-section only at its lower end or edge.

Fig. 4 represents three views of another form of the fastening where hooks are used in lieu of eyelets. The view at the left shows a part of the body with apertures *c*, of rectangular form. The middle view is a section of part of the dress-section B, and the view at the right corresponds to Fig. 2.

In the two forms described the two hook-devices are placed abreast, but they may be placed one above the other, as in Fig. 5.

I prefer to put the hook on the dress-section B, and the aperture it engages in the body A, but this arrangement might be reversed, as shown in Fig. 6, where a hook, *d'*, is mounted on the body A, with its point directed upward and engaging an aperture in a tab *b*, on the dress-section B.

In Fig. 7 another form of hook-device for attaching the dress-section removably, is illustrated. In the body A is formed a slot-like aperture *c*, and on the dress-section B is secured by a hinge *e*, of cloth, leather or the like, a bit of rather thick board, *d*², which will pass through the aperture *c*, but will catch on the margin of the same and hold the dress-section in place. With a little care, however, the piece, *d*², may be passed back through the slotted aperture.

In Figs. 1 and 3, C represents a support for the doll. This is a well known device.

I am aware that it is not new to provide a dress-section of a paper doll with paper tabs to be bent over the shoulders of the body to assist in holding said section in place and this I do not claim. My hooks will be made of metal or like strong or tough material and will serve alone to secure the dress-section to the body. I find that in order to withstand the rough usage given to such toys by children, the securing devices must be durable and strong.

Another feature of my fastening is that the hook thereof has not to be bent in any way by the child in attaching the dress-section to the body and detaching it. The eye or aperture in the body will be large enough to pass the hook and the fastening is effected by drawing down the hook until it engages the margin of the eye.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. The combination with the body of a doll or figure, formed of stiff paper, of a dress-section B, provided at its back with a flap or tab attached only at one end, said body and dress-section having reciprocal fastening devices comprising a hook and an eye, one of the elements of the fastening device being on the body and the other on the tab carried by the dress-section, whereby the means for detach-

ably securing the dress-section to the body is concealed behind said dress-section, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination with the body of a doll or figure, formed of stiff paper and provided with apertures *c*, of a dress-section B, provided at its back with a tab carrying hooks adapted to pass through the apertures in the body and engage the margins thereof, said hooks being arranged below the upper margin of the dress-section, substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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