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PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION.

Improvements in Toy Tents.

We, WILLIAM BRITAIN and BRITAINS LIMITED, both of 28, Lambton Road, Hornsey Rise, in the County of Middlesex, Toy Manufacturers, do hereby declare the nature of this invention to be as follows:—

5 This invention relates to a toy tent and the object is to provide a device of extremely simple construction and consequently producible at a minimum cost and one which will permit the tent to be folded into a substantially flat condition for transit either on a card or within a box or in other convenient or appropriate manner, and be quickly erected for use.

10 The base of the tent is formed by two pieces of wire each bent to form one side and half of each end of the tent, the ends of the wires being looped or provided with eyes for passage of a connecting member which may be the rectangularly bent end of a vertical post, one at each end of the tent, said posts and the top pole or upper cross member being formed for example of a piece of wire bent to the required shape, one of the posts in addition preferably having
15 an extension to which a flag or other device may be attached.

The tent cover may comprise a piece of canvas or other suitable material attached at each end to the side members of the base as by looping them around same and suitably sewing and passing over the top pole. It will be apparent that by folding down the vertical posts and top pole about the eyes of the end
20 base members as pivots that the tent may be readily collapsed to lie in a substantially flat condition, and equally readily erected for use by raising said posts, the canvas being stretched taut over the pole. In order to ensure this stretching and cause the base to lie flat on its supporting surface when so erected, the end members at one end of the base are bent or raised relatively to the side members
25 to form an angle to the general plane of the base, these end members thus forming toggle levers which when the tent is erected come into alignment and into the general plane of the base and hold the tent in erected condition with the canvas stretched taut over the upper pole.

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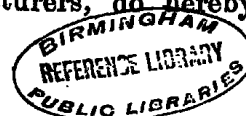
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COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

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declare the nature of this invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement:—

This invention relates to a toy tent and the object is to provide a device of extremely simple construction and consequently producible at a minimum cost and one which will permit the tent to be folded into a substantially flat condition for transit either on a card or within a box or in other convenient or appropriate manner, and be quickly erected for use. 5

A toy tent according to this invention comprises a base frame which may be of wire bent to form the side and end members thereof, the end members having eyes or equivalents to pivotally receive the ends of posts which may also be of wire and carry or have integral therewith the top cross bar or member over which is stretched a flexible cover secured to the side members of the base. 10

Certain of the end members may be bent out of the normal plane of the base to form toggle levers which when the tent is erected assume a position in the general plane of the base and hold the tent in said erected position with the canvas stretched taut over the top cross member. 15

An embodiment of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which Figure 1 is a perspective view of the tent erected, and Figure 2 is an end view showing in full lines the tent collapsed and in broken lines the same erected. 20

The base of the tent is formed by one or two pieces of wire bent to form the sides *b* and ends *c* of the tent, one such piece being shown in the drawings. The wire is looped or provided with eyes *d* for passage of connecting members which may be the rectangularly bent ends *e e'* of vertical posts *f f'*, one at each end of the tent, said posts and the top pole or upper cross member *g* being formed for example of a single piece of wire bent to the required shape, one of the posts in addition having an extension *g'* to which a flag *h* or other device may be attached. 25

The tent cover may comprise a piece of canvas *i* or other suitable material attached at each end to the side members *b* of the base by looping them around same as at *i'* and suitably stitching as at *i''*, and passing over the top pole *g*. It will be apparent that by folding down the vertical posts *f f'* and top pole *g* about the eyes *e e'* of the end base members *c* as pivots that the tent may be readily collapsed to lie in a substantially flat condition, as shown in full lines in Figure 2, and equally readily erected for use by raising said posts, the canvas being stretched taut over the pole, as in Figure 1 and in broken lines in Figure 2. In order to ensure this stretching and cause the base to lie flat on its supporting surface when so erected, the end members *c* at one end of the base are bent or raised relatively to the side members to form an angle to the general plane of the base when collapsed as shown in Figure 2, these end members thus forming toggle levers which when the tent is erected come into alignment and into the general plane of the base, as in broken lines in Figure 2, and hold the tent in erected condition with the cover stretched taut over the upper pole. 30 35 40 45

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of our said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, we declare that what we claim is:—

1. A toy tent comprising a base frame having side and end members and provided with eyes or equivalents to pivotally receive the ends of posts carrying a top pole or cross member, and a flexible cover connected to the side members of the base and passing over said cross member. 50

2. A toy tent as in Claim 1, having the base formed of a single piece of wire bent to form the side and end members and the posts and cross member formed of an integral piece of wire with its ends bent to engage the eyes of the end members of the base. 55

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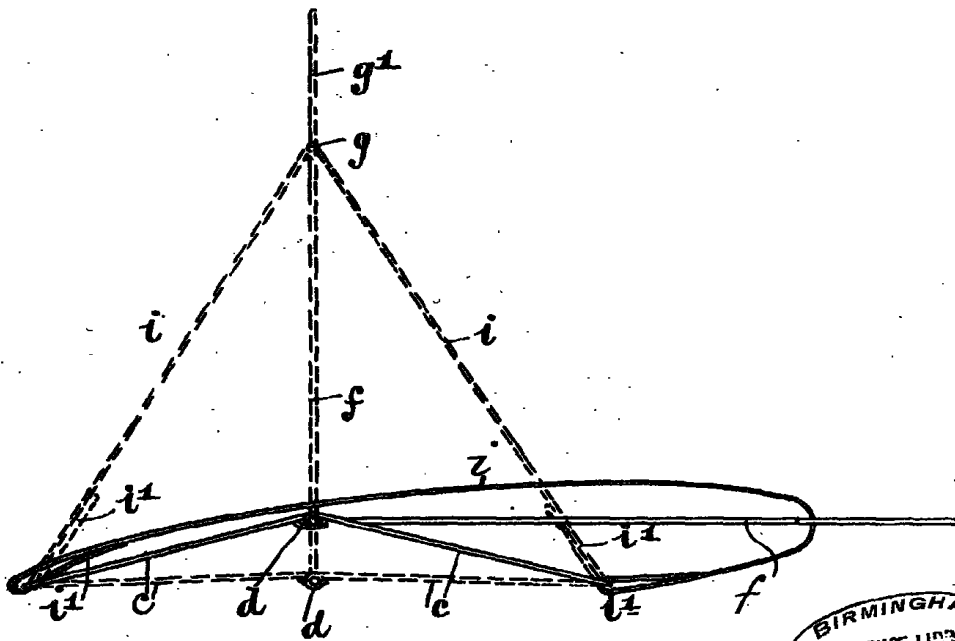
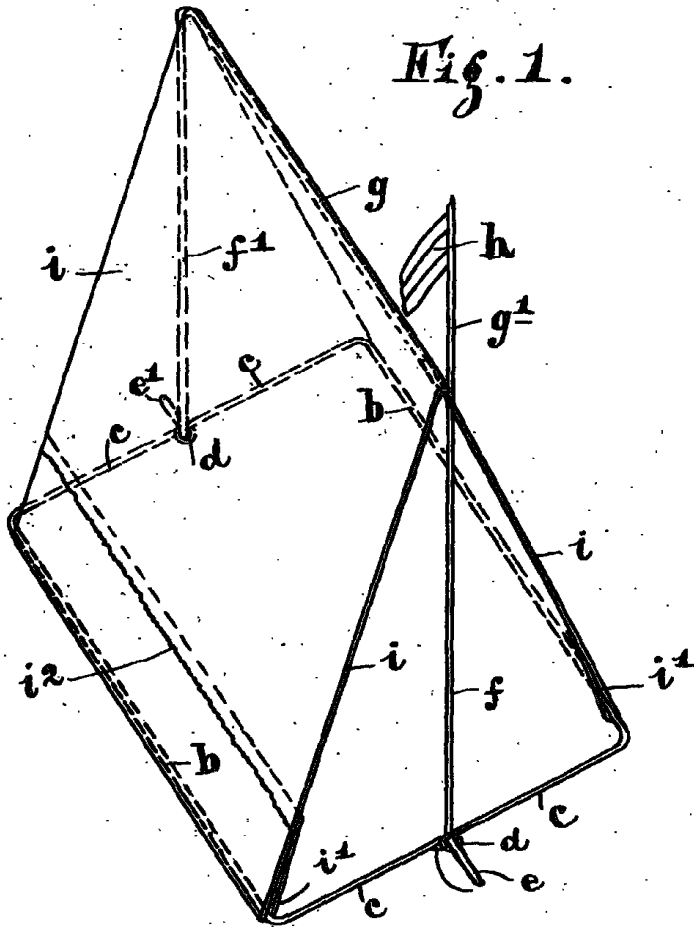
3. A toy tent as in Claims 1 and 2, having end base members bent or raised relatively to the side members to form an angle to the general plane of the base when the tent is collapsed, for the purpose set forth.

4. A toy tent having its parts arranged, combined and adapted for operation
5 substantially as hereinbefore described.

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Fig. 1.



[This Drawing is a reproduction of the Original on a reduced scale.]

