

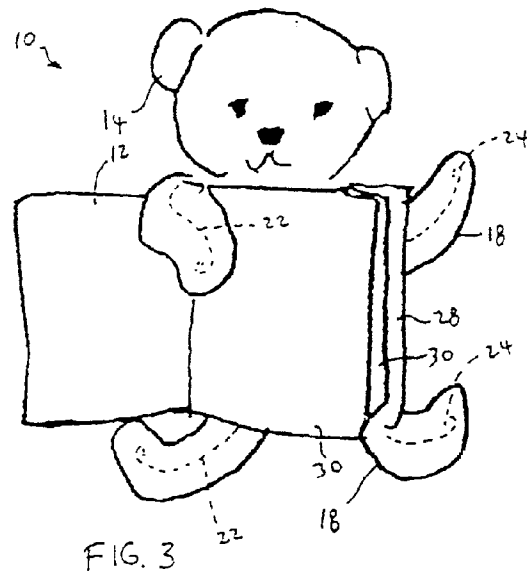


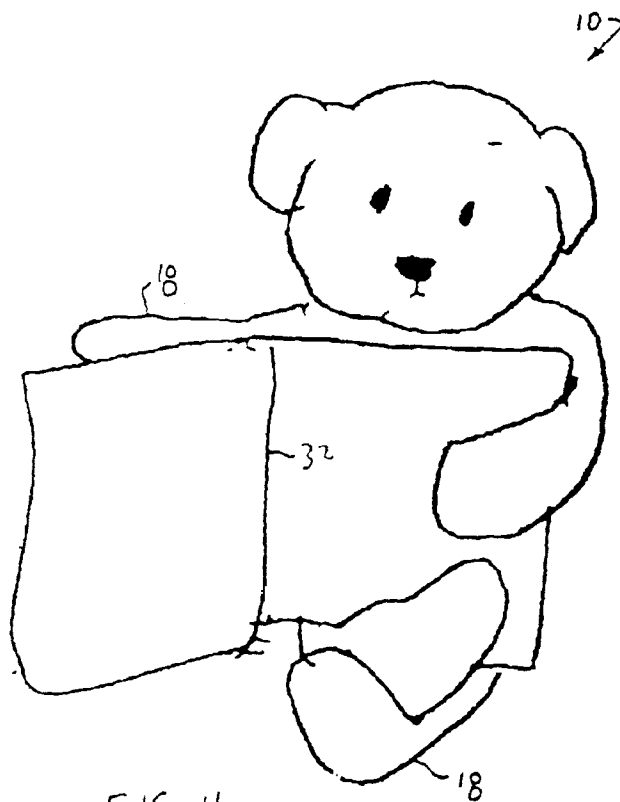
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(54) Book-toy combination

(57) The disclosure relates to an interactive book-toy combination (10) includes a book (12) affixed to a toy character (14). The toy character includes a torso (16) with a head (20) and a plurality of limbs (18) extending from the torso. The book includes a front cover (26), a back cover (28) and a plurality of leaves (30) therebetween. The back cover of the book is affixed to the torso of the toy character. The limbs of the toy character are extendable beyond peripheral edges of the book. The limbs are pliable and can be manipulated by a child into multiple positions. An interactive book-toy combination (100) in another embodiment includes a plurality of printed octagonal-shaped panels constructed of generally rigid board material. The panels include a front panel (102), a rear panel (102) and multiple panels (106) between the front and rear panels. The middle panels are each hingedly connected at one side to one adjacent panel and at an opposite side to another adjacent panel, thereby enabling an accordion-like unfolding of the panels. A plush creature head (112) is affixed to the front panel, and a plush creature tail (114) is affixed to the rear panel. Pliable limbs (110) are connected to and extend from the panels to create the appearance of a multi-legged creature such as a caterpillar. The pliable limbs are arranged in pairs, with each pair extending from a different panel. The pliable limbs can be manipulated and shaped by a child into various positions.







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