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TOY HOUSE

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This invention relates in general to toys, and more particularly to toy houses of the knock-down or collapsible type.

The principal object of the invention is to provide a toy house kit or assembly of a pleasing design, and simplified construction, and especially adapted for the amusement and instruction of children.

Another object is the provision of a child's toy house of collapsible or knock-down type, and formed of plastic, washable material that may be assembled in a matter of minutes by a child to serve both as a toy and/or as a decoration for Christmas gardens and the like.

A further object of the invention is to provide a novel toy house assembly of substantially unbreakable, plastic material, and particularly adapted to be assembled by children into a miniature reproduction of an attractive cottage.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a toy house kit of the type indicated, and wherein the plastic washable components are provided with means facilitating their immediate operative junction to form the completed house.

Other objects and advantages residing in the novel design and construction, and in the combination and arrangement of parts, will appear as the description proceeds and will be best understood when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the toy house as it appears after being assembled; and

Figure 2 is an exploded perspective view, with parts omitted, and showing the means provided for operatively retaining the assembly together in the form shown in Figure 1.

Referring now to the drawings wherein similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views of the preferred form of the invention, the numeral 10 designates generally a completed toy house embodying the invention.

The house 10 comprises a pair of side or end walls 11, 12 arranged in opposed spaced relation and connected to the front and back walls 13, 14 respectively. The side walls which are substantially similar in size and over-all configuration have a rectangular body portion and a triangular-shaped upper portion, as at 15. According to the present invention, the opposite or lateral edges of each end wall is formed with spaced projecting lugs, as at 16, that provide correspondingly spaced openings or notches 16a therebetween. The brick-shaped lugs 16 as described hereinafter, are adapted to dovetail with com-

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plementary brick-shaped lugs 17 formed on the adjacent edge portions of the front and back walls 13, 14, that similarly provide spaced openings, as at 17a, to accommodate the lugs 16 while the said lugs 17 are being received in the spaces 16a. The manner of joining or dovetailing the complementary lugs 16 and 17 is shown in Figure 2, it being understood that, by reason of their plastic and flexible composition, these lugs readily engage in clamping fashion to securely retain the four walls in the normal vertical position shown in Figure 1.

The side or end wall 11 is molded or cast to provide a door 18 and a window 19; while the companion side wall 12 is formed to provide two windows 20 and 21, and also a comparatively small window frame or vent opening 22.

The front wall 13 is molded or cast to simulate a centrally positioned door assembly indicated generally at 23. Located on either side of the door 23 in spaced relation, is a pair of window frames designated generally at 24, 25 that similarly to the door 23, are molded integrally with the front wall. The complementary back wall 14 differs from the front wall 13 in that a door 26 is arranged at one side of two similarly positioned windows 27, 28. Here also, the molded construction, it will be understood, is such as to simulate the actual appearance of window frames and a door without the provision of means for their actual movement.

Referring to Figure 2, it will be seen that the slanting roof, designated generally at 29, is formed of two complementary members 30, 31 respectively. Each of the members 30, 31 as viewed in Figure 2, is provided with an upper pair of studs or prongs 32 and a lower pair of studs 33. The lower pair of these lugs is adapted to seat on the top edges of the front and back walls 13, 14 and also to abut against the side walls 11 and 12 so that its position is secured in the operative relation shown in Figure 1. The upper edge of each roof member 30, 31 is also formed with a reinforcing strip or portion as at 34. Each roof member is configured to simulate shingles, as at 35 and has its reinforcing portion 33 notched as at 36 to form a square opening 37 when the two roof members are in the position illustrated in Figure 1. The opening 37 accommodates a chimney 38 formed or molded of the same plastic, washable material as the other components of the assembly. The hollow chimney member 38 is shouldered or reduced as at 39 for reception in the above-mentioned opening 37 and is additionally recessed as at 40 to provide a triangular