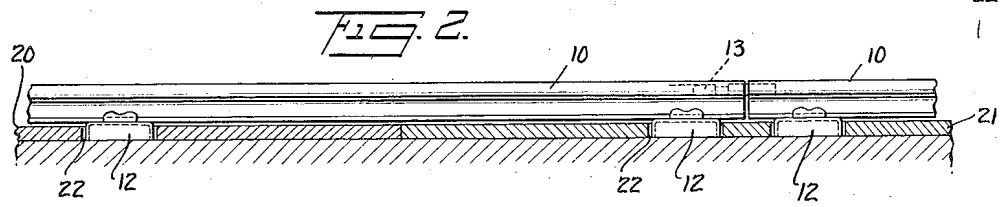
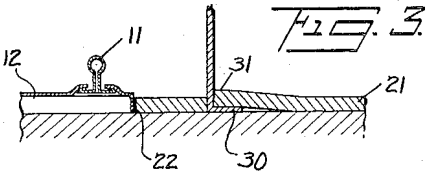
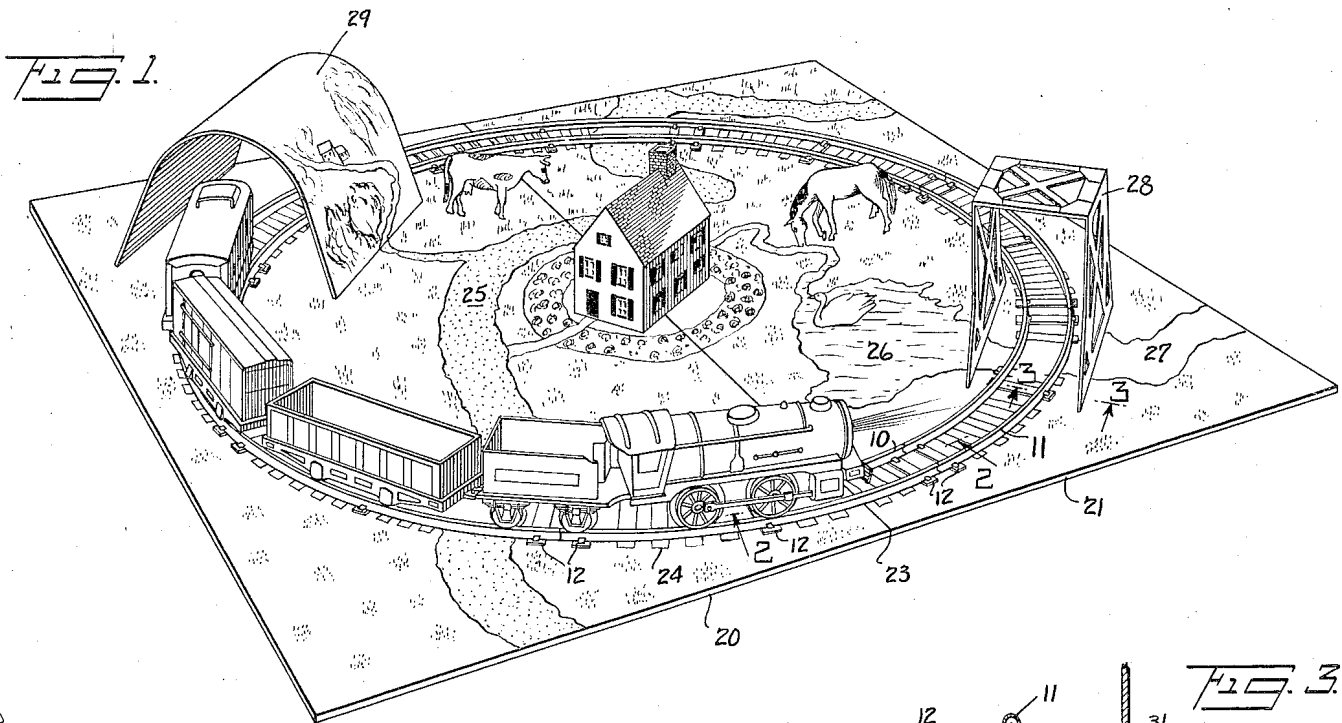


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The present invention relates to toy railroads, and is more particularly directed toward the provision of a road-bed in combination with a track layout, so that there is available a scenic toy comprising a toy railroad and scenery.

According to the present invention, a toy track layout of any convenient form is associated with a road-bed made of cardboard and provided with openings to receive the cross ties of the toy railroad.

The invention also contemplates providing the cardboard road-bed with printed scenery and a mounting on the road-bed of accessories to further simulate a landscape.

The accompanying drawing shows, for purposes of illustrating the present invention, one of the many embodiments in which the invention may take form, it being understood that the drawing is illustrative of the invention rather than limiting the same. In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a toy railroad outfit embodying the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a section along the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

In the drawing, the conventional form of two track toy railroad is illustrated. The rails are shown at 10 and 11, and the cross ties at 12. The rails are held in alignment by pins 13 in the usual manner. Where the toy railroad is of the electrical type, a third rail is carried between the two track rails in the usual manner.

Two sheets of cardboard are indicated at 20 and 21. They are provided with openings 22 spaced properly to receive the cross ties 12, 12 of the track, and preferably so arranged that a track section extends across the joint 23 formed by the abutting edges of the two pieces of cardboard. In this manner the cross ties prevent separation of the two pieces of cardboard.

The cardboard, as shown in the drawings, is provided with printed simulations of cross ties, indicated at 24, and with scenery, such as the conventional landscape having a water course 25, pond 26, and a river 27. The river 27 is spanned by a bridge 28, while the remote part of the scenery includes a tunnel 29. The tunnel and bridge may be made out of cardboard and secured in place as shown in Fig. 3, by passing tabs 30 through openings 31 in the cardboard 21 and then bending the tabs outwardly as shown. The house, cow, horse, and swan shown in the drawing, may be made out of cardboard and rested on the cardboard base 20, 21.

It will thus be seen that the structure provided by the present invention greatly increases the realistic nature of the toy and provides the child with suitable scenery in which to place his toy railroad, so that the train can travel through the countryside, making the operation more realistic. The cardboard parts for the base, bridge, tunnel and other accessories may be inexpensively made out of cardboard having a thickness approximating the depth of the cross ties and attractively lithographed.

It is obvious that the invention may be embodied in many forms and constructions within the scope of the claims, and I wish it to be understood that the particular form shown is but one of the many forms. Various modifications and changes being possible, I do not otherwise limit myself in any way with respect thereto.

What is claimed is:

1. The combination with a toy track layout composed of sections of track assembled to form a loop, each section having track rails secured on top of cross ties, of a support for the track layout having openings to receive the cross ties so that the cross ties may be passed down through the openings and the rails, brought adjacent the upper surface of the support.

2. The combination set forth in claim 1, wherein the support is in the form of cardboard of a thickness substantially equal to the depth of the cross ties.

3. The combination set forth in claim 1, wherein the support is in the form of cardboard and bears printed scenery including "ties" disposed underneath the rails to simulate regularly spaced ties in a road-bed.

4. The combination set forth in claim 1, wherein the support is in the form of two pieces of cardboard abutting along the edges and the joint formed thereby is spanned by a track section so that the cross ties thereof enter openings in both pieces of cardboard.

5. An imitation road-bed for toy railroads comprising a cardboard base having openings to receive the cross ties of toy railroad track and bearing printed scenery, a toy track layout carried by the road-bed with its cross ties in the openings, and a tunnel-like device made of cardboard and spanning the track, the ends of the tunnel-like device having tabs passed through holes in the road-bed forming base.

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