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The Dancing Dick

THIS funny little fellow, Dancing Dick, is easily and quickly made if you follow the instructions given below. It can be made to dance. If you make two such toys, they can be made to stage a boxing match.

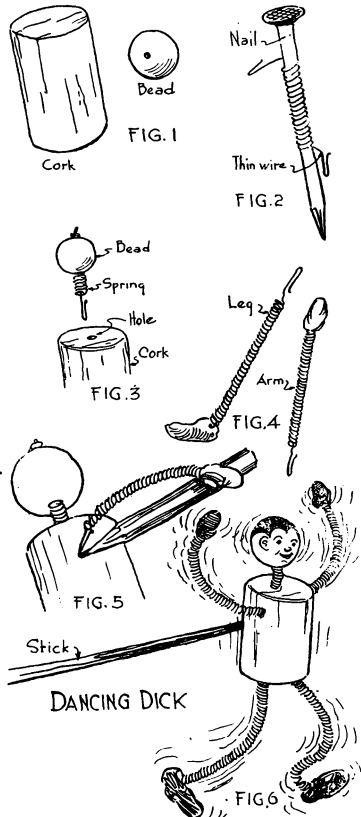
Get a cork for the body and a bead for the head (Figure 1).

Make a small spring by winding very thin wire around a nail, as shown in Figure 2.

Then fix the head to the body. Push one end of the spring you made into the bead. Put the other end into the body as in figure 3.

Now, make four more springs for the arms and legs. To one end of each of the springs place a piece of sealing wax or pieces from a candle stick to form the hands and feet, as in Figure 4. You can easily soften the wax or wax-candle by placing it in hot water. After you have put the wax on each end of the springs, push the arms and legs into the body with the point of a pencil as in Figure 5.

Then paint the head by drawing a funny mouth, a nose and eyes. The hair may be painted also. If you wish, you may make a small paper cap or hat and glue it on the little fellow's head.



Finally, fix him on the end of a thin stick as shown in figure 6. By moving the stick up and down, back and forth, left and right, you will have great fun with your Dancing Dick.