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Fig. 1.

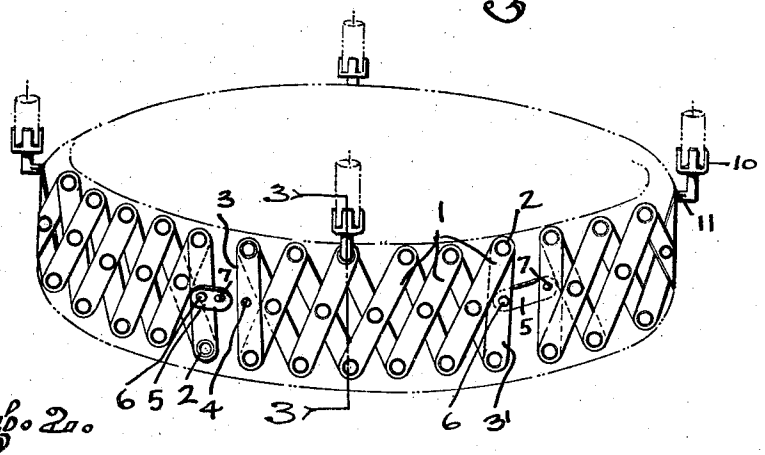


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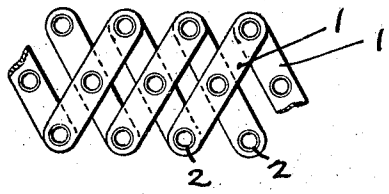


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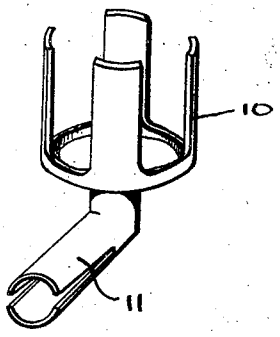
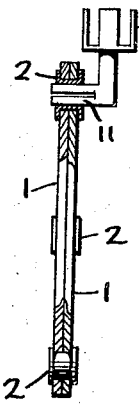


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, FRANCES T. HUGHES and EMILY B. HUGHES, citizens of the United States, and residents of the city of Berkeley, county of Alameda, and State of California, have made new and useful Invention—to wit, Improvements in an Article of Manufacture; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, concise, and exact description of the same.

This invention relates particularly to an improved ornamental, collapsible edging.

An object of this invention is to provide an article of manufacture of such structure that it can be made of inexpensive material and which when assembled will be collapsible into a very small space for storage, and is extensible and self-supporting when extended into the form of a circle. A further object of this invention is to provide an article of manufacture adapted to various household uses and susceptible of ornamental treatment. A still further object is to arrange the invention in individual sections so that a plurality of sections might be connected together to function as a single unit. Other objects and advantages of this invention will appear as this description progresses.

In this specification and the annexed drawings, the invention is illustrated in the form considered to be the best, but it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to such form because it may be embodied in other forms; and it is also to be understood that in and by the claims following the description, it is desired to cover the invention in whatsoever form it may be embodied.

In the accompanying one sheet of drawings:—

Fig. 1 represents a perspective of an ornamental edging constructed in accordance with our invention, arranged for a cake or any other article.

Fig. 2 represents a front elevation of a section of connected strips constructed in accordance with our invention.

Fig. 3 represents an enlarged cross section taken through Fig. 1 on the line 3—3.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged perspective of a candle holder constructed in accordance with our invention.

In detail, the construction illustrated in the drawings includes a series of flat strips 1 made from metal, celluloid or any other suitable material and which are provided with holes at each end and in the center to engage hollow pivot pins 2.

The pivot pins 2 are loosely secured in the respective holes to allow the strips 1 when joined in the "lazy tongs" relation, to be flexed to the circular position shown in Fig. 1. The strips 1 will be preferably pivoted together in sections so that the ends of the last strips may be joined together by the connecting strips 3 and 3′. The connecting strip 3 is provided with an opening 4 therein. The opposite connecting strip 3′ has a latch member 5, with a catch pin 7 thereon, pivoted thereto at 6 so as to engage the opening 4, aforementioned.

Each section would be provided with the latch and engaging means whereby, a section might be flexed into the form of a circle and the opposite ends thereof detachably engaged together or a plural number of sections joined together where a larger circle be desired. The idea of providing short sections and with means for joining the plurality of such sections together permits an article of this character to be inexpensively and cheaply manufactured and sold and to come within the reach of all.

Since time immemorial, birthday cakes and the like have been adorned with the illuminating mediums such as candles and the like and the melted wax or tallow from the burned candles will fall on to the top of the cake so as to partially destroy it. The usual means for supporting the candles on the cake likewise puncture the upper surface thereof with a number of unsightly perforations tending to minimize all artistic results. With the use of an article of manufacture constructed in accordance with our invention and applied to a birthday cake, it is possible to obtain the same artistic effects (as where candles are placed directly on to the cake) by supporting the same adjacent the circumferential edge of said cake. To support the candles in the manner described, we have provided supports for the candles, or other illuminating media, comprising sockets 10 having spring fingers 11 thereon which are adapted to detachably engage the hollow pivots 2. The supports 10 may be arranged in the series of strips according to the particular ideas of the user. Although the candle supports are shown as being separate and independent of the pivoted strips, it is to be understood that the

supporting means might be formed integrally with either the strips or the pivots.

Having thus described this invention what we desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. An article of manufacture comprising a series of strips pivoted together by hollow pivots in "lazy tongs" relation and adapted to be flexed into the form of a circle and supports positionable within said hollow pivots.

2. An article of manufacture comprising a series of strips pivoted together by hollow pivots in "lazy tongs" relation and adapted to be flexed into the form of a circle; means for detachably engaging together the last strips in said series and supports positionable within said hollow pivots.

3. An ornamental edging comprising a series of strips pivoted together by hollow pivots in "lazy tongs" relation and adapted to be flexed into the form of a circle; means for detachably engaging together the last strips in said series; supports positionable within said hollow pivots, comprising sockets for containing an illuminating medium and a spring finger on said socket adapted to detachably engage said hollow pivots.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of October 1921.

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In presence of—
LINCOLN V. JOHNSON.