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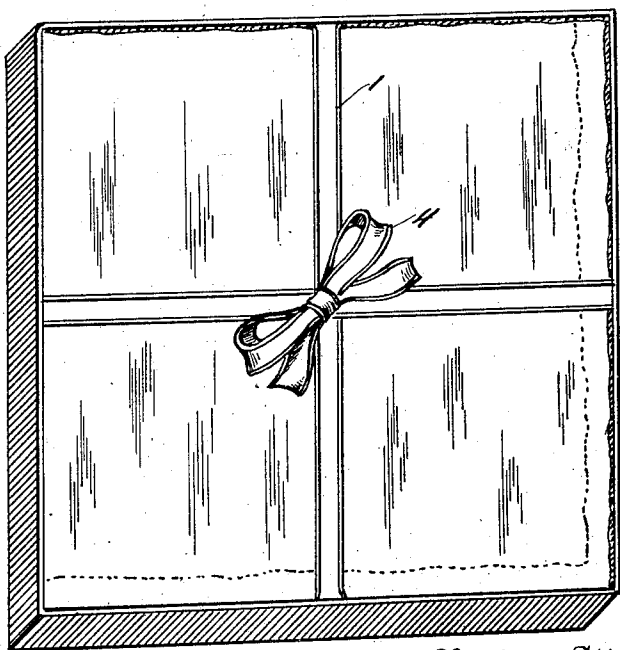
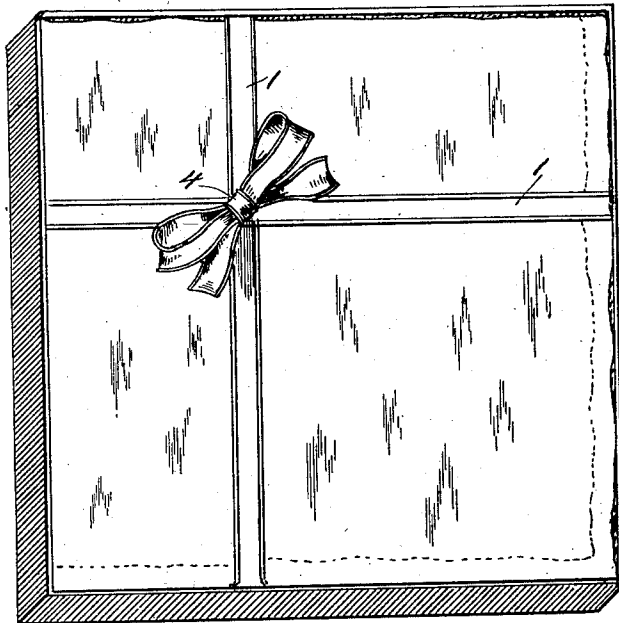


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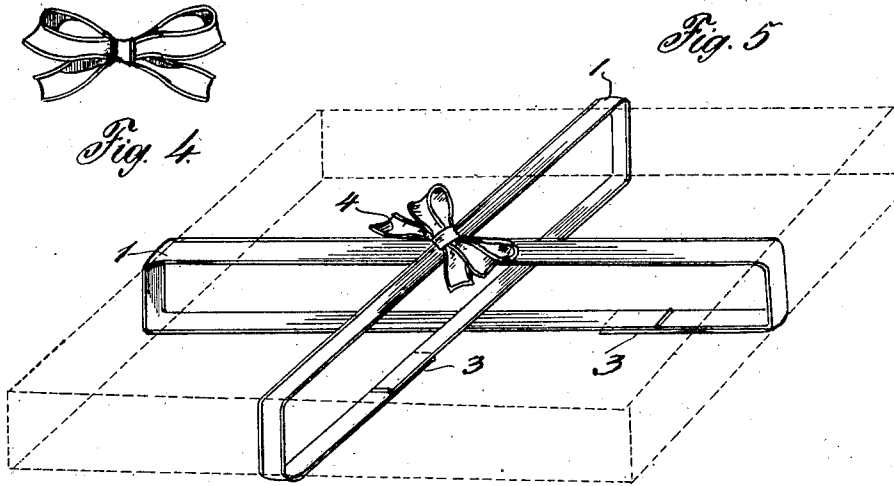


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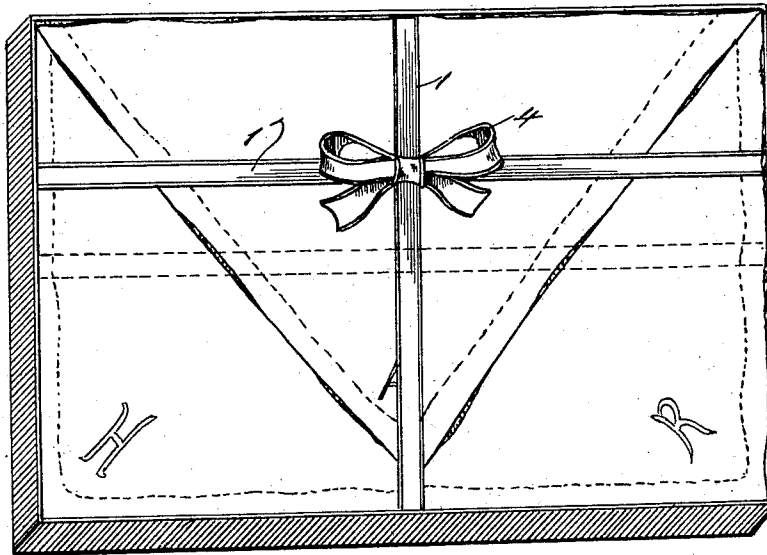
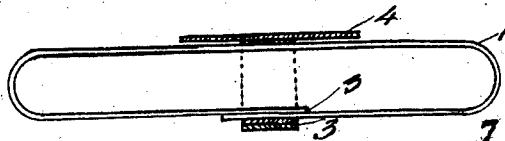


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS B. LAMB, a citizen of the United States, and resident of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Handkerchief Retainer, of which the following is a specification, the same being a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The invention relates to retaining articles and particularly to a device designed to replace textile fabrics, used for the purpose of binding handkerchiefs together, which fabrics, such as silk or satin ribbons, silk cords, etc., cotton ribbons, plain, bleached or unbleached etc. entail considerable expense both as to cost of material, and also as to the time and labor in tying the same together, and one object of the invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive substitute for articles such as mentioned above.

With this object and other new and useful objects and purposes, which will be described below, in view the invention consists in the construction, arrangement and operation of parts hereinafter set forth.

In the drawings, illustrative of one embodiment of the invention, which accompany and form a part of this specification, Figures 1, 2 and 6 represent perspective views of my invention as applied in use;

Figures 3 and 4 are views in detail of the members of my invention;

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the parts of my invention in assembled relation; and

Figure 7 is a view in section of the same.

Referring specifically to the drawings, the reference numeral 1 denotes a strip of paper which may be stamped out in designated lengths, but is preferably made of a narrow continuous strip of paper perforated at certain set intervals, as at 2, and preferably mounted on spools or reels. These strips are preferably gummed on one side, and a handkerchief, or a plurality of handkerchiefs may be enclosed or tied within two similar bands 1 in the following manner.

One strip is made of a certain suitable length, as by being stamped out or torn off from a continuous roll at the perforations 2, and is placed around a handkerchief and

joined together by lapping over the ends thereof beneath the handkerchief, which ends will be held together by means of gum or other adhesive material on one side of the strip, or, if desired, by pinning the same, or by the use of other fastening devices to attach the said ends together.

Another structurally independent strip 1, covering the first one at an angle, may be similarly passed around the handkerchief and joined together in a manner similar to that already described. I also use a preferably gummed paper seal 4 comprising an approved design or cut out figure—as for example a bow—which is then placed on top of the handkerchief, which seal may be attached to the strips in a similar way as employed for joining the ends of the strips, and preferably by moistening the gummed rear face of the same, whereby the three said members, which enclose the handkerchief, may be permanently attached together.

Owing to the yieldable character of the handkerchief or other flexible article to be enclosed, it is manifest that the strips 1 will form loose bands around the article, and on account of the flexibility and yielding nature of the paper bands themselves the said combined triple structure may be moved as an entirety somewhat so as to occupy the different positions shown in the various figures according to the design of the article or the taste of the merchant having the same on sale.

Obviously the said strips may be made of cellulose compositions of various kinds and may be prepared so as to be readily handled in use as being mounted on rolls of variable length with perforations across the strip at different intervals for the purpose of readily tearing them off at different lengths to obtain exact given lengths of strips, or by preparing rolls of given size for handkerchiefs of different lengths and widths, whereby different sized handkerchiefs may be encased. If preferred the strips may be stamped out with a die at given lengths, or they may be made in sheets and cut or sliced off.

The strips I use may either comprise plain strips of paper having no decorations, perforations, coloring, etc., or they may have embossed thereon patterns or stamped por-

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The seal 4 comprising a figure of special design or contour may likewise be of any cellulose composition and may be colored or decorated in the manner hereinbefore referred to in describing the strips.

My invention may be used to bind together one, or any given number of handkerchiefs—of any quality or size desired—either in boxes, or on cards, or in fact without either boxes or cards.

Handkerchiefs are commonly exposed for sale in open boxes, and when a person is desirous of purchasing the same he naturally raises one exposed end of the topmost article to examine the texture and quality of the fabric. This causes a stress or strain at the intersection of the holding and enclosing strips, wherefore it has been deemed desirable to reinforce the same by a wide seal attached to the two crossing strips and of such a size as to overlap the joint thereof and to also extend over and reinforce the two adjacent portions of each strip for a distance on each side of the intersection thereof, that is to say, for such a distance laterally as to afford by the union of the combined strips and seal such a resistance to the strain imposed on the said strips at such intersection as will prevent any breaking or tearing of the latter by reason of the said stress or strain.

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seals of the strips and the combined top seal and strips greater adjustability and stability of the package tie is secured.

I wish it to be understood that I do not desire to be limited to the particular use or the exact details of construction shown and described, for obvious modifications will occur to persons skilled in the art.

What I claim as my invention is:—

A retaining device for handkerchiefs comprising two angularly arranged strips crossing the face of the articles, each having their respective ends separately attached together under the handkerchiefs, and a wide seal attached to the upper face of the two adjusted crossing strips above the handkerchiefs, said seal being of such a size as to overlap the joint at said crossing and to also extend over and reinforce the two adjacent portions of each strip for such a distance laterally on each side of the intersection thereof as to afford, by the union of the combined strips and seal, such a resistance to the strain imposed on the strips at such intersection caused by the lifting up of the ends of the handkerchiefs as will prevent any breaking or tearing of the same, and whereby, by the employment of the separate bottom seals of the strips and the top combined attached seal and strips, greater adjustability and stability of the handkerchief retainer is attained.

Signed at New York in the county of New York and State of New York this 17th day of May, A. D. 1920.

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