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NO MODEL.

Fig. 1.

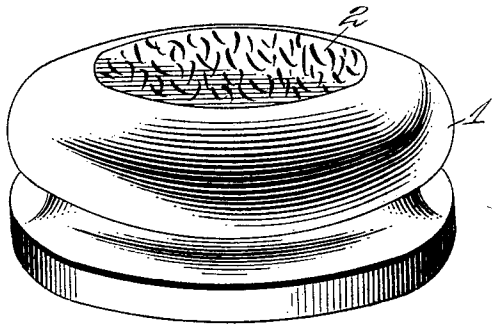


Fig. 2.

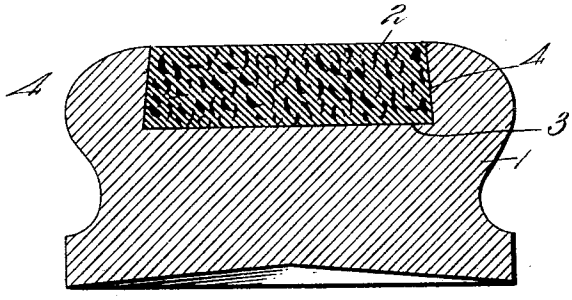
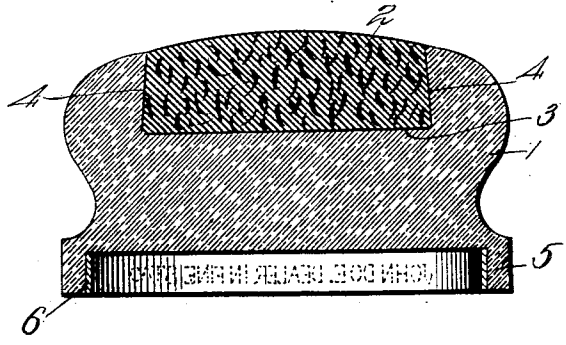


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLEMENT L. ROYER, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Joseph, in the county of Buchanan and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Combined Pincushion and Paper-Weight, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a combined pincushion and paper-weight.

The object of the invention is to present in a single structure a paper-weight and pincushion, the paper-weight in addition to its inherent function being adaptable for use as an advertising medium and the pincushion being of a character that while securely holding pins in position will not present objectionable resistance either to penetration or withdrawal thereof.

A further object is to present a pincushion which will be of a character positively to shield the pins against rust, and, further, being capable of resisting the entrance of moisture or dust, thereby providing a thoroughly efficient and highly desirable structure for the purpose defined.

With these and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction and combination of parts of a combined pincushion and paper-weight, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which like numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts, there are illustrated two forms of embodiment of the invention each capable of carrying the same into practical operation, it being understood that the elements therein exhibited may be varied or changed as to shape, proportion, and exact manner of assemblage without departing from the spirit thereof.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a structure characterizing the present invention. Fig. 2 is a view in vertical longitudinal section therethrough. Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 of a slightly-modified form of the device.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates the paper-weight, and 2 the pincushion.

The paper-weight may be made of any preferred material, such as glass, metal, wood, or any composition of matter suited to the purpose. The form shown is one of many that may be employed, it being understood that the broad and underlying features of the invention may be carried into effect in connection with a weight of any desired configuration and ornamented in any preferred manner, and for this reason it will be understood that the invention is not to be limited to the form of weight shown. The upper portion or face of the weight is provided with a well or socket 3 to receive the pincushion, the walls of the well being by preference undercut, as at 4, to assist in retaining the pincushion in position.

The pincushion, which constitutes one of the essential features of the present invention, is constructed of a dust and moisture proof material of cellular structure and readily penetrable in character, the material illustrated in this instance being what is commercially known as "sponge-rubber." The cushion may be cut from a sheet of such rubber in the form of a disk that is somewhat larger in cross-diameter than the diameter of the well in order that when positioned therein the cushion will expand laterally and engage the undercut walls of the well, and thus be held positively in position against accidental separation; but the assemblage between the weight and the cushion will be such as to permit ready removal of the latter when desired. The particular kind of rubber described has the peculiar property of being readily penetrable and of not presenting resistance to the withdrawal of the pins. In addition, being dust and moisture proof, it is at once cleanly and rusting of the pins will be positively obviated.

In the forms of the embodiment of the invention shown in Figs. 1 and 2 the base is

approximately solid; but, if preferred, it may be provided with a depression, presenting thereby a circumferential flange 5, to the inner surface of which may be pasted or otherwise attached a strip 6, bearing advertising matter. By this arrangement the structure may be employed as an advertising medium and by reason of its utility will not be cast aside, so that an article advertised by it will be kept constantly before the owner of the device.

Instead of cutting the cushion from a sheet of sponge-rubber the same may be molded to the desired shape, and, if preferred, instead of having the top of the cushion straight, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, it may be convex, as shown in Fig. 3.

An advantage of the employment of sponge-rubber over an ordinary stuffed cushion, such as has long been in use, or a coil of paper, is that the rubber possesses a clinging or grasping quality that will operate to hold the pins in position even if they are only slightly inserted in the cushion, whereas in an ordinary stuffed cushion it is necessary to insert the pin the greater part of its length before it will be securely positioned.

The device of this invention is neat in appearance, simple in construction, and handy, practical, and durable in use. By reason of the arrangement and disposition of its parts it may be cheaply and readily manufactured, and breakage or derangement in use will be positively obviated.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is—

1. A pincushion constructed of waterproof material.

2. A pincushion constructed of cellular yielding waterproof material.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a pincushion constructed of sponge-rubber.

4. A paper-weight provided with a well, in combination with a pincushion held within the well by frictional contact with the walls thereof.

5. A paper-weight provided with a well having undercut walls, in combination with a pincushion held within the well by frictional contact with the said walls.

6. A paper-weight provided with a well, in combination with a pincushion constructed of cellular yielding waterproof material seated in the well and readily removable therefrom.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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