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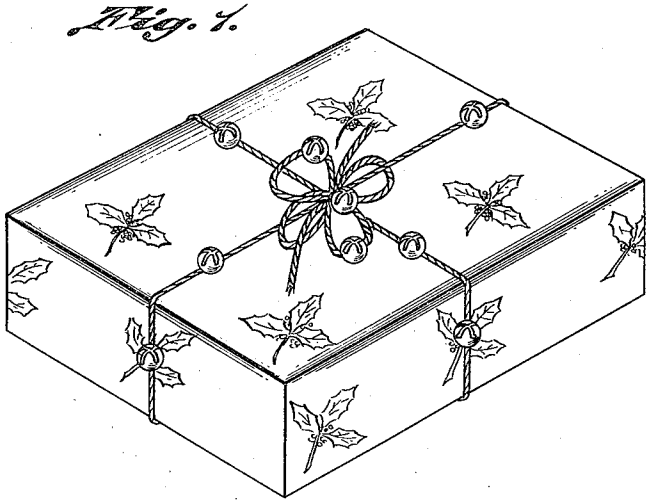


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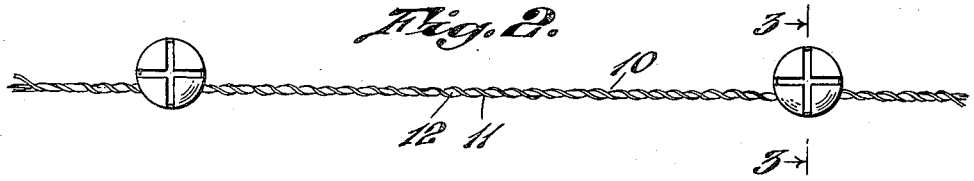


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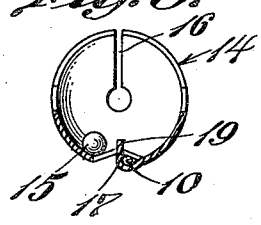


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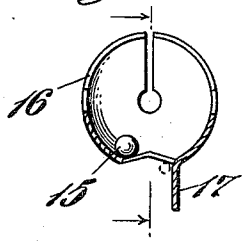
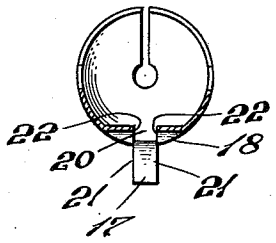


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CHRISTMAS CORD

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This invention relates to Christmas cord and has for one of its objects the mounting of bells upon the cord. Another object of the invention is to provide a cord which will have bells secured by means of the stock of the bells in fixed position at desired distances apart on the cord.

Another object of the invention is to so form the stock of the shell that provides the bell that the clamping arrangement will all be had by the stock of the bulbous portion of the shell of the bell.

A further object is to provide a grip from the stock of the shell of the bell by simply slitting the stock of the shell and bending the same.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, as will be more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a package tied up with my improved cord;

Fig. 2 is an elevation of the cord with bells mounted thereon;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view through one of the bells showing the cord gripped;

Figs. 4 and 5 are sectional views at right angles to each other showing the gripping tongue as extending outwardly from the shell of the bell.

In the use of cord for tying up packages, particularly Christmas packages, it is desirable to have a bell mounted upon the cord which will jingle as the package is moved or passed to the recipient. The mounting of such bell on the cord in accordance with this invention is simplified and yet the mounting is exceedingly secure, and the following is a more detailed description of the present embodiment of this invention, illustrating the preferred means by which these advantageous results may be accomplished.

With reference to the drawing, I disclose a cord of some flexible material designated generally 10 and formed by twisting two different materials 11 and 12 together. The bells which are to be mounted upon this cord each consist of a metal shell 14 of generally bulbous shape with a loose clapper or striking member 15 located within this bulbous body. The bulbous body 14 is formed of sheet stock bent up into cup shape with slits 16 in order to provide the desired tone.

Opposite the slits 16 I have cut out a narrow finger 17 from the stock of the shell and have indented the bulbous surface as at 18 at a point adjacent the raised finger 17. The cord 10 is then laid in this recess 18 beneath the finger 17 and the finger 17 is curled inwardly through the space from which it was raised so that its end portion 19 extends inwardly through the recess 20 and clamps the cord 10 between the opposite edges 21 of the finger and the edges 22 of the opening 20, thus jamming the cord firmly in position and securing the shell against movement along the cord 10.

By this arrangement the stock of the bell is utilized for clamping the bell to the cord without the necessity of assembling or manipulating separate and individual parts. This cord may be conveniently packaged for dispensing as described in my copending application, Serial No. 281,907, filed June 29, 1939.

The foregoing description is directed solely towards the construction illustrated, but I desire it to be understood that I reserve the privilege of resorting to all the mechanical changes to which the device is susceptible, the invention being defined and limited only by the terms of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A decorative cord used for binding, fastening or tying packages comprising a cord of flexible material and plurality of bells secured at spaced intervals along the length thereof.

2. A decorative cord used for binding, fastening or tying packages comprising a cord of flexible material and plurality of bells each having a portion with the stock thereof extending on opposite sides of the cord in such relation as to bind the bell onto the cord in spaced fixed relation thereon.

3. A decorative cord used for binding, fastening or tying packages comprising a cord of flexible material and plurality of bells each having a bulbous portion with the stock thereof extending on opposite sides of the cord in such relation as to bind the bell onto the cord in spaced fixed relation thereon.

4. A decorative cord used for binding, fastening or tying packages comprising a cord of flexible material and plurality of bells each having a bulbous portion with the stock thereof slit to provide a finger, said cord extending beneath said finger and clamped by the finger against the edges of said slit to hold the bell firmly in spaced fixed relation on the cord.

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