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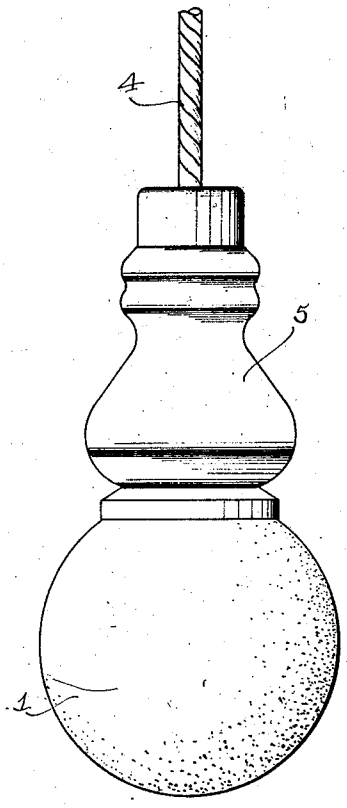


Fig. 1

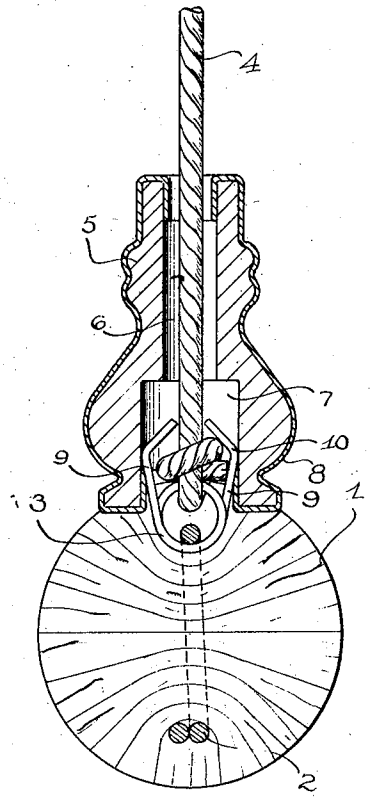


Fig. 2

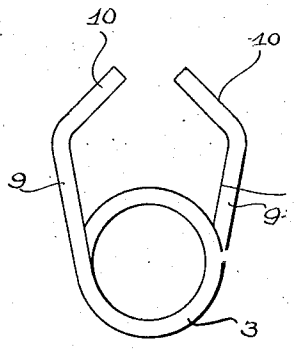


Fig. 3

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The present invention relates to tassels and an object thereof is to provide a novel manner of incorporating a weight therein in order to hold the cord to which the tassel is attached in a taut condition. Another object of the invention is to provide a novel means of securing a ferrule to the tuft of the tassel.

To these and other ends, the invention consists of certain parts and combinations of parts all of which will be hereinafter described: the novel features being pointed out in the appended claims:

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a side view of a tassel embodying the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a vertical central section through the tassel; and

Fig. 3 is a detail view of the combined cord anchoring member and ferrule holder.

In the illustrated embodiment of the invention, 1 indicates a tuft in the form of a pompon, formed in this instance, of threads or yarn held together by a binding wire or strand 2. To this binding strand is secured a cord anchoring member comprising, in this instance, a single piece of wire bent between its ends to provide a central eye 3 through which the binding wire 2 passes and to which the suspending cord 4 is secured.

Above the tuft or pompon and surrounding the cord, is arranged a ferrule, formed, in this instance, by a weighted body 5 provided with two aligned bores 6 and 7 of different diameters through which the cord 4 passes, the upper bore 7 being smaller in diameter than the lower bore 6. In this instance, the ferrule body 5 is made of metal such as lead. This body has an external shape which defines the shape of the ferrule and, in this instance, is covered by a tubular woven material 8, the ends of which are turned into the bores 6 and 7, all portions of this covering being adhesively secured to the weighted body.

With the end in view of holding the ferrule in abutment with the tuft, the cord anchoring means has portions which enter the bore 7 and frictionally engage with the ferrule covering therein. In this instance, the wire of which the eye 3 is formed has its end portions extended from the tuft to provide spring arms 9 on opposite sides of the eye, each arm extending from the lower or inner part of the eye on opposite sides of the eye and being bent between its ends so that the free end portions converge at 10. These converging portions facilitate the fitting or removal of the ferrule from the holding means. The intermediate portion of each arm engages the cover 8 at the free edge of the inwardly turned portion in the bore 7 and in this way frictionally holds the ferrule to the tuft.

According to this invention, there is formed a weighted tassel in which the weight is so incorporated in the tassel that it is inconspicuous. The ferrule connects with the tuft in such a manner that it is frictionally held in abutment with the tuft by a means which is entirely hidden from sight.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A tassel comprising a tuft, a cord anchoring device secured to the tuft, a cord connected to the anchoring device, a ferrule arranged above the tuft and including a body having a bore through which the cord passes, a covering for the body turned into the lower end of the bore and frictionally engaged by the cord anchoring device which is received in said bore.

2. A tassel comprising a tuft having a binding wire, a combined cord anchoring and ferrule holding member secured to said binding wire, a cord secured to the member, and a ferrule surrounding the cord and held by the member.

3. A tassel comprising a tuft having a binding wire, a combined cord anchoring and ferrule holding member secured to said binding wire, a cord secured to the member, and a ferrule surrounding the cord and held by the member, said member comprising a single strip of wire bent about the binding wire and formed with a central eye to which the cord is secured, and two arms projecting into the cord receiving bore of the ferrule.

4. A tassel comprising a tuft, a relatively small and highly flexible cord secured to the tuft, and a ferrule surrounding said cord above the tuft, said ferrule including a weighted body and a textile covering on the body.

5. A tassel comprising a tuft, a cord anchoring device secured to the tuft, a cord relatively small and highly flexible connected to the anchoring device, and a ferrule surrounding the cord above the tuft and having an enlarged bore at its lower end in which said cord anchoring device is housed.

6. A tassel comprising a tuft, a cord anchoring device secured to the tuft, a relatively small and highly flexible cord connected to the anchoring device, and a ferrule surrounding the cord above the tuft and having an enlarged bore at its lower end in which said cord anchoring device houses, said anchoring device frictionally engaging the interior wall of the bore to hold the ferrule to the tuft.

7. A tassel comprising a tuft, a cord anchoring device having yielding portions, a relatively small and highly flexible cord secured to the cord anchoring device, and a ferrule surrounding the cord and having its bore enlarged at its lower end, the walls of its enlarged bore being engaged by yielding portions of the cord anchoring device to hold the ferrule against movement.

8. A tassel comprising a tuft, means providing on the tuft an eye and spring gripping arms about the eye, a relatively small and highly flexible cord secured to the eye, and a ferrule surrounding the cord and having the walls of its cord receiving bore gripped by the spring arms.

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