

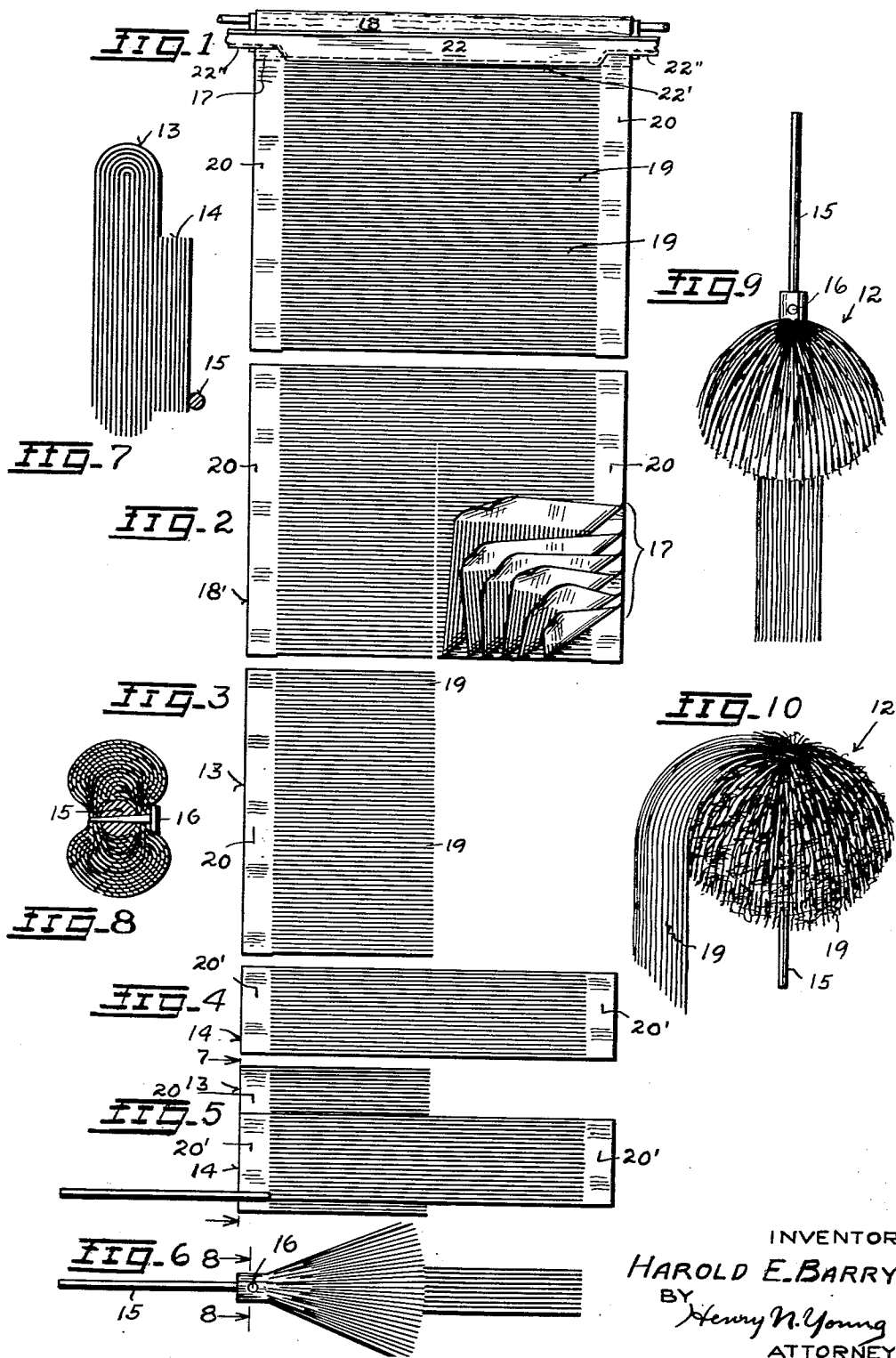
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The invention relates to a pompon and the method of producing the same.

A general object is to provide an improved pompon having ball and streamer portions of a handle-mounted head made of crepe paper or the like.

A more specific object is to provide a particularly simple and effective device for making pompons of the character described.

A further object is to provide a positive and effective means for unitarily securing the pompon head portions to a mounting handle stick therefor.

The invention possesses other objects and features of advantage, some of which, with the foregoing, will be set forth or be apparent in the following description thereof and in the accompanying drawings wherein,

Figure 1 indicates the interior cross-slotting of a laminated strip of crepe paper, or other suitable sheet material, extending in flat condition from a roll of the paper and arranged to provide head-forming blanks.

Figure 2 illustrates a flat strip length as severed from the roll and partly cut into longitudinally thereof, the laminated structure of the sheet being indicated by a partial separation of its layers.

Figure 3 shows a ball-forming blank as comprising half of the strip length of Figure 2.

Figure 4 shows a full-width length cut from a strip of crepe paper or the like for providing a streamer portion of a pompon.

Figure 5 shows a streamer blank and a handle stick superimposed upon a ball blank assembly for the formation of a pompon by rolling the elements together therewith.

Figure 6 shows the ball and streamer blanks rolled together about a stick end and secured thereto to provide a pompon structure.

Figure 7 is an enlarged sectional view taken at the line 7—7 in Figure 5, thicknesses being exaggerated.

Figure 8 is an enlarged sectional view taken at the line 8—8 in Figure 7.

Figure 9 shows the completed pompon structure disposed with its handle stick uppermost.

Figure 10 shows the pompon with its handle directed downwardly and with its ball portion additionally crinkled to increase its fullness.

Essentially, a present pompon 12 is produced by combining elements comprising a ball-forming blank 13 and a streamer-forming blank 14 and a handle stick 15 in unitary association by means of a tack 16 appropriately applied to the formed assembly of the elements 13 and 14 and 15. The blanks 13 and 14 are preferably formed of creped paper or the like, with the grain of crinkling of the material preferably running longitudinally of the strands.

For providing a head-forming blank 13, the paper 17 of a roll 18 thereof is interiorly slit across to provide strands 19 extending between relatively narrow uncut edge portions 20 of the paper strip. The paper of the roll is preferably creped across the strip whereby the crinkling

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extends longitudinally of the strands. The paper strip of the roll is preferably laminated, and in the present instance comprises seven layers placed together without adhesive connection.

It will now be noted that the strip of paper 17 may be progressively slit, as it is unrolled from the roll 18, by the repeated application thereto of a suitable cutting blade 22 having an intermediate forward cutting edge portion 22' for repetitive advancement against the paper for effecting its solely interior cross-slitting, and cutting edge portions 22'' extending from the portion 22' and arranged for movement against the paper strip to complete the cross-cutting of the slit for cutting an advance slit section of the strip from the roll. Essentially, a desired length of the paper strip 17 would be interiorly cross-slitted by the repeated application of the blade edge 22' to the strip as the same is advanced from the roll, and effecting a further projection of the cutter blade to operate its cutting edge portions 22'' against the strip to sever an interiorly slit piece 18' from the roll. The use of a cutter blade 22 in the described manner is intended to indicate one of several possible methods and means of providing interiorly slit pieces of the paper and for cutting off the blanks.

As particularly illustrated, each paper piece 18' is somewhat wider than it is long, and is arranged to provide a pair of ball-forming blanks 13 by longitudinally cutting it midway of its width, as is indicated in Figure 2. Streamer-forming blanks 14 may be provided by cutting shorter lengths of interiorly slit paper from the same or a different roll; if two-color pompons are to be made, the blanks 14 would be cut from a strip of paper of different color than that which provides the pieces 18'. A streamer-forming blank 14 originally has the full width of the strip from which it is cut, has unslit side portions 20', and would generally be somewhat shorter than the ball-forming blank 13 with which it is to be associated.

Having a ball-forming blank 13 and a streamer-forming blank 14 and a handle stick 15 provided, the blank 13 is doubled longitudinally upon itself and laid out flat on a suitable support surface, the blank 14 is laid upon the doubled blank 13 to extend from a point near the generally aligned end edges of the blank toward the bend thereof, and an end portion of the stick 15 is laid upon the corresponding side edge portions 20 and 20' of the blanks 13 and 14 at their adjacent and generally coterminous ends; these assembly relations are illustrated in Figures 5 and 7. The pompon is now formed by tightly and fully rolling the blanks 13 and 14 spirally about the stick end, and by then driving the shank of a tack 16 into the roll produced and into the enclosed stick end, the stick being of wood or other tack-receiving material, these production steps being illustrated in Figures 6 and 8. The unslit and unsecured side portion 20' of the streamer is now cut off to terminally free the streamer strands for their independent movements, it being understood, however, that this operation might have been performed before rolling the blanks about the stick end. If increased ball or streamer fullness is desired, it is merely necessary to utilize two or more blanks 13 or 14 placed together as one in a laminated assembly 13—14—15 to be rolled up to provide a present pompon with ball and streamer portions. On the other hand, the streamers may be omitted from a pompon assembly to provide solely a ball head, with at least two blanks 13 then rolled together to provide the head.

It will now be noted that if the pompon is held by the stick 15 with its head down and shaken, the strands of the head and streamer will tend to fluff out somewhat, as is indicated in Figure 9. If, as is usual, a more crinkled head is desired, it is merely necessary to crinkle the strands 19 by hand-squeezing them to provide a pompon having the final finished appearance of Figure 10 in which the

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pompon is shown in the normal handle-down position for supporting and waving it. If less crinkling of the pompon is desired, as for its packaging, or repackaging, it is necessary only to compressedly stroke the head strands from their secured ends.

It will be understood that the present method of producing a pompon is particularly simple and may be carried out with a minimum of movements and waste of materials.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the advantages of the present pompon will be readily understood by those skilled in the art to which the invention appertains. While I have described the principle of manufacture, together with a form of my invention which I now consider to comprise a preferred embodiment thereof, I desire to have it understood that the showing is primarily illustrative, and that such changes and developments may be made, when desired, as fall within the scope of the following claims.

I claim:

1. A rooter's pompon for hand carrying and waving and comprising a rigid handle stick, a head member comprising a strip of creped paper having a plurality of laterally and terminally free strands extending from a continuous uncut edge portion of the strip, a second strip of crepe paper of less length and appreciably greater width than the first strip having a plurality of laterally and terminally free strands extending from a continuous uncut edge portion of the strip, the uncut edges of said strips being longitudinally engaged and forming a tight spiral roll about an end of the handle stick with the strands of the strips extending longitudinally beyond the enclosed stick end whereby the strands of the first strip provide a fluffy head and the strands of the second strip provide streamers for the head, and a member engaged radially through said roll and fixing it to the stick whereby the handle stick is adapted for use for waving the pompon.

2. A rooter's pompon appliance for hand carrying and waving comprising a rigid elongated handle stick of relatively small cross-section, a head member comprising a strip of creped paper having a plurality of laterally and terminally free strands extending from a continuous uncut edge portion of the strip, a second strip of paper of less length and appreciably greater width than the first strip having a plurality of laterally and terminally free strands extending from a continuous uncut edge portion of the strip, the uncut edge portion of said strips being of like width and longitudinally engaged in mutual registration and fixed in a tight spiral roll directly to and about a minor end portion of the handle stick with the uncut edges of said second strip disposed in solely the innermost coils of said roll and with the strands of the strips extending longitudinally beyond the enclosed stick end, whereby the

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strands of the first strip provide a fluffy head and the strands of the second strip provide streamers extending out of and well beyond the center of the head longitudinally of the stick, and means directly fixing said roll to said end portion of the handle stick whereby the remaining stick portion is arranged for its full grasping in a person's hand for waving the pompon.

3. A rooter's pompon comprising an elongated rigid relatively long handle stick of relatively small cross-section at a minor end portion thereof, a head member comprising a set of like strips of rumplable sheet material each having a plurality of laterally and terminally free strands extending from a continuous uncut edge portion of the strip, a set of like strips of sheet material of less length and appreciably greater width than the first strips each having a plurality of laterally and terminally free strands extending from a continuous uncut edge portion of the strip, the uncut edge portions of said sets of strips being longitudinally engaged in mutual opposition and forming a tight spiral roll directly about said minor end portion of the handle stick with the strands of the strips extending longitudinally beyond the enclosed stick portion, the second set of strips being innermost whereby the rumpled strands of the first strip set are arranged to provide a fluffy head when rumpled and the strands of the second strip are arranged to provide a relatively compact bunch of streamers extending from the head in the line of the handle, and means fixing said roll directly to the stick whereby the extending major stick portion is arranged for use as a handle for its manual grasping for a waving of the head by a rooter.

4. A structure in accordance with claim 3 in which the head and streamer portions are of contrasting colors.

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