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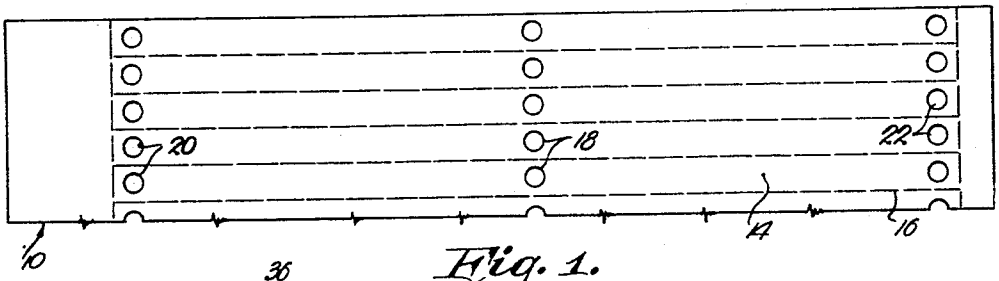


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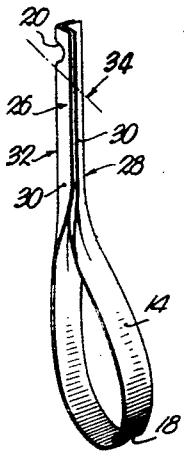


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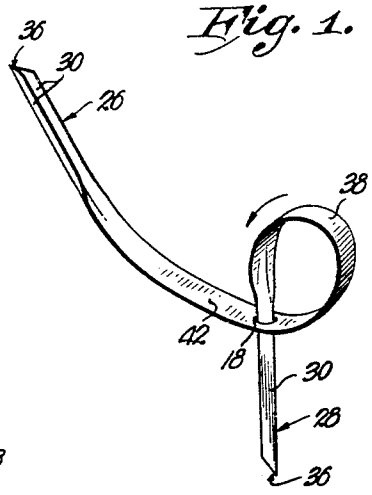


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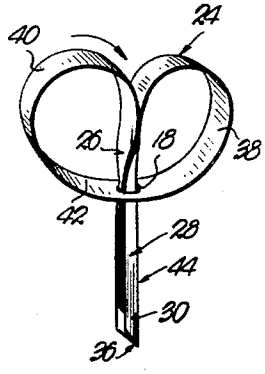


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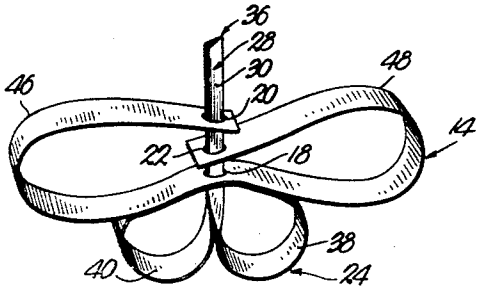


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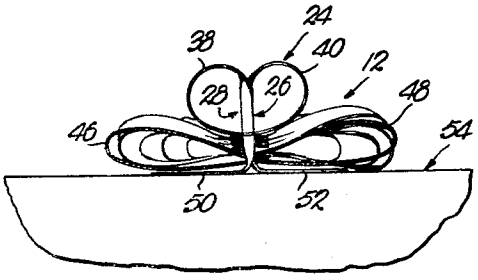


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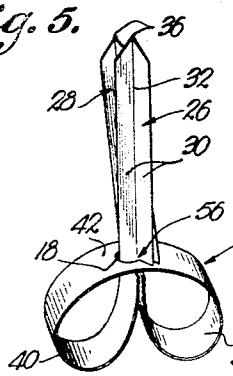


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This invention relates to the decorative arts and more particularly to gift wrapping or packaging generally and has for its primary object to improve upon the invention disclosed in my copending application, Serial No. 593,547, filed June 25, 1956, now Patent No. 2,862,321, this being a continuation-in-part thereof.

In my said copending application there is disclosed a package for making decorative bows that contemplates the employement of a plurality of elongated, perforated strips which may be struck from a blank in order to produce a bow substantially in the nature of that disclosed by my U.S. Letters Patent No. 2,774,164, of December 18, 1956.

Instead of using metallic fasteners as contemplated by said patent, the aforementioned application teaches how such fasteners may likewise form a part of the blank and be easily removed therefrom for use in producing a pin from the same material that is employed in the strips and, therefore, the loops from which the strips are made.

It is, therefore, the most important object of the present invention to eliminate the necessity of specially formed pin producing sections in the blank by utilization of one of the strips themselves.

Another important object of the present invention is to provide a bow pin that is made from an elongated strip having three holes therein as in the strips of the above-identified patent, the centermost of such holes being employed in a novel manner to form a pair of loops, together with an elongated stem upon which the strips may be threaded in a manner not unlike the method set forth in my patent.

Another important object of the present invention is to provide a bow pin of added attractiveness by virtue of the fact that the same has a pair of loops forming a center piece for the bow and constituting an integral part of the bow pin itself.

Other objects include the way in which the elongated lengths are folded longitudinally and placed in nesting relationship to facilitate threading of the perforated strips thereon; the manner of interlocking the stem portion of the bow pin with a portion of the loops; and the way in which the two lengths of the stem are used to hold the secondary loops in place and mount the completed bow on a package.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a fragmentary, elevational view of a blank from which the entire bow of the instant invention is made.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the first step in the method of utilizing one of the strips of the blank shown in Fig. 1 to produce a bow pin in the nature of that contemplated by the instant invention.

Figs. 3 and 4 are perspective views showing the next succeeding steps of the bow pin producing method.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view illustrating the initial step of threading the strips on the stem of the bow pin.

Fig. 6 is a vertical, cross-sectional view through a completed bow illustrating the position thereof on a package; and

Fig. 7 is a perspective view illustrating the way in which certain parts of the bow pin may be interlocked if desired.

A tear-out sheet or blank of suitable flexible material such as paper, light cardboard or the like is illustrated in Fig. 1 of the drawing and broadly designated by the numeral **10**. It is contemplated that the blank **10** be made available to the purchasing public in a package that includes wrapping paper and that suitable instructions relating to the method of forming a bow **12** (see Fig. 6) accompany the package.

It is noted in Fig. 1 that a plurality of identical, elongated strips **14** is set out in the blank or sheet **10** by perforated lines or lines of weakness **16** and that each elongated strip **14** is provided with a median hole **18** and a pair of end holes **20** and **22**.

Pursuant to the principles of the instant invention, one of said strips **14** is employed to produce a bow pin **24** shown completed in Figs. 4–6.

The said one strip **14** is first rebent upon itself as shown in Fig. 2, placing the terminal ends thereof in contiguous relationship and the openings **20** and **22** in alignment. Thereupon, the two relatively overlapped terminal lengths **26** and **28** of the strip **14** are creased longitudinally to present relatively overlapped sections **30**, the two sections **30** of each length **26** and **28** being therefore, integrally joined by a longitudinal line of fold **32**.

After the terminal lengths **26** and **28** are thus folded and while the same are relatively nested as shown in Fig. 2, they are cut along an oblique line **34** to present a point **36** for each length **26** and **28** respectively adjacent its creased or folded edge **32**. Thereupon, as illustrated in Fig. 3, the terminal length **28** is inserted into and through the central opening **18** of the strip **14**, such insertion being facilitated by virtue of the fact that the length **28** is relatively narrow because of its folding and also because of the threading point **36** that was formed thereon by the cutting along line **34**. This presents a first primary loop.

Next, the aforementioned instructions will direct the user to insert the terminal length **26** of strip **14** through the opening **18** alongside the length **28** as shown in Fig. 4 of the drawing, to present a second primary loop **40**. It is noted in Fig. 4 that the terminal length **26** becomes nested within the length **28**, i.e., the sections **30** of length **26** are interleaved between the sections **30** of the length **28**.

Accordingly, the loops **38** and **40** are interconnected by a common length **42**; in fact, the length **42** of the loops **38** and **40** provide an integral interconnection therebetween and constitute the bight of the strip **14** within which the central hole **18** is initially formed in the blank **10**.

The bow pin **24** being thus completed, is ready for receiving additional strips **14** in the manner illustrated by Fig. 5. The central hole **18** of one of such additional strips **14** is first threaded over stem **44** which is formed by the interleaved terminal lengths **26** and **28**. The strip **14** being mounted on the stem **44** in Fig. 5, is thereupon rebent upon itself to present a pair of secondary loops **46** and **48** which are elongated as distinguished from the substantially circular configuration of the loops **38** and **40** and extend radially from the stem **44** appreciably farther than the loops **38** and **40**. The end holes **20** and **22** of the strip **14** which forms loops **46** and **48** are thereupon threaded onto the stem **44**.

A plurality of additional strips **14** are thereupon mounted on the stem **44** in a like manner and circum-

ferentially offset around the stem **44** to present the bow **12** as illustrated in Fig. 6.

Finally, it is desirable that the terminal lengths **26** and **28** be separated and extended laterally in opposite directions beneath the secondary loops **46** and **48** as shown in Fig. 6, thereby holding the latter in place between the common length **42** of loops **38** and **40** and the laterally extending legs **50** and **52** thus formed. The pompon bow **12** thus formed may be attached to a package **54** in any suitable manner such as by use of adhesive, cellophane tape or the like.

In the event it is desired to maintain the substantially circular configuration in the loops **38** and **40** while the secondary loops **46** and **48** are being formed on the bow pin and prevent the common length **42** of the loops **38** and **40** from moving toward the pointed ends of the lengths **26** and **28**, one of the sections **30** of the lengths **26** and **28** forming the stem **44** may be cut transversely as shown in Fig. 7 to a point substantially coincident with the creased edges **32** to present a notch **56**. The common length **42** extends into the notch **56** adjacent the central hole **18** interlocking the same with the stem **44**.

It is seen that through the construction above set forth, it is unnecessary to provide separate metallic fasteners as in my patent, the expense of providing the same and the difficulty of packaging such fasteners with the wrapping paper and the tear strip **10** being thereby eliminated. Furthermore, it is unnecessary to provide a tear-out portion in the blank **10** for producing a bow pin since any one of the strips **14** may be employed for that purpose.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed as new and desired to be secured by Letters Patent is:

1. A package bow comprising a bow pin having a pair of loops each provided with a terminal length, there being a perforated length common to the loops and integrally interconnecting the same, the terminal lengths extending through the perforation of said perforated length and forming an elongated stem depending therefrom; and a plurality of strips beneath the loops, each having a central hole receiving the stem, the strips being rebent upon themselves to present a plurality of secondary loops radiating from the stem, the ends of the strips having holes receiving the stem.

2. A package bow comprising a bow pin having a pair of loops each provided with a terminal length, there being a perforated length common to the loops and integrally interconnecting the same, the terminal lengths extending through the perforation of said perforated length and depending therefrom; and a plurality of strips beneath the loops, each having a central hole receiving the terminal lengths, the strips being rebent upon themselves to present a plurality of secondary loops radiating from the terminal lengths, the ends of the strips having holes receiving the terminal lengths, said terminal lengths extending laterally in opposite directions beneath the strips, the secondary loops being appreciably longer than the loops of said pin whereby the latter presents a center piece for the bow.

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