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NOVELTY DEVICE

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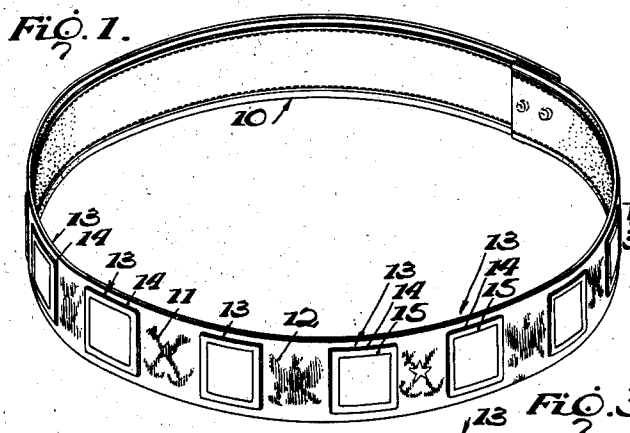


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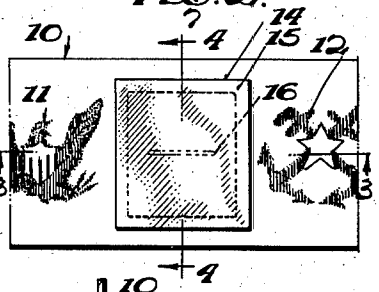


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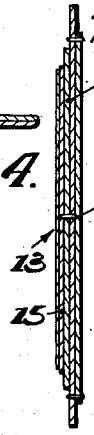


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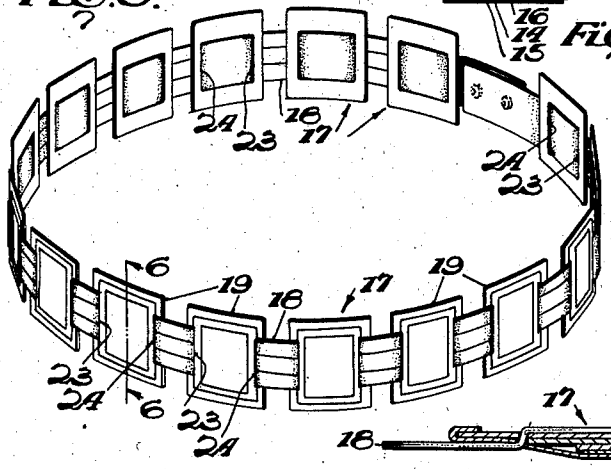


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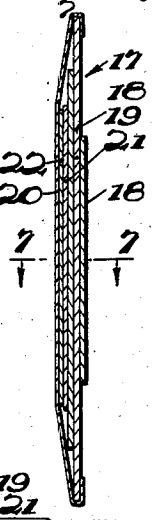


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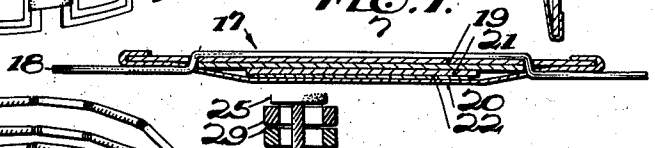


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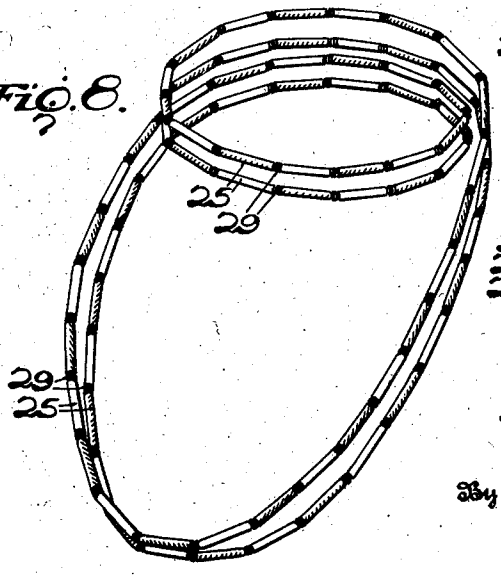


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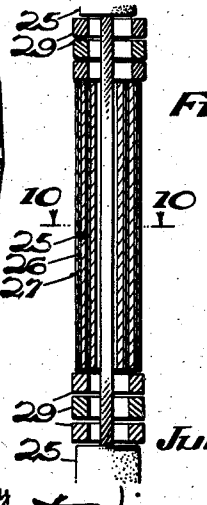
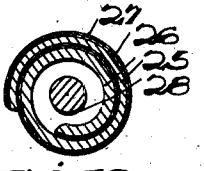


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This invention relates to articles of ornamentation, such as belts, beads, and the like, and essentially contemplates the employment of various stamps in the physical structure of these devices in such a manner as to lend an attractive appearance to the article.

An object of the invention is to provide a protective means for stamps employed in such assemblies.

Another object is to provide display means for stamps thus used.

A still further object is to provide an economical and attractive means of thus displaying stamps.

Another object is to stimulate the sale of certain types of stamps and provide structure whereby such may be incorporated into articles of wearing apparel.

Another object is to provide simplicity of operation of such a device.

These and other objects made apparent during the further progress of this specification are accomplished by means of my invention, a full and complete understanding of which is facilitated by reference to the drawing herein, in which:

Fig. 1 is a view in perspective of a belt or similar article embracing the instant invention.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary view of a section of Fig. 1, showing a stamp mounting station thereon.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged vertical cross sectional view of the structure shown in Fig. 2, taken along the line 4—4 thereof.

Fig. 5 is a view of a modified form of my invention in which separate stamp bearing plaques are strung on a supporting member to form an article of ornamentation.

Fig. 6 is an enlarged vertical cross sectional view of one of the plaques shown in Fig. 5, taken along the line 6—6 thereof.

Fig. 7 is a horizontal cross sectional view of the structure illustrated in Fig. 6, taken along the line 7—7, of said figure.

Fig. 8 is a view in perspective of another modification of my invention showing protected stamps strung to form a necklace.

Fig. 9 is an enlarged horizontal cross sectional view of one of the beads shown in Fig. 8; and

Fig. 10 is an enlarged vertical cross sectional view of the beads shown in Fig. 9, taken along the line 10—10 of said figure.

Referring now to the drawing, Fig. 1, it will be seen that my invention in one of its forms consists of a belt-like element 10, which may be suitably ornamented as at 11 and 12, and to which is attached a series of stamp bearing stations 13, preferably comprising a back element 14 and a front member 15, joined together and clipped to 10 as by means of attaching member 16. A suitable message may be carried by 15, such as "Affix one dollar stamp only," this governing the type and quality of the belt generally. A series of war savings stamps or the like may be affixed to elements 15, either simultaneously with the purchase of the belt, or progressively, the result being a novel and beautiful article of wearing apparel having a patriotic motif. When it is desired to turn the stamps in for a bond, elements 15, carrying said stamps, may be readily detached, and similar surfaces attached to the belt, possibly as a courtesy by the department store or other place where such was originally purchased, such attachment being a relatively simple operation.

Fig. 5 illustrates another, and more finished exemplification of my invention, in which a series of plaques 17 are strung on a carrying member such as 18, to form a belt or like article. Plaques 17 consist essentially of a substantial backing member 19, covered by transparent material 20 such as Celluloid or the like and having contained therein a backing member 21 carrying a war savings stamp or the like 22. A series of perforations 23 and 24 in elements 19 and 20, preferably at points immediately adjacent the side terminations of 21, permit the looping of element 18 through the plaques at these points in such a manner as to form a continuous band. The pressure of 18 against the back of 19 tends to hold element 21 and associated stamp 22 in place against the back of transparent member 20, and it will further be noted that when the elements are thus associated the stamp carrying member cannot be moved sideways, slits 23 and 24 being of a shorter length than the vertical dimension of 21, and downward displacement of this member may be prevented by sealing the horizontal edges of 20 at the points where such contact 19; or 21 may be pasted or otherwise anchored to 19, and the aforementioned pressure counted upon to maintain the stamp in place until such time as it may be desired to remove same, experimentation having demonstrated that the frictional resistance thus set up is ample to keep the stamp in place without actually gluing such to 21.

Further modification of the instant idea is illustrated in Fig. 8, in which a series of stamps have been rolled into hollow tubes, suitably protected, and spacedly strung, to produce a neck-

lace or like article. Fig. 9 illustrates this element in detail, 25 being a stamp which has been rolled into a tube, surrounded by a layer of transparent material 26, which in turn has been sealed as by being bound at its edges or completely surrounded by another layer of transparent sealing material 27, as for example, Scotch tape. A string 28 is passed through a series of such assemblies, and spacer members 29 being preferably provided between each "bead," a plurality of such combinations then being joined together to produce an ornament of the desired length.

From the foregoing it will be apparent that I have disclosed a new and unique method of and means for using stamps as ornaments, with particular reference to wearing apparel. That the structure and inventive concept involved present a simple, economic and practicable means of utilizing the beauty of various stamps in connection with articles or personal adornment. That the elements described permit the use of stamps in this manner without ultimate damage thereto, this being particularly desirable in the case of war savings stamps which are ultimately to be turned in for war bonds. It is believed that the popularity and sale of such stamps would be increased by thus utilizing them in a patriotic motif in women's apparel, competitive factors and other well-known psychological considerations contributing to this result.

While I have described a basic application of my invention, and several modifications thereof, it will be apparent that I do not intend to thereby limit myself, but on the contrary, alterations, re-arrangements, and other changes may be resorted to without departing from the scope of the appended claims which are to be given an interpretation in keeping with a fair evaluation of my contribution to the art.

I claim:

1. In a device of the character described, a supporting belt-like element, and a series of stamp receiving plaques, said plaques comprising base members and having transparent covering elements.

2. In a device of the character described, a supporting element, and a plurality of stamp receiving plaques associated therewith, said plaques comprising base members, transparent covering elements, and backing elements for stamps interposed between said base and cover members.

3. In a device of the character described, a stamp receiving plaque comprising a base member, a transparent covering element therefor, a stamp receiving back interposed between said base and cover, oppositely disposed slots in said base and cover adjacent the outer edges of said back element, and means passed through said slots and to the rear of said back element whereby said plaques are strung in sequence.

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