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Fig. 1.

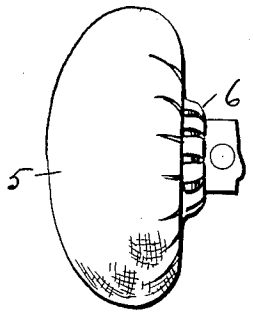


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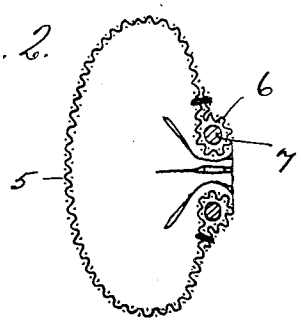


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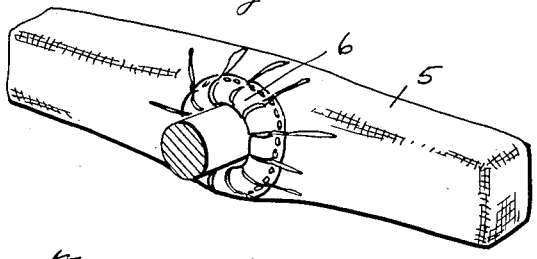
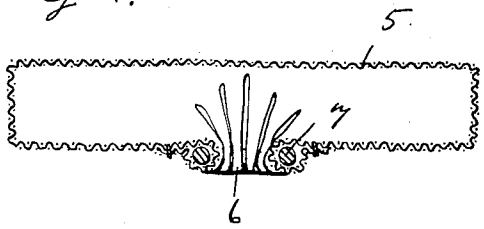


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The present invention relates to protectors for door knobs, automobile handles, and the like.

The common process at the present time in the shipment of door knobs is to wrap these knobs in cotton and then cover the cotton with thin paper tied with string to keep it from coming off. Another common method is to use flannellette cut to size and wrapped around the knob and then tied on. Both of these methods are very costly and require a lot of time. Both are very unsatisfactory because they are more or less of a make-shift nature. It is very important that both metal and glass knobs be protected as is appreciated in this art. A good protector is necessary against scratching and breaking while in shipment. It is also necessary in a new building to have the knobs properly protected because while the hardware is being applied many mechanics are about the building and unless the knobs are covered, they become soiled and their appearance is spoiled before the building is completed. This is especially true when the painters are at work. The chemicals in the paint are very harmful to the plating and finish of the knob. It is desirable also that the handles on the doors of automobiles should be protected in shipment so as to be prevented from being soiled by the service men who invariably have greasy hands.

An important object of my invention is to provide a cheap and very reliable protector for door knobs, automobile handles, and the like which will overcome the disadvantages pointed out above.

Another very important object of the invention lies in the provision of a protector with structure that may be easily and quickly applied to the knob or handle.

With the above and numerous other objects in view as will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the novelties of construction as hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a covering applied to a knob,

Fig. 2 is a sectional view through the covering,

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the covering on a handle such as is used on automobiles,

Fig. 4 is a sectional view through the cover.

Referring to the drawing in detail, it will be seen that the cover includes a hollow body 5 formed of flexible material preferably fabric and more preferably felt which is shaped to correspond with the shape of the knob or handle with which it is to be associated. This body is provided with an enlarged opening having a hem 6 at the edge thereof through which extends a rubber band or like elastic member 7 so that the opening may be drawn tightly about the shank of the knob or handle.

With protectors made in this way, it will be seen that they may be very quickly attached to the knob and the protectors themselves may be manufactured at a very low cost.

It is thought that the construction, utility, and advantages of my invention will now be apparent to those skilled in this art without a more detailed description thereof.

The present embodiments of the invention have been disclosed in detail merely by way of examples since in actual practice they attain the features of advantage enumerated as desirable in the statement of the invention and the above description. It will be apparent that numerous changes in the details of construction, in the designs, in the materials, and in the sizes may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention as hereinafter claimed or sacrificing any of its advantages.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is:

A device of the class described including a hollow flexible body adapted to receive a door knob and shaped in conformity therewith and provided with an opening sufficiently large to pass the knob therethrough and having a hem directly at its edge, and an elastic band in the hem adapted to draw the edge of the opening tightly about the shank of the knob.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

GEORGE JONES.