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ORNAMENT

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This invention relates to ornaments and refers more particularly to ornamental articles for personal wear or any other decorative uses.

The present invention is particularly concerned with ornamental articles consisting of a series of precious or semi-precious stones mounted upon a frame, although it may be conveniently applied to objects comprising imitation stones and/or scintillating and glittering surfaces.

It was a fundamental principle and rule in the manufacture of jewelry and related arts that a precious stone should never be covered or obstructed by a less precious stone or an object of lesser value. If an ornament contains stones of various qualities, it was customary to arrange the stones in such fashion that the most precious stones had a central position in the ornament and were more conspicuous than the less precious ones.

This practice which was constantly followed by jewelry manufacturers often diminished the artistic effect of the entire ornament, particularly when such ornament consisted of a series of similar stones arranged side by side. Furthermore, the uniform and similar brilliance of stones or stone imitations arranged side by side is often tiring to the eye and may effect the clearness of a photographic picture whenever the ornaments are being photographed, for instance in the course of filming motion pictures.

An object of this invention is the provision of an ornament the artistic appearance of which is enhanced through a variation of the scintillating or glittering effect and/or a variation of the coloring or tones of the stones or sparkling surfaces of said ornament.

Another object is the provision of means for diminishing the brilliancy of a portion of a glittering and scintillating surface or stones forming a part of an ornament.

The above and other objects of this invention may be realized through the provision of an ornament comprising a glittering surface, the brilliancy of which is dimmed and/or varied by a transparent or translucent plate or similar article which is placed over all or part of said glittering surface.

The invention will appear more clearly from the following detailed description when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing showing by way of example preferred embodiments of the inventive idea.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 shows an ornamental article in front elevation.

Figure 2 is a section along the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 shows an ornamental article of somewhat different type.

Figure 4 is a section along the line 4—4 of Figure 3.

The ornament shown in Figures 1 and 2 of the drawing comprising a frame 5 carrying a plurality of scintillating stones such as diamonds or imitation diamonds 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. These stones are arranged in rows, the rows of stones 6, 7 and 8 protruding beyond the rows of stones 9 and 10.

In accordance with the present invention the rows of stones 9 are covered by a plate 11 which may consist of glass, crystal, quartz, celluloid, or resin or any other suitable transparent or translucent plain or colored material. The rows of stones 10 may be covered in a similar manner by a plate 12. Another plate 30 may be situated over a portion of the plate 12, thereby changing or dimming still further the brilliancy of the stones.

The plates 11 and 12 may be connected in any suitable manner with the frame 5 and/or with the rows of stones 9 and 10, respectively. As shown in Figure 2, the plate 12 fits between projections 13 and 14 of the frame 5, and is held in place over the row of stones 10 by these projections.

The plate 11 may be connected with the frame 5 by a transparent binding substance 15 joining the adjacent surfaces of the frame 5 and of the plate 11.

As shown in Figure 2, the rows of stones 10 covered by the plate 12 and/or the plate 30 are situated at a lower level than the stones 7 which remain uncovered.

The ornament shown in Figures 3 and 4 of the drawing comprises a frame 16 carrying rows of precious semi-precious or imitation stones 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22. As shown in Figure 4, the surface 23 of the ornament is provided with grooved guides 24 and 25 which hold the plates 26 and 27, respectively. The plate 26 is situated above the row of stones 19 while the plate 27 is situated above the row of stones 21.

As shown in Figure 3, the plates 26 and 27 will cover the rows of stones 19 and 21, so that the brilliancy of these stones will be diminished. Furthermore, the plates 26 and 27 may be colored, so that the effect of the stones covered by the colored plates will be different from the effect of the exposed stones. Due to this arrangement the artistic appearance of the ornament will be increased to a considerable extent. Furthermore, the diminished brilliancy of the ornament may

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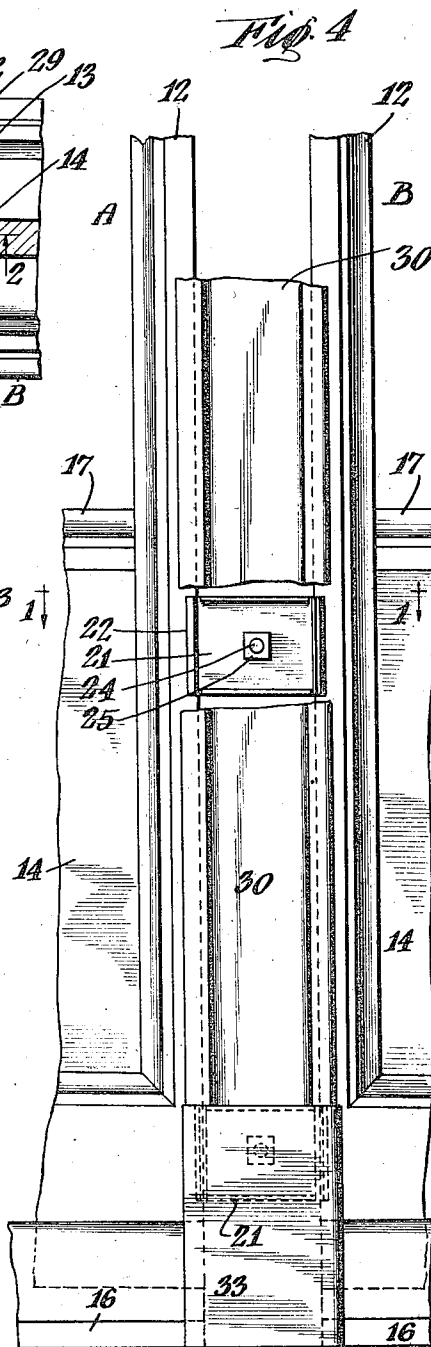
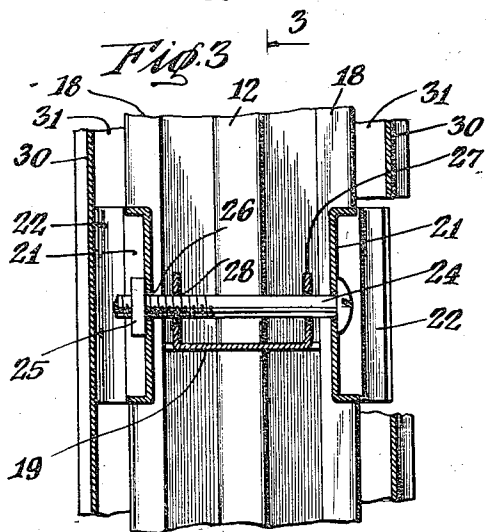
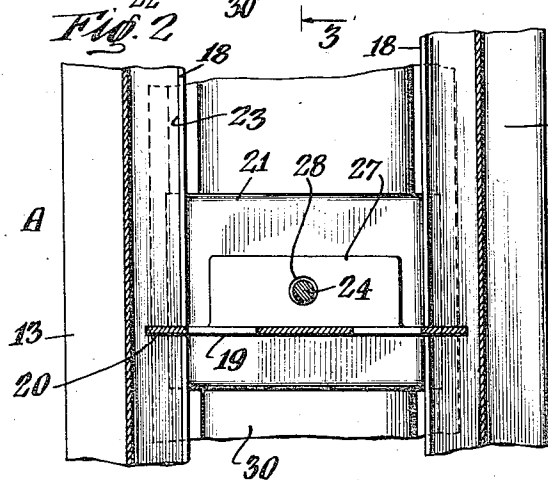
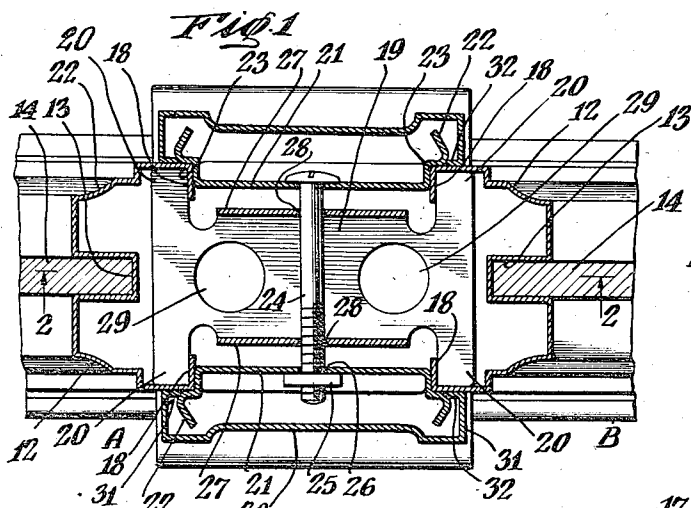
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