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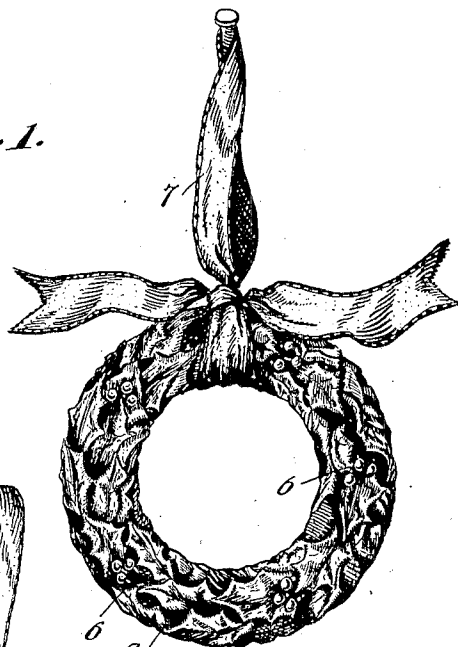


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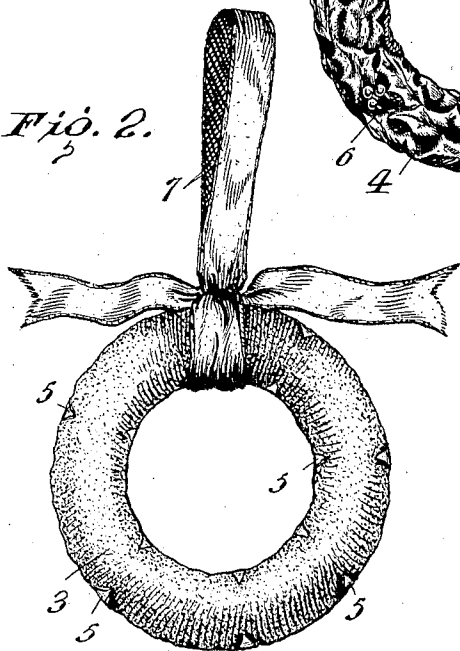


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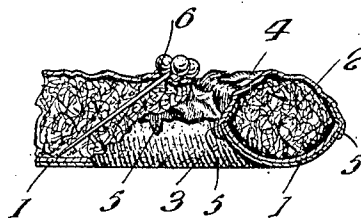


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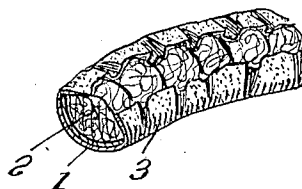


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE D. MERRILL, a citizen of the United States, residing at East Orange, Essex county, New Jersey, have
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pincushions; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it ap-
10 pertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to certain improvements in pincushions or the like.

An object of the invention is to provide a simple and improved pincushion simple in
15 construction and so constructed or arranged as to produce a certain ornamental effect in connection with the heads of the pins inserted into the cushion or even to produce an ornamental effect when the cushion contains
20 no pins.

The invention consists in certain novel features in constructions or in arrangements or combinations of parts, as more fully and particularly described hereinafter.

25 Referring to the accompanying drawings, which show what I now consider the preferred embodiment of my invention, for purposes of explanation, from among other forms within the spirit and scope of my invention, Figure 1 is a front perspective view of
30 my pincushion in wreath form, the heads of the pins inserted therein being shown. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation thereof. Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view on an enlarged scale. Fig. 4
35 is a detail or partial perspective view, on an enlarged scale, of a portion of the front plate or member, showing the location of the pin-receiving perforations in the edges of the raised or embossed portions. Fig. 5 is a sectional perspective of a portion of the device
40 with the front plate or member removed.

In the drawings, 1 is the body or backing plate, in the specific example illustrated being shown round or annular and annularly
45 concaved at its inner surface and convex at its outer surface. The concavity of this plate is filled with any suitable cushioning or fibrous material 2, into which the pins extend. The outer surface of this plate is covered
50 with any suitable facing material 3, such as velvet or other fabric, which is stretched thereover and brought over the inner edges of the plates and secured thereto by uniting said edges of the fabric by thread, as by sewing,
55 extending over and confining the filling 2 in the concavity of said body-plate.

4 is the ornamental front or facing plate, which corresponds in shape or size to the rear or body plate 1 and is struck up or otherwise formed concavo-convex in cross-section, so
60 that said facing-plate can be placed over and approximately cover the front concavity of the body-plate and the filling therein, which projects into the rear annular concavity of the facing-plate.

65 Suitable means can be provided to secure the two plates concentrically together. For instance, I show the facing-plate formed with spurs or projections 5 at its inner and outer edges turned down on the body of the cushion to partially embrace the same and lock or
70 clamp the facing-plate thereto.

The facing-plate is preferably stamped out or struck up from thin sheet metal, such as silver or other suitable metal, and the exposed
75 face thereof is rendered ornamental, preferably to represent leaves or flowers. The ornamental surface is usually formed by embossing or pressing out the metal to form raised surfaces representing or indicating the
80 desired design. For instance, the particular design illustrated is intended to give the effect or represent a floral or leaf wreath, such as a holly wreath, and the metal surface is embossed and raised to indicate the holly
85 leaves. To further carry out this effect of the holly wreath or whatever other design may be selected, the face or facing-plate is so formed that the pins are passed therethrough and so that the pin-heads will constitute or
90 form a part of the design or general effect. For instance, I show groups of perforations 6 arranged at various portions of the facing-plate and extending therethrough to permit passage of pins into the cushion or filling between
95 the two plates. These perforations are preferably located at depressed portions of the facing-plate or in the edges of the raised or embossed portions thereof, so that the pins pass through the plate at an acute
100 angle therewith and lie almost parallel with the two plates. Each perforation is usually formed of a size to receive one pin and extends through the plate at an acute angle to the outer face thereof. The perforations can
105 be formed in groups, so that the heads of the pins will represent several berries or flowers. For instance, to carry out the holly-wreath design the fabric facing 3 could be green in color and edges of the same would be visible
110 from the front of the device, and pins having red glass or other heads would be used to

give the effect of groups of red holly-berries. The pins can be easily and quickly inserted or removed for use, and the device can be provided with means for hanging or supporting the same—such, for instance, as the ribbon-bow 7, although I do not wish to so limit my invention.

The device forms an exceedingly ornamental and yet useful article for a lady's dressing-table or elsewhere, as a pincushion, necktie or ribbon holder, &c.

My invention can be employed for carrying out other ornamental effects in pincushions or the like, and I do not wish to limit myself to the annular or ring shape. For instance, the pincushion might be formed in the shape of a cross or in U or partially-open shape or in other shapes or forms, and the facing-plate might be ornamented to represent other leaves than holly-leaves or various flowers or other configurations.

It is evident that various modifications might be resorted to in the forms, constructions, and arrangements of the parts described without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention. Hence I do not wish to limit myself to the exact construction described.

What I claim is—

1. A device for the purpose substantially as described, comprising a concaved body-plate, cushioning material or filling therein, a facing fabric covering the outer face of said plate, an ornamental facing-plate having a concaved rear face, and means securing said plate on the body-plate, substantially as described.

2. As an article of manufacture, a pincushion comprising two parallel superim-

posed plates with their edges brought approximately together, said plates being secured together and longitudinally and oppositely dished to form the cushioning-material-receiving chamber longitudinally of and between the inner faces of said plates, one plate forming a front facing with pin-holes intermediate its edges, and the other having the cushioning material secured thereto.

3. An article substantially as described, comprising a ring-shaped or annular cushion having a stiffening member, and a dished annular or ring shaped face-plate receiving said cushion in its concave surface and secured to the stiffening member thereof and having pin-holes through its front intermediate portion.

4. An article, substantially as described, comprising a dished ring-shaped body-plate, and a dished ring-shaped face-plate having projections at its inner and outer edges bent over the body-plate and securing the two plates together, said plates adapted to confine cushioning material between their inner dished faces, said face-plate having pin-holes through its front portion.

5. A pincushion comprising a body-plate having a facing fabric and the filling material secured thereto, and an annular front facing-plate having front pin-holes and spurs bent over the body-plate to secure the parts together.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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