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*Fig. 1*

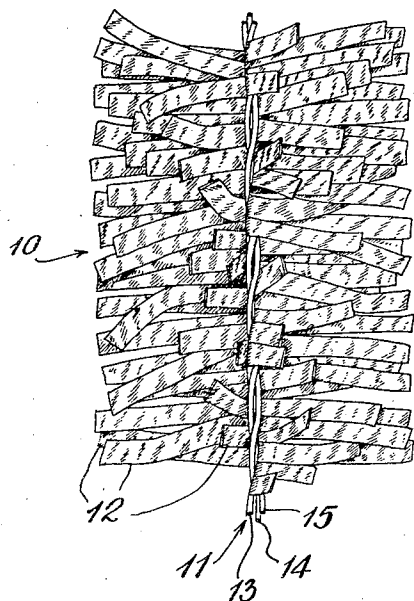
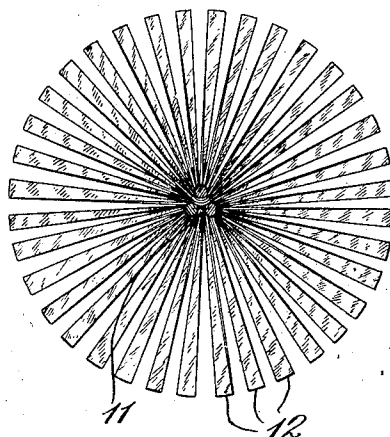


*Fig. 2*



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This invention relates to decorative material and is particularly directed to ruching, streamers, decorative cord or the like material for making ornamental devices, such as Christmas and like festal decorations.

An object of this invention is to provide a ruching of the character described, having a central core and a plurality of radially projecting strips extending along the length of the core in various directions, such strips being made of non-metallic material, which shall yet glitter and provide reflecting or shimmering surfaces to produce a highly decorative effect simulating metallic tinsel.

A further object of this invention is to produce a highly attractive and sturdy decorative material of the character described, which shall be simple and cheap to manufacture and yet practical to a high degree for use for a large variety of decorative devices, and purposes.

Other objects of this invention will in part be obvious and in part hereinafter pointed out.

The invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combinations of elements, and arrangement of parts which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter described, and of which the scope of application will be indicated in the following claims.

In the accompanying drawing, in which is shown one of the various possible illustrative embodiments of this invention,

Fig. 1 is a side view of a piece of material embodying the invention; and

Fig. 2 is a transverse, cross-sectional view of said material.

Referring now in detail to the drawing, 10 designates a piece of material embodying the invention, here shown in the form of an elongated decorative ruching or streamer and comprises a central core 11 and a plurality of outwardly extending strips 12 disposed along the length of the core and projecting in diverse directions. The core 11 may comprise a pair of strings 13 and 14 preferably made of cotton or any other suitable textile material, and a thin flexible pliant wire 15 made of copper or any other suit-

able metal. One of the strings 13 or 14 is preferably disposed alongside of the wire 15 and said string and wire are twisted together about the other cotton string. The twisted strings and wire serve to grip the central portions of the strips 12. Preferably, the strips 12 are distributed along the length of the core in bunches as illustrated in Fig. 2. Said strips 12 may be made of any suitable, transparent, non-metallic, flexible, glittering sheet material such as cellophane or the like nitro-cellulose substance. Said strips are preferably narrow, elongated and thin. Since such strips are not stiff or rigid, a touselled effect is produced, thus causing the reflecting surfaces to be disposed in many directions. The metallic sheen of the strips 12 and the multi-directional arrangement thereof providing reflecting surfaces at various and numerous angles, produce a shimmering effect simulating metallic tinsel. If desired, the strips 12 may be made of colored cellophane and portions of the piece of material 10 may be made of differently colored strips 12 to produce a highly attractive iridescent effect. Also if desired strips of other colored material such as paper may be combined with the strips of cellophane. The material 10 may be used for Christmas decoration, such as wreaths or for decorating rooms or for other like purposes.

In making said material 10, a broad ribbon of cellophane may first be cut into a plurality of narrow elongated strips which may then be wound in bunches on spools. The spools may then be mounted on a usual tinsel or chenille making machine, such for example as illustrated in Patent No. 817965, issued April 17th, 1906 to Eversman. The copper wire 15 is preferably disposed alongside one of the cotton strings and twisted therewith about the other cotton string, to prevent untwisting of the cotton strings and to tightly grip the cellophane strips 12, during the manufacture of said material 10. When light strikes the piece 10, the transparency of the strips 12 as well as the reflecting qualities and the sheen thereof causes an iridescence and shimmering which is highly attractive. A cheap, non-metallic and yet

highly attractive ornamental material is thus produced suitable for a large variety of decorative purposes.

It will thus be seen that there is provided  
5 a device in which the several objects of this invention are achieved, and which is well adapted to meet the conditions of practical use.

As various possible embodiments might be  
10 made of the above invention, and as various changes might be made in the embodiment above set forth, it is to be understood that all matter herein set forth or shown in the accompanying drawing is to be interpreted  
15 as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:—

1. A strip of decorative material comprising  
20 ing a central core and a plurality of radially extending strips of transparent, nitro-cellulose compound disposed along the length of the core.

2. A strip of decorative material comprising  
25 ing a central core and a plurality of radially extending strips of cellophane disposed along the length of the core.

3. A decorative material comprising an elongated central core, and outwardly extending  
30 ing strips made of transparent nitro-cellulose disposed along the length of said core.

4. A decorative material comprising an elongated flexible core and a plurality of narrow strips of cellophane extending therefrom  
35 and disposed along the length of the core.

5. A decorative material comprising an elongated flexible core and a plurality of narrow strips of cellophane extending therefrom and disposed along the length of the core,  
40 said strips extending in various angular positions with respect to the core.

6. An elongated decorative material comprising a string made of textile material and a thin flexible, pliant metal wire disposed  
45 alongside said string and twisted about another string made of textile material, and a plurality of narrow, transparent, flexible strips having reflecting surfaces, gripped at intermediate portions thereof by said twisted  
50 strings and wire.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.  
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