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Fig. 1

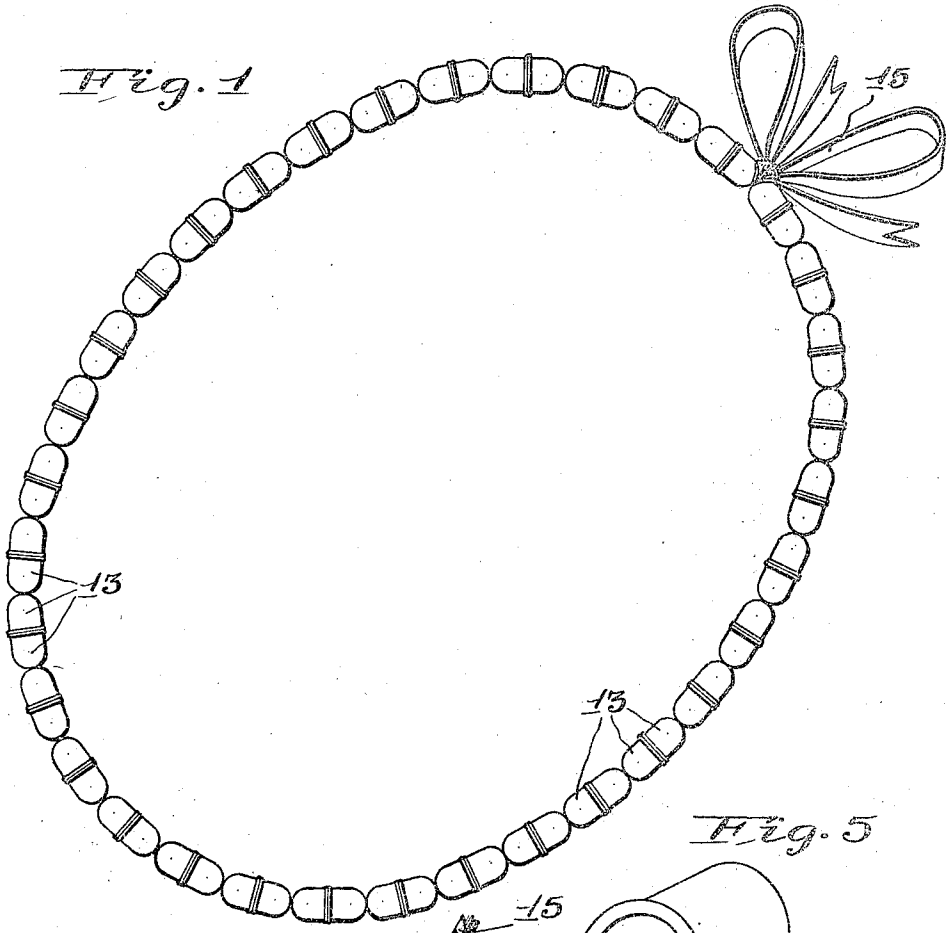
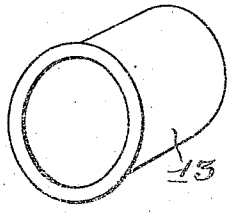


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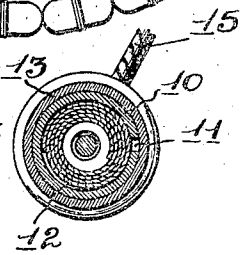
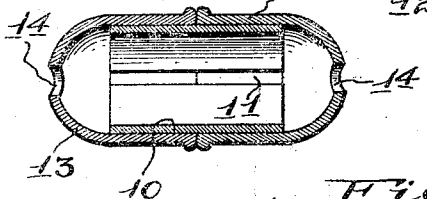


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Fig. 2



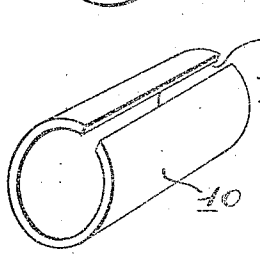
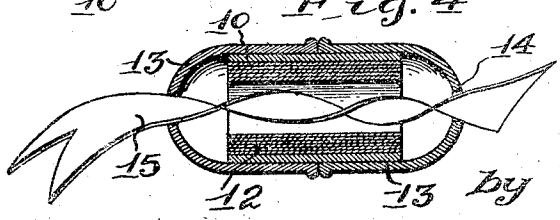


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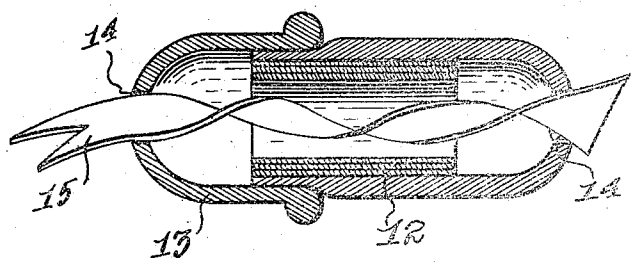
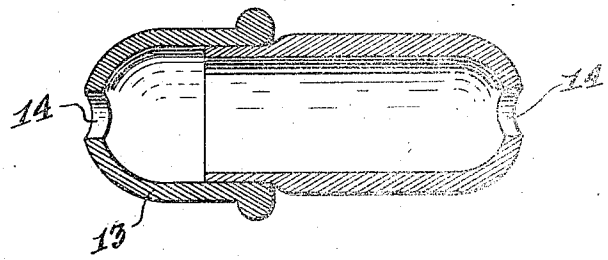


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY B. PRATT, a citizen of the United States, residing in St. Paul, in the county of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, have invented new and useful Improvements in Beads for Necklaces and Similar Articles, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to produce a composite bead, the parts of which may be easily assembled or separated, and when assembled to inclose a scroll or roll of paper, or the like, adapted to be inscribed with an autograph, date, quotation, or sentiment to be preserved as a memento of friendship or affection.

It is a further object of my invention to provide beads having end caps, one or both of which are removable, said caps having axially arranged eyes therein through which a ribbon or cord may be threaded.

In use, these beads will be strung upon a cord or ribbon, and each will be in effect a casket to inclose a token from a friend; the string of beads as a whole being intended to form an article of personal adornment which will also serve in lieu of an autograph album or memory book.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of a necklace made up of my improved beads; Fig. 2 is an enlarged central longitudinal sectional view of a single bead, Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view of the same, showing a roll of paper in said bead and a cord passing therethrough; Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 2, showing the scroll and ribbon in place; Fig. 5 is an enlarged perspective view of one of the caps or ends; Fig. 6 is an enlarged perspective view of the cylinder which preferably forms the body of the bead; Fig. 7 is an enlarged longitudinal sectional view of a modification of my bead formed with one cap integral with the cylinder; and Fig. 8 is a view similar to Fig. 7 showing the scroll and ribbon in place.

Referring to the drawings, I have used the reference numeral 10 to indicate a cylinder which is formed with a longitudinal kerf 11 adapting it to be compressed circumferentially. This cylinder incloses a scroll 12 which is rolled to fit within said cylinder, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. A pair of identical caps 13 fit snugly over the ends of the cylinder and are yieldingly held by frictional engagement therewith. One of these caps may be made integral with the cylinder, though I prefer to have both separable therefrom. Each cap has an eye 14 centrally arranged with respect to the cylinder to permit the threading of a bead upon a ribbon, cord, or chain 15. It will be noted (Fig. 4) that the ribbon upon which the beads are strung passes through the scroll without interference therewith. Should the recipient of a bead desire to inspect or display its contents, one or both the caps 13 may be readily removed, when the scroll may be taken from the cylinder and any inscription thereon may be read.

I have described the best mode in which I contemplate applying the principle of my invention, but it is obvious that the parts thereof may be modified in structure without departing from the spirit of such invention.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent, is:

1. A bead formed with a single cylindrical cavity having a thin outer wall, and end caps perforated at the axis of the bead, one of said caps being removable.

2. A bead comprising a cylinder with a longitudinal kerf therein, a scroll in the cylinder and caps to cover the ends thereof, said caps having eyes therein to receive a ribbon and direct the same axially through the scroll.

3. A series of beads, each comprising a cylinder having end caps, one of which is removable, eyes formed in the axial centers of said caps, a scroll disposed within the cylinder, and a ribbon passing through the eyes in the caps and through the center of the scroll.

4. A continuous series of substantially identical beads, each having a single cylindrical cavity disposed immediately within the outer wall of the bead, removable caps for the beads, each cap formed with a central eye smaller in diameter than said cavity but registering therewith and a flexible band passing through said eyes and cavities.

Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name to this specification.

HENRY B. PRATT.

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