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SHOW CARD.

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Fig. 1.

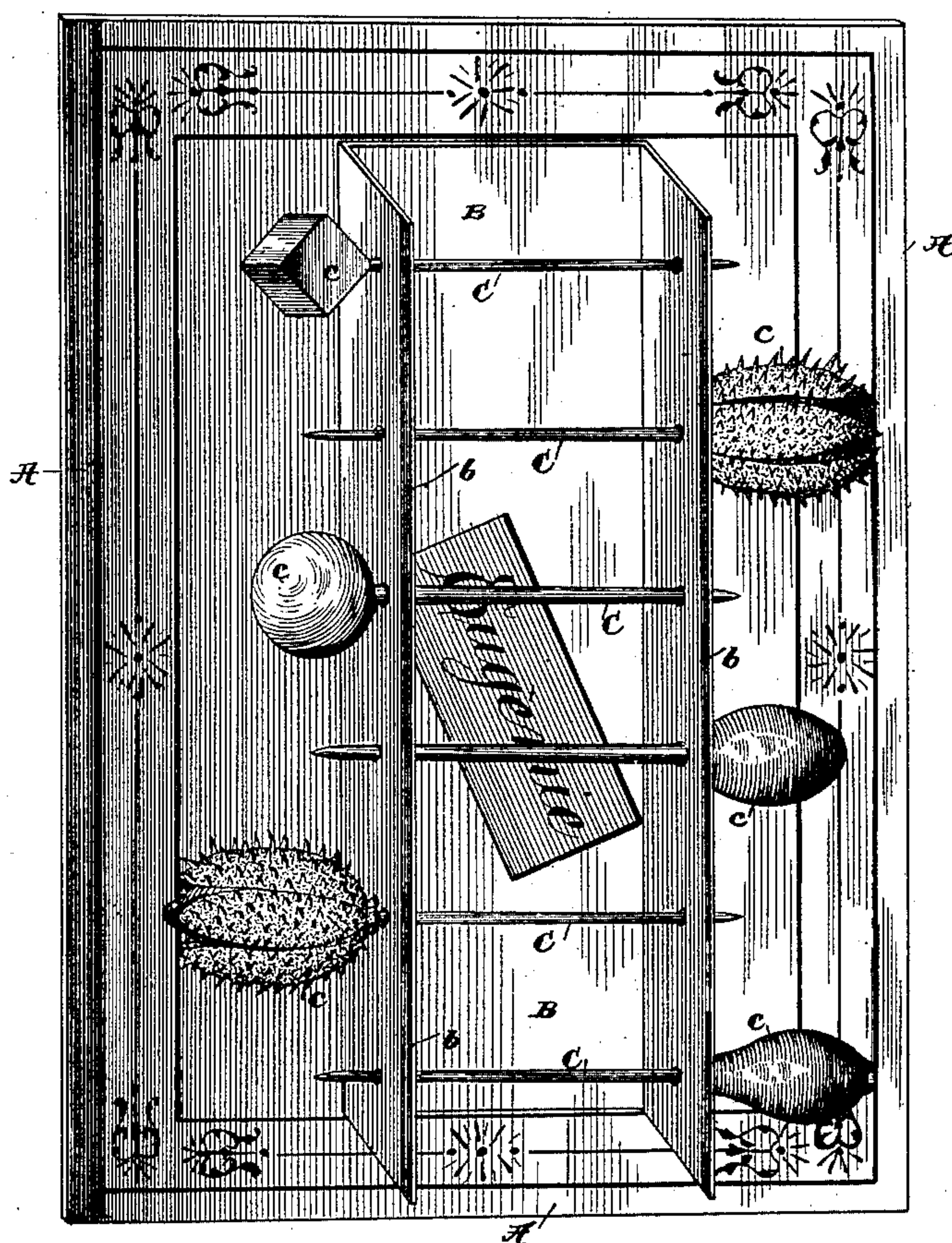
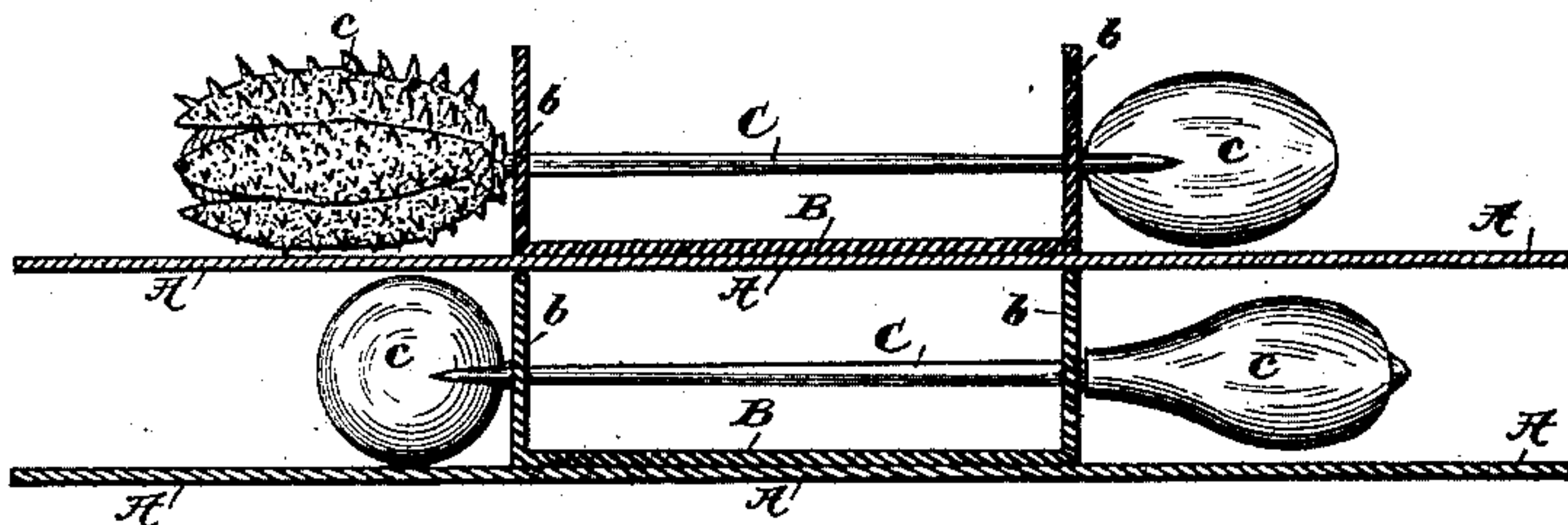


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN F. ADAMS, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, county of New York, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Show-Cards, fully described and represented in the following specification and the accompanying drawings, forming a part of the same.

This invention relates to a card which is especially designed for use for holding that class of large pins which are used principally for trimming and fastening ladies' hats and bonnets, and which are provided with large ornamental heads, the heads being in many instances either of such form or material that they will become broken or damaged if subjected to any considerable pressure. These pins, the same as ordinary pins, have heretofore been placed for exhibition and for the purpose of packing upon ordinary flat cards; but when the pins were placed upon such cards it was necessary, owing to the size of the pins, and particularly the great size of the heads of the pins, to bend the card considerably, and this so distorted the card that it did not display the pins to good advantage. Aside from this, the heads of the pins pressed against the card, and when the cards were packed in boxes one above another the upper card rested directly upon the heads of the pins on the lower cards, so that the pin-heads, if they were made, as is frequently the case, of fragile material, were liable to become damaged.

It is the object of the present invention to provide a card for receiving this class of pins which shall be so constructed that it will receive the pins without becoming destroyed, and thus exhibit them in a more attractive manner, and which shall also be so constructed that when a number of the cards are packed one above another in a box, as for storage or shipment, the heads of the pins will be protected from becoming damaged.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of one of the cards constructed according to the present invention, showing a number of the ornamental pins of the class referred to arranged thereon; and Fig. 2 is a cross-section of two of the cards placed one upon the other, as they will be when packed for storage or shipment.

Referring to said figures, it is to be under-

stood that the body of the card, or the card proper, consists of a piece of pasteboard or other suitable material, A, of rectangular or other suitable form, and provided with any suitable ornamentation to give it an attractive appearance. Secured to the face of this card is a second piece of similar material, B, which is bent so as to provide two flanges, *b*, which project outward at or substantially at right angles to the card A, and which are of a width equal to or somewhat more than the thickness of the heads of the pins. The flanges *b* may of course be made of separate pieces of material secured to the face of the card A in any suitable manner; but it will usually be preferable to make them of a single piece bent to the form shown in the present case. With a card thus constructed, the pins C are inserted through the two flanges, as shown, so that their heads *c* lie upon the outsides of the flanges and above the margins of the card A.

It will be seen that when the card is thus constructed and the pins are thus applied to the card, the card A remains in its original flat condition, and the heads *c* of the pins do not rest or rub against the card, but stand well out from it, so as to be displayed to the best possible advantage. The flanges *b* also serve, as will be seen by reference to Fig. 2, to protect the heads of the pins when the cards are packed one above another in the boxes for storage or shipment, as they prevent the upper cards from resting upon or coming into contact with the heads of the pins in the card or cards beneath.

What I claim is—

The herein-described show-card for ornamental pins, consisting of a flat card, A, provided with the flanges *b*, made of a separate piece or pieces of material, and secured to the card A, and extending at or substantially at right angles thereto, and adapted to receive the pins C, the flanges *b* being of such width as to protect the heads of the pins, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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