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CURTAIN HOLDER OR POMPON.

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Fig. 1

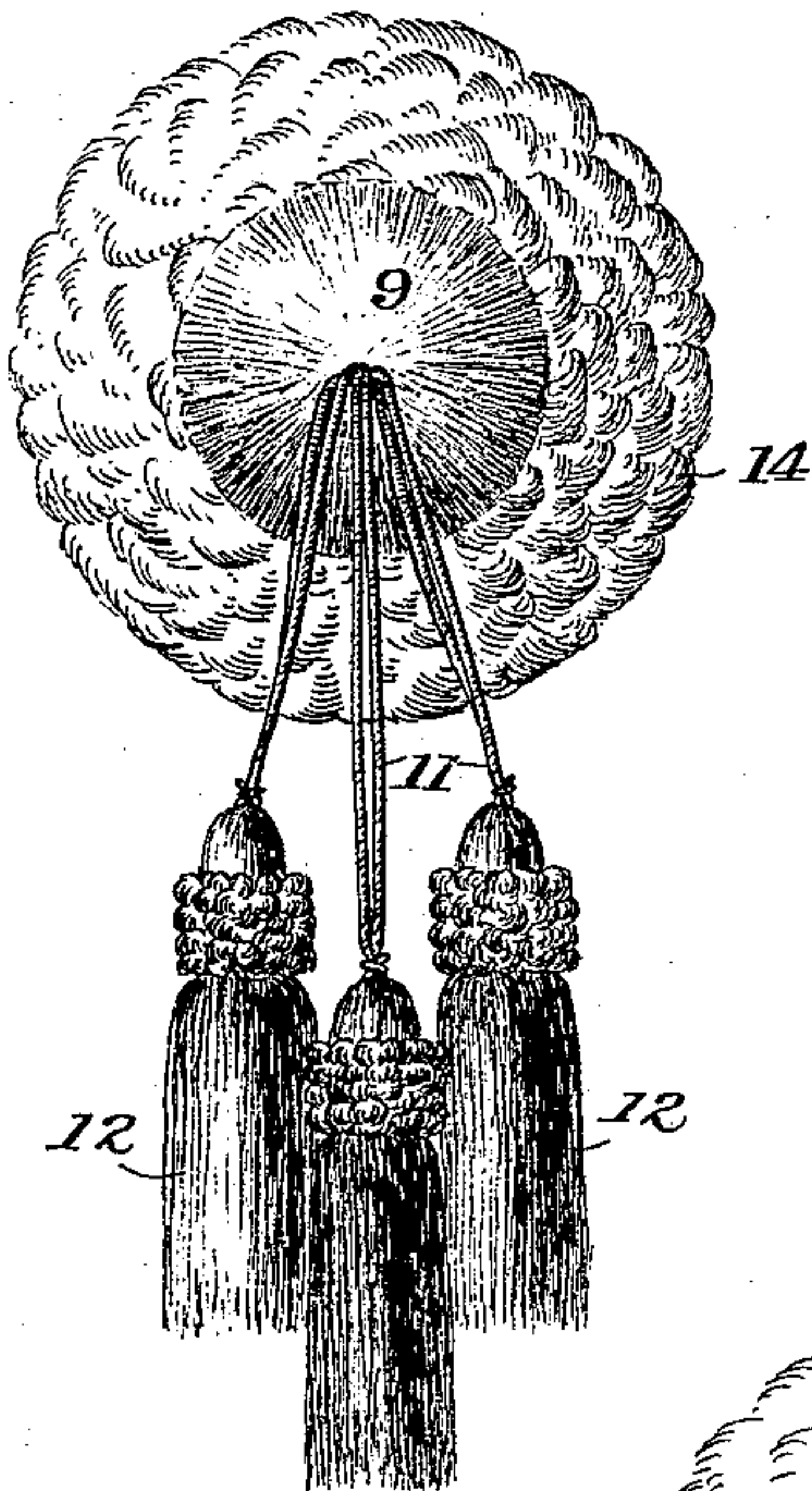


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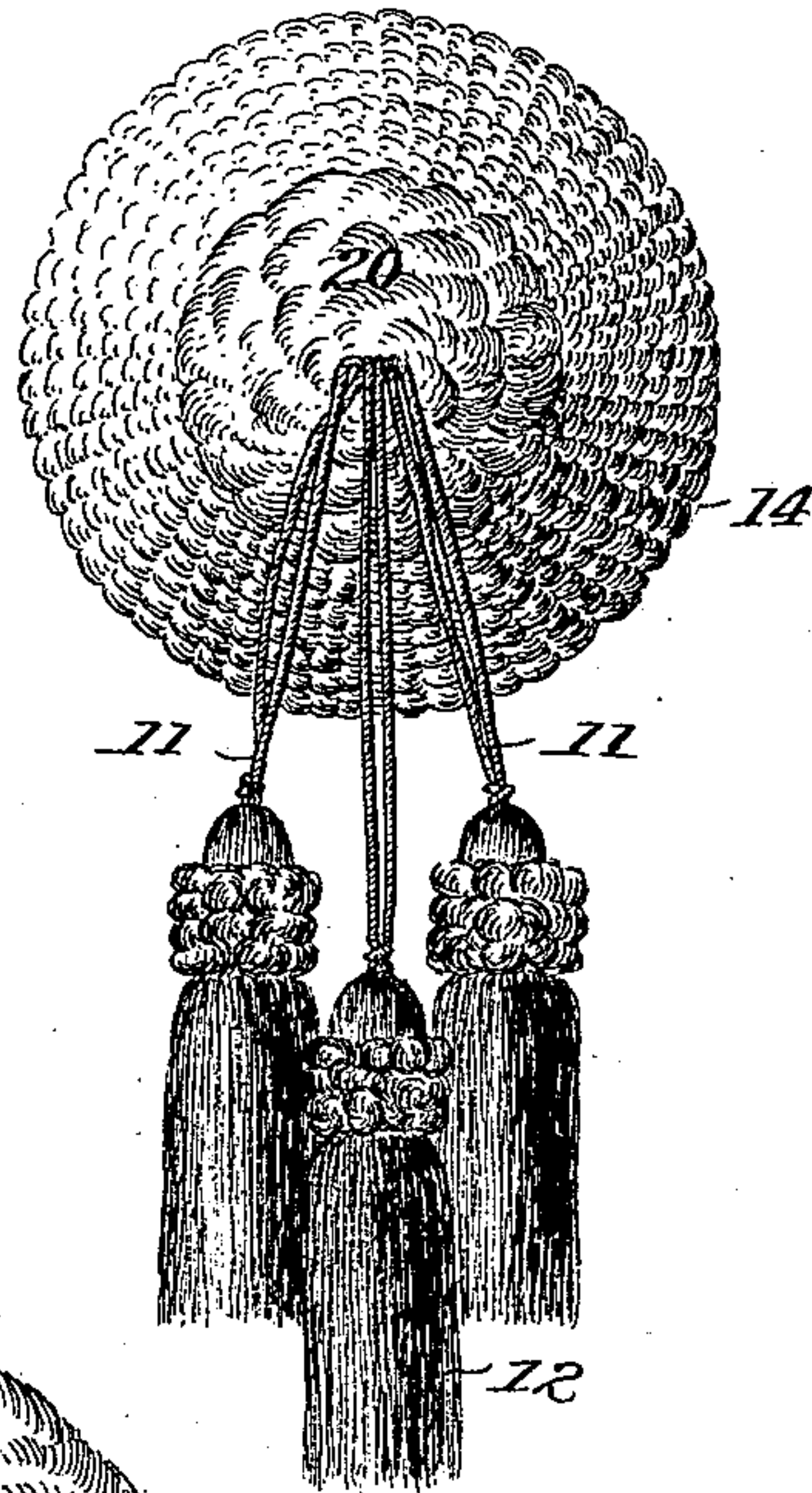


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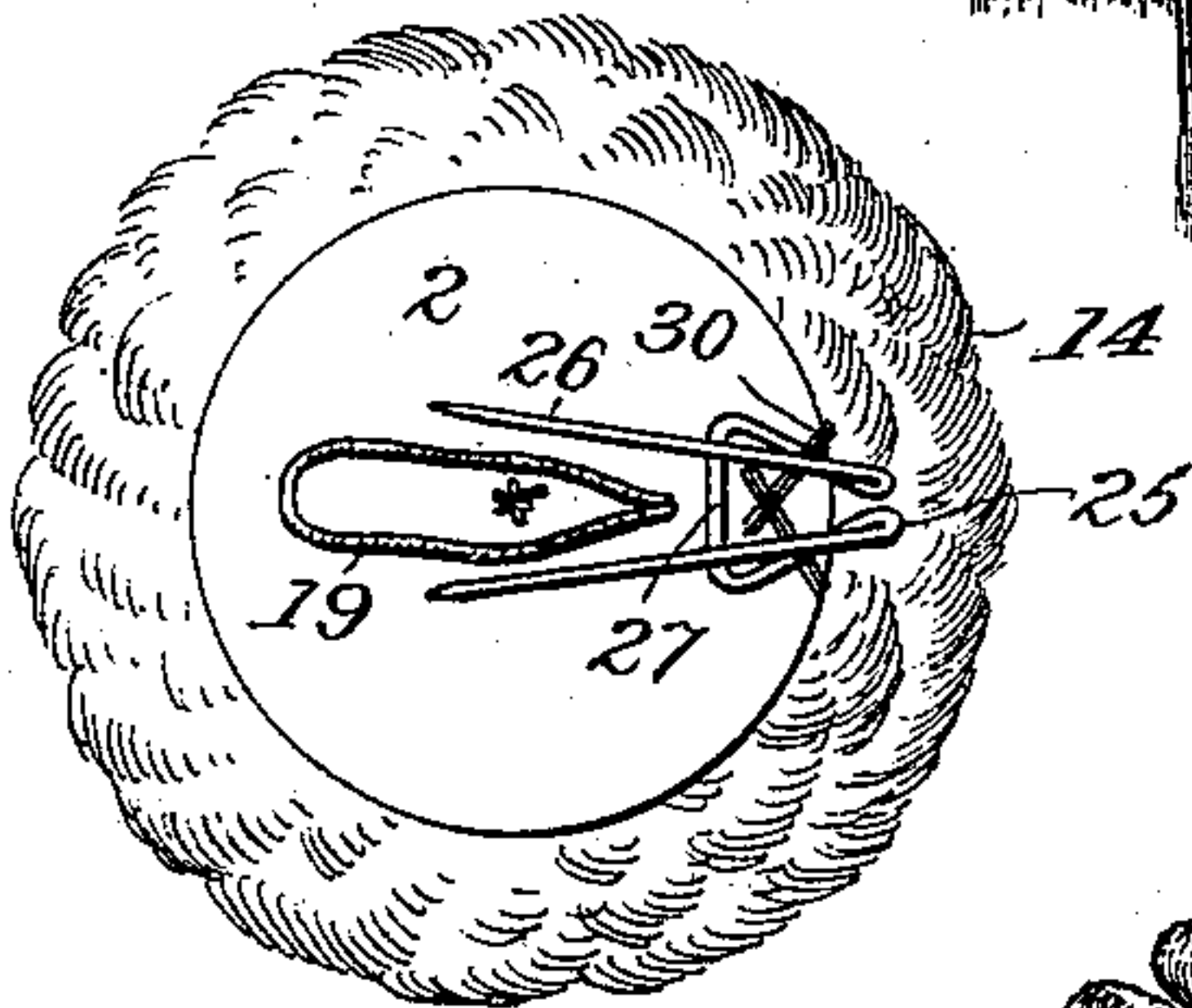


Fig. 2

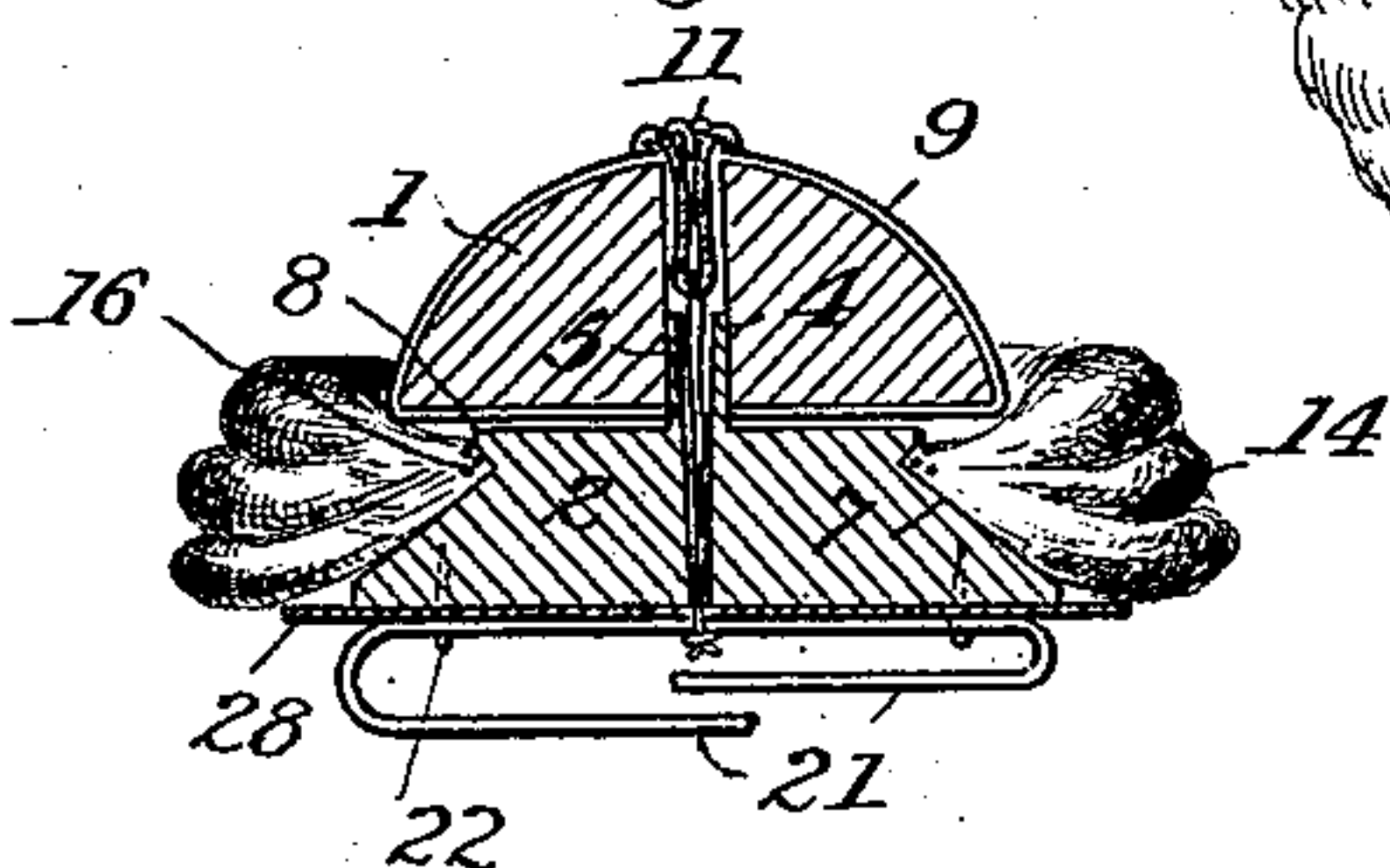


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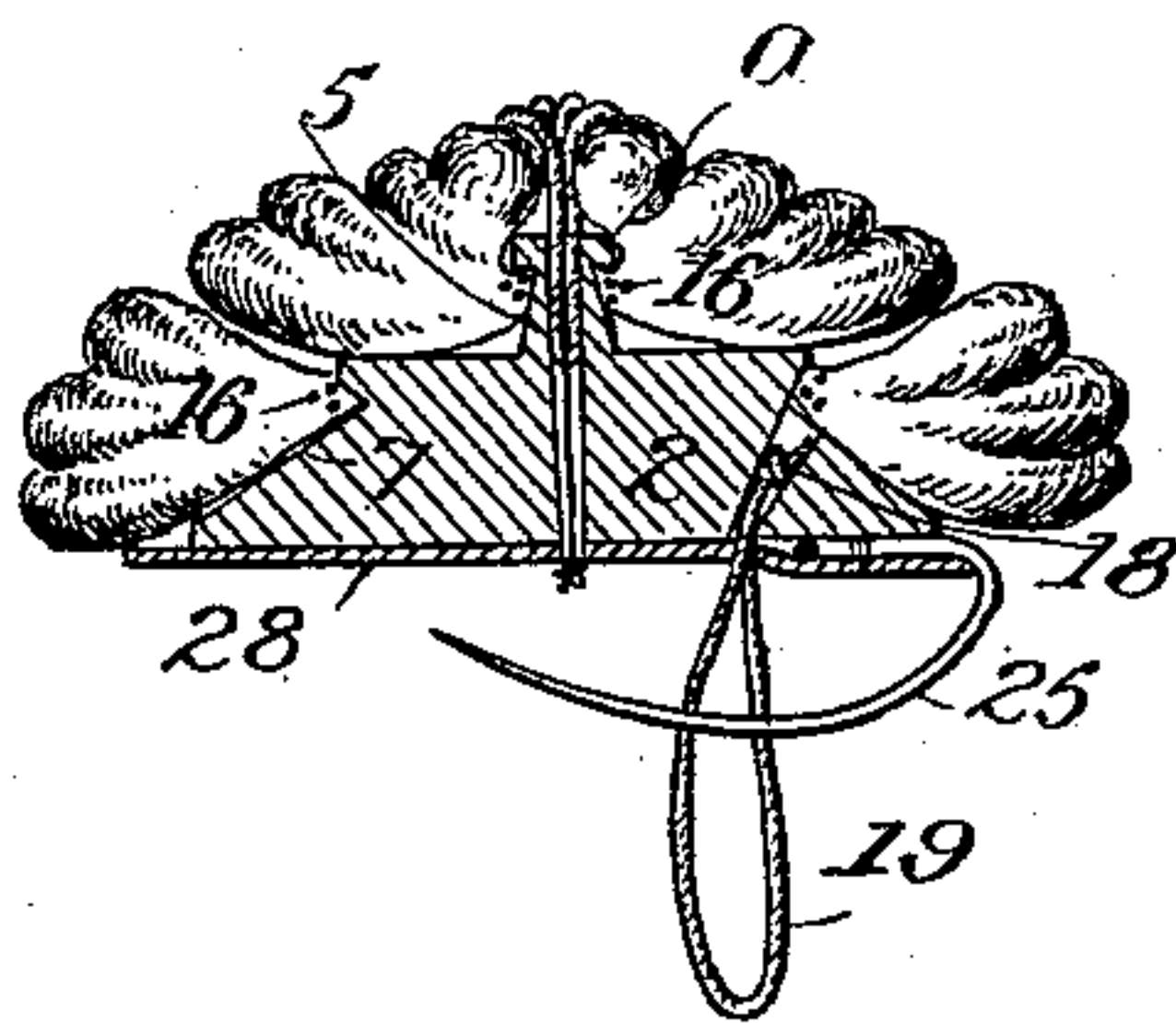


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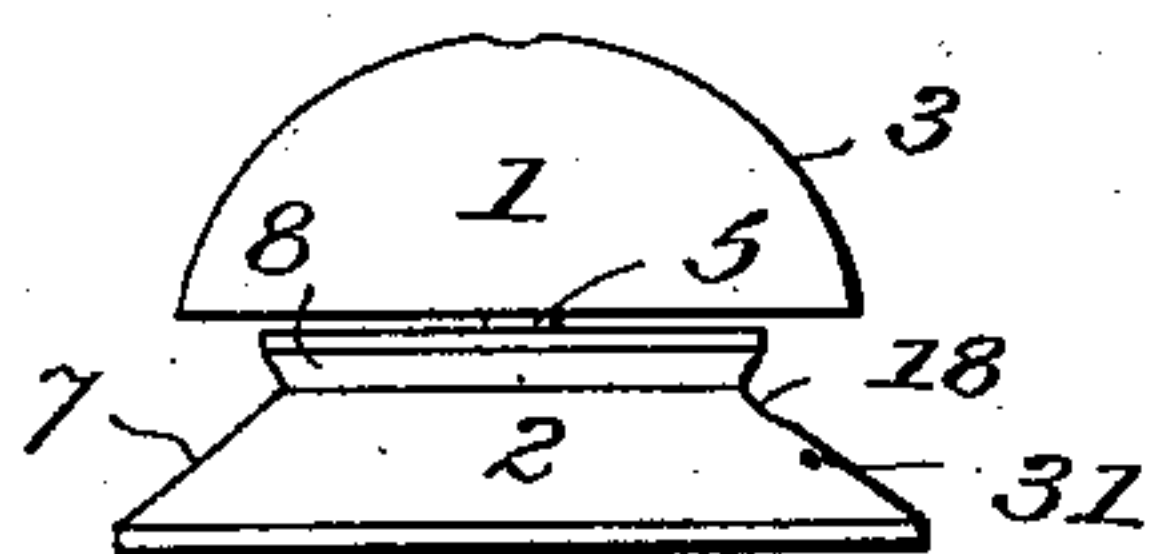


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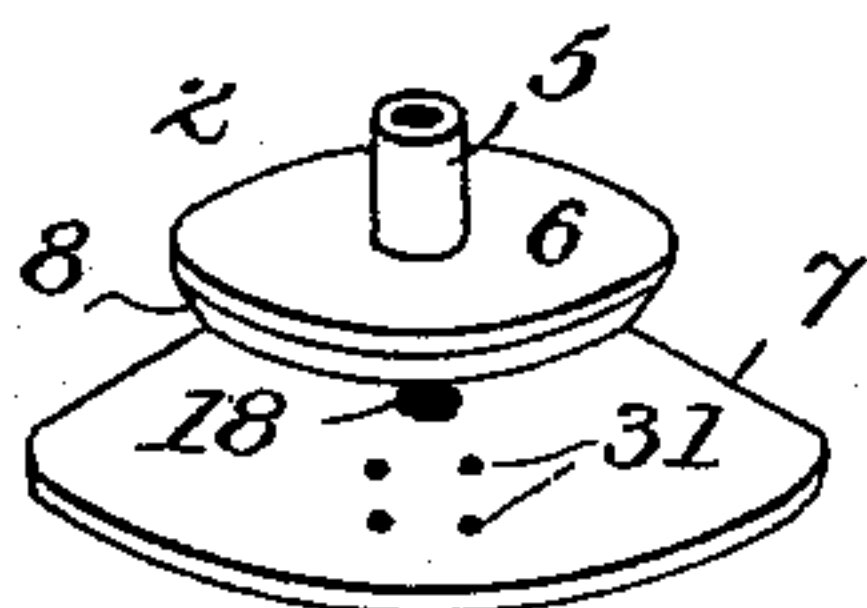


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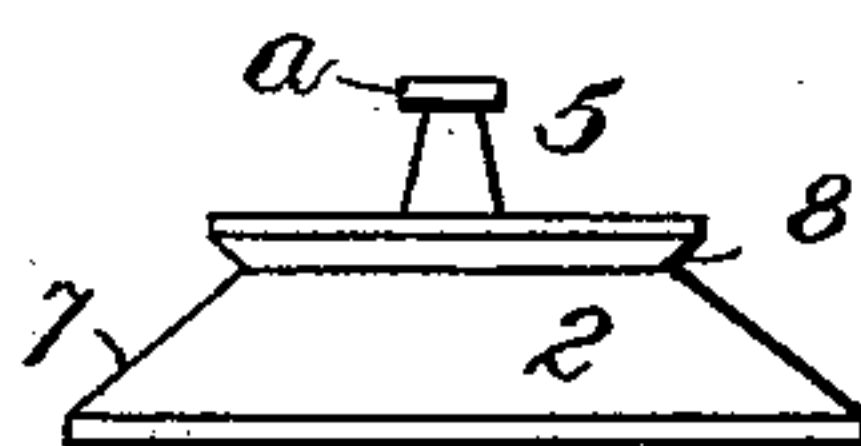


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CURTAIN-HOLDER OR POMPON.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ALBERT CHRISTIAN OEHRLE and FRANKLIN WASHINGTON OEHRLE, citizens of the United States, residing in the city of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Curtain-Holders or Pompons, of which the following is a specification.

10 This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in holders or pompons for draping and festooning purposes, and it consists substantially in such features thereof, as will hereinafter be more particularly described.

15 The invention has for its object to provide a holder or pompon which can be quickly and readily applied to portières, lambrequins and curtains, and all similar draperies in such manner as to hold the same to the festooning or folds to which they may be drawn or brought.

20 The invention also has for its object to provide a holder or pompon for draperies which will hold the drapery with no tendency of either the holder or drapery to sag or hang loosely; and one that will accommodate all thicknesses of goods or fabrics without having to gather up too much of the material.

30 A still further object is to provide a device of the character referred to which is easily manufactured into a great many very beautiful ornamental designs or shapes at comparatively little cost or expense, all as will hereinafter more fully appear when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which—

40 Figure 1, represents a top or plan view of a pompon or holder constructed in accordance with our invention. Fig. 2, is a central, transverse, sectional view, the same representing one manner or form of fastening or attachment. Fig. 3, is a similar view to Fig. 1, but representing a slightly different form of pompon or holder. Fig. 4, is a bottom plan view of Fig. 3, and representing the preferred form of fastening or attachment by which the folds of drapery are held in place after being gathered and the pompon supported in place upon the drapery. Fig. 5, is a transverse, sectional view of Fig. 4, taken about centrally there-

through. Fig. 6, is a side view of the core or filler for the pompon or holder. Fig. 7, is a view in perspective of one form of filler employed in the construction of the pompon, 55 illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2. Fig. 8, is a detail view of the fastening or attachment. Fig. 9, is a detail view in side elevation of the core or filler employed in the form of pompon shown in Figs. 3 and 5. 60

In carrying our invention into effect, and to produce the pompon or holder illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, we employ the two-part core or filler illustrated in Figs. 6 and 7, and designated by the numerals 1 and 2, respectively. 65

As will be observed, the upper part 1, is of oval or semispherical contour 3, but it is evident that the particular shape thereof could be altered or changed in accordance with any suitable or preferred design which it might 70 be intended the same should have. This said upper part 1, of the two-part core or filler is formed with a central vertical opening 4, into which partly extends the short hollow stem 5, which projects upwardly from the upper 75 surface 6, of the lower part 2, of said core or filler. The main body of the said lower part 2, could in like manner be made of any particular or preferred configuration, but preferably in addition to the hollow stem, the 80 same is formed or provided with beveled sides 7, which terminate at the top with a slightly reversely tapered neck portion 8, which portion, it will be observed, is slightly less in diameter than the base of the upper semi- 85 spherical part 1, of the said core or filler. The two parts of the core or filler are united by fitting the upper part upon the stem of the lower part, as shown, and it is of course evident that the tuft work or rosettes or tassels 90 may be built or secured upon the outer surfaces of the core or filler in any preferred way.

As herein represented in Figs. 1 and 2, the outer surface of the upper part of the core or filler of the pompon or holder is spun over 95 with fine silk, indicated at 9, so as to give to the center of the pompon a centrally rounded projecting portion of fine finish. It is of course apparent that any suitable silk or material might be employed, and in festoon 100 work where a great number of pompons would be employed, it is of course evident that a

great many different variations could be resorted to which would give a most pleasing effect. As shown also in Figs. 1 and 2, the cords 11, of the tassels 12, are suitably twisted together and inserted down through the center of the core or filler and their ends secured either by forming a knot therein, or by stitching or in any other suitable preferred way. The remaining construction of the pompon or holder, as illustrated in the figures of the drawings being discussed, is accomplished by securing around the side of the lower part 2, of the core or filler any preferred style or design of tufting or knit work, such as is indicated at 14. It is likewise evident that the character of this surrounding knit-work or tufting can be varied or altered in any manner desired, and also that the means of securing the same upon the core or filler could be varied to a very great extent. Preferably in some instances for this latter purpose, we employ a small wire 16, which is so wrapped within the ornamental work of the pompon as to be invisible. Again, in other instances, the tufting or knit work might be secured upon the filler by a mucilage or cement, but we have found the wire fastening to answer extremely well in most cases.

As will be seen with each form of core or filler employed herein or represented, the part 2, is constructed with an opening 18, entering the same from one side where it is enlarged, and extending through the core or filler in a diagonal direction, and terminating at the bottom of the latter in a very small opening, since the said opening 18, is conical or tapering. Through this opening we pass the loop end of a silken or other cord 19, and draw the same through the smaller end of said opening, the ends of the loop 19, being knotted so as to be prevented from being withdrawn through the opening. This said loop 19, is of course at the back of the pompon or holder and when the drapery upon which the pompon is employed is folded or gathered together, and caught and held by the fastening hereinafter referred to, the said loop serves to suspend the drapery and pompon in place by simply catching the same upon a hook or other device for the purpose.

To produce the construction of pompon or holder of the form represented in Figs. 3 and 4, we simply leave off the upper part of the core or filler, and cover the lower part 2, with tuft work of any desired character, and such as is shown in the figures referred to, and we construct the upper end of the hollow stem with a burr or cap *a*, so as to prevent the tufting from coming off. Thus, in Fig. 3, to conceal the upper surface of the said lower part 2, of the core or filler, a rosette 20, is used, while the cords 11, and tassels 12, of Figs. 1 and 2, are employed in the manner already explained. The pompon or holder of this last form described is in all material respects the same as the other form or construction, and in like manner as with the other, it will

be understood that the particular form of the tufting or rosette may be varied or altered at will.

In order to provide for supporting the holder or pompon in place upon the drapery as well also as to provide for holding the drapery together when drawn up or festooned in the manner desired, we provide on the rear side of the pompon or holder, a suitable fastening device which may be made or constructed in various ways. Thus, for instance, as represented in Fig. 2, a covered strip of lead or tin 21, is passed beneath or through small staples 22, fastened in the part 2, of the core or filler, the ends of said strip being turned over or brought together in such manner that when the folds of the fabric or drapery are gathered together and placed between the ends of the strip, the latter is then bent together and flattened so as to exert a hold upon the fabric or drapery. In this way the pompon or holder can be made to assume the desired position, while the folds of the fabric or drapery will be tastefully and correctly held to the shape or position to which they may have been brought. This form of fastening has been found very serviceable and effective, but it is evident that different forms might be resorted to according to the particular requirements. The advantage derived therefrom is that the folds of drapery can be placed or inserted between or under the ends of the fastener, and the latter pressed together tightly, which obviates all marks and pin-holes, even with heavy fabrics.

In Figs. 4 and 5, we have shown another form of fastening, which is preferable in other instances to the one just described. This second construction referred to consists of a double pointed spring hook 25, (see Fig. 8,) which is formed by bending together a piece of wire in such manner as to form the two curved members 26, and the spread shank 27, turned under or beneath the hooks in such manner that the same is readily fitted between the under side of the lower part 2, of the core or filler, (the construction being common to both forms of pompon herein shown) and a covering or backing 28, pasted or otherwise attached to said under side of the core, the said spring hook fastening being firmly held in place by a series of cross stitches 30, passed through suitable openings 31, in the part 2, for the purpose, such stitching of course being also passed or carried through and around the portion of the spring fastening constituting the shank thereof hereinbefore referred to. This latterly described fastening or means of attachment is very simple and one that has been found quite useful and effective, although if desired the pin could be held in place by staples, and by virtue of the curved direction of the members 26, of the pin the folds of drapery or fabric are held by inserting the said members or hooks into the fabric or drapery.

The backing 28, herein referred to is of

course not an essential to either of the constructions herein described and shown, but in order to give that finish and neatness to the pompon which is desired, we preferably employ the same in most instances.

It is thought from the foregoing description, together with the accompanying illustrations that the construction and arrangement of our improved pompon or holder will be fully understood, and without limiting ourselves to the precise details as herein set forth

We claim—

1. A pompon or holder for draperies, the same comprising a two-part core or filler, each part being formed or provided with a central opening and covered with suitable tufting, a tassel having a cord passing through said openings and secured therein, a suspending loop fastened in the side of the lower part of said holder, and the fastening device comprising the double curved hooks having the spread or widened shank, the latter being secured to said lower part by means of stitching, substantially as shown and for the purpose described.

2. A pompon or holder for draperies, the same comprising a core or filler having a conical opening extending through the side there-

of, with its smaller end terminating on the under side of the filler, a cord or loop inserted through said opening and having its ends knotted, tufting laid upon said core or filling, and a wire securing the same in place, and a suitable fastening device for attaching the pompon to the drapery, substantially as described.

3. A pompon or holder for draperies, the same comprising a core or filler having a conical opening extending through the side thereof, with its smaller end terminating on the under side of the filler, a cord or loop inserted through said opening and having its ends knotted, tufting laid upon said core or filler, and the fastening device comprising the double-curved hooks and the spread shank, and stitching securing said device to the core or filler, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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