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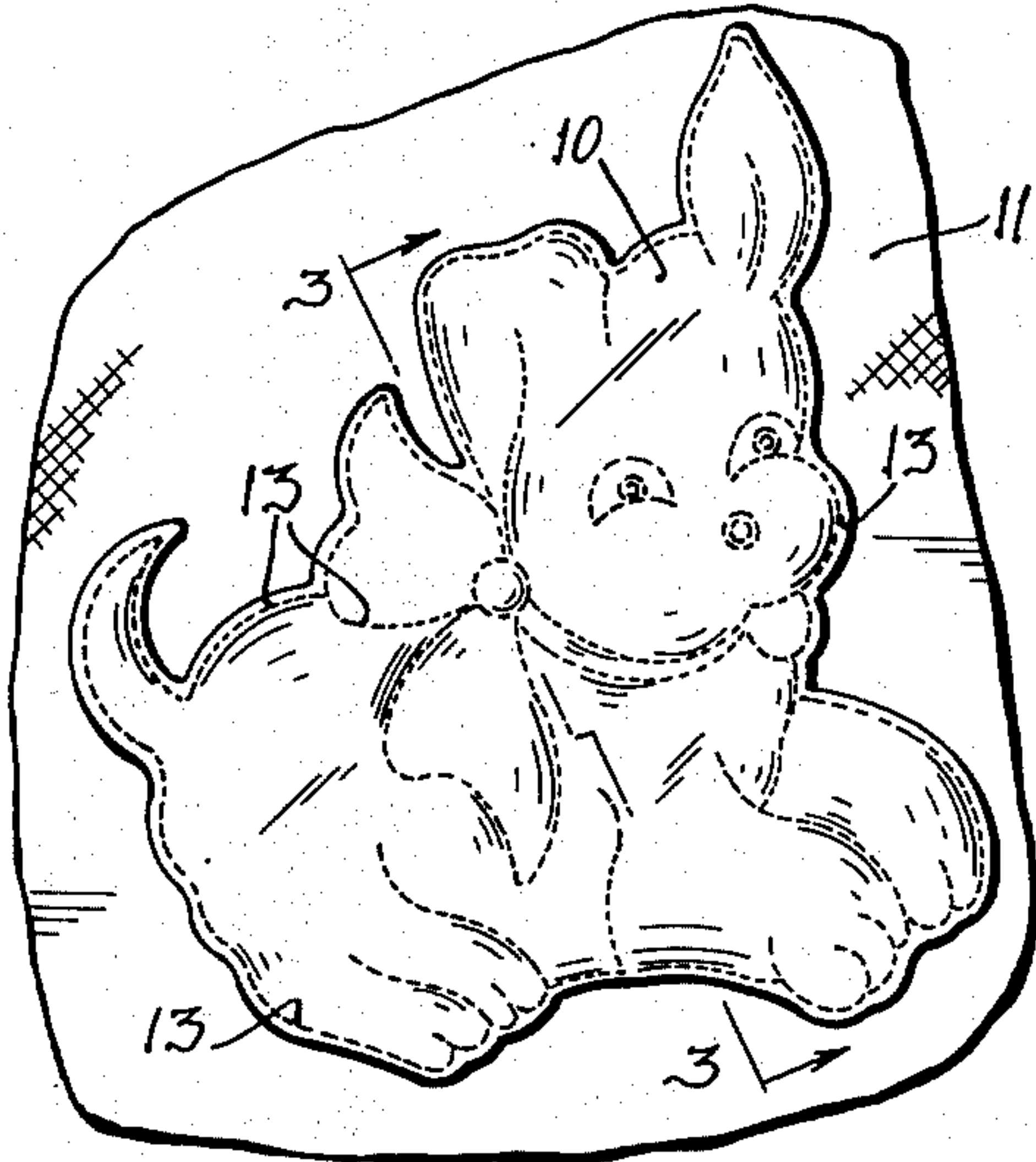


FIG. 1.

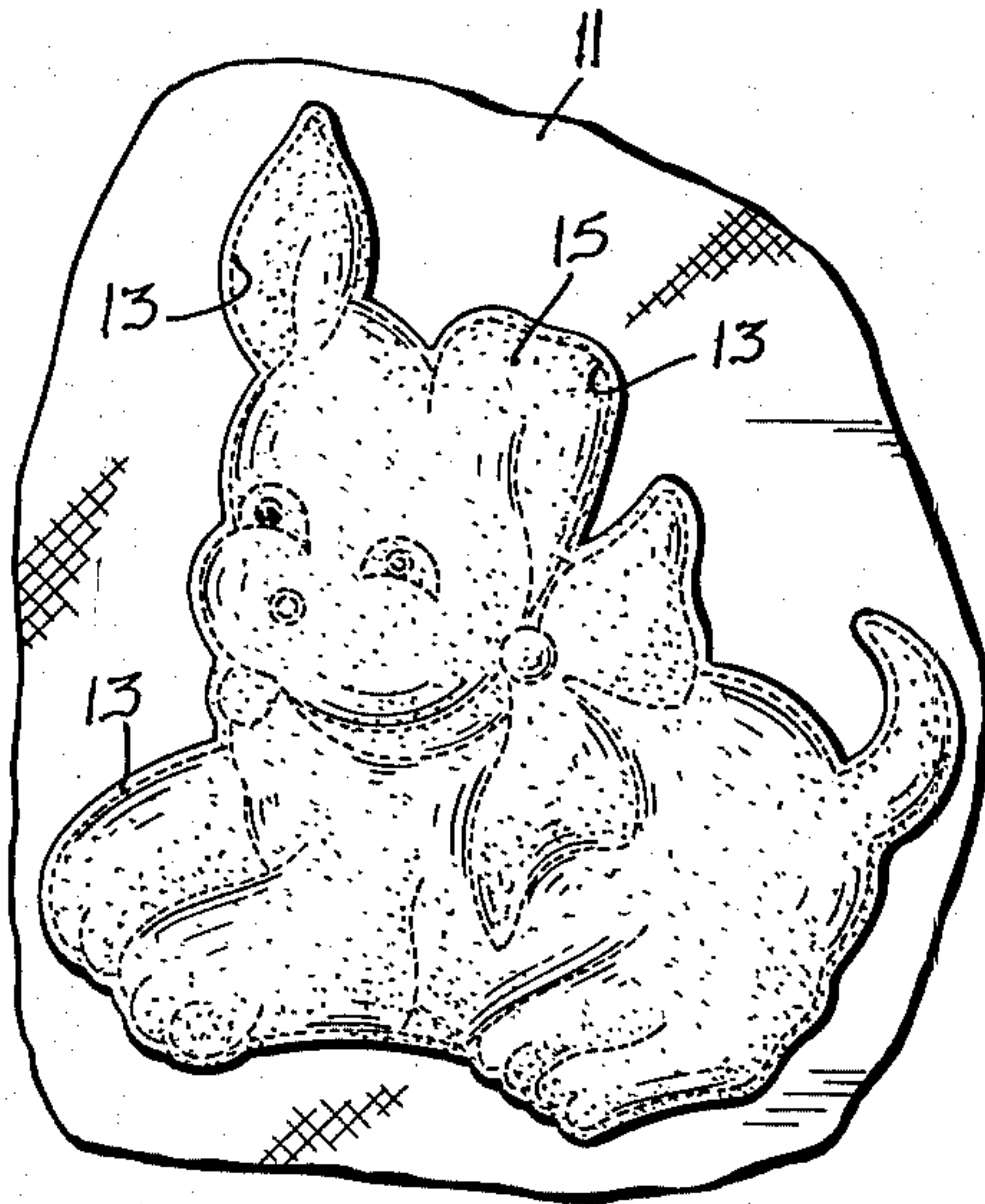


FIG. 2.

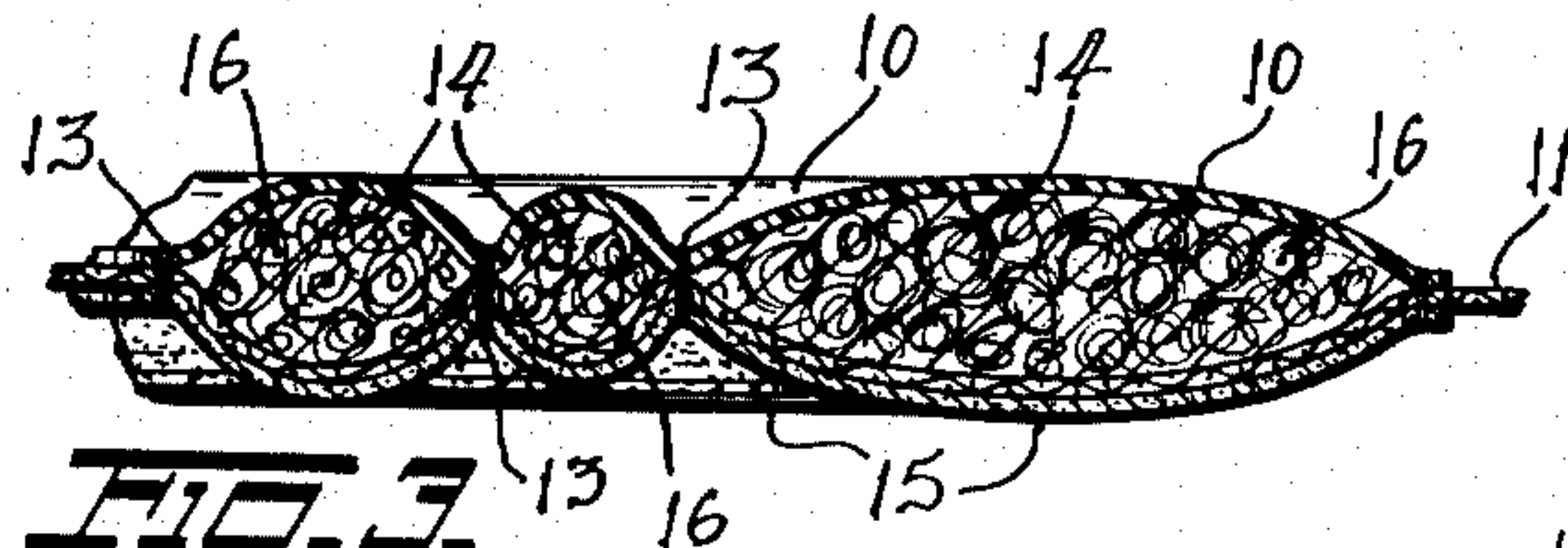


FIG. 3.

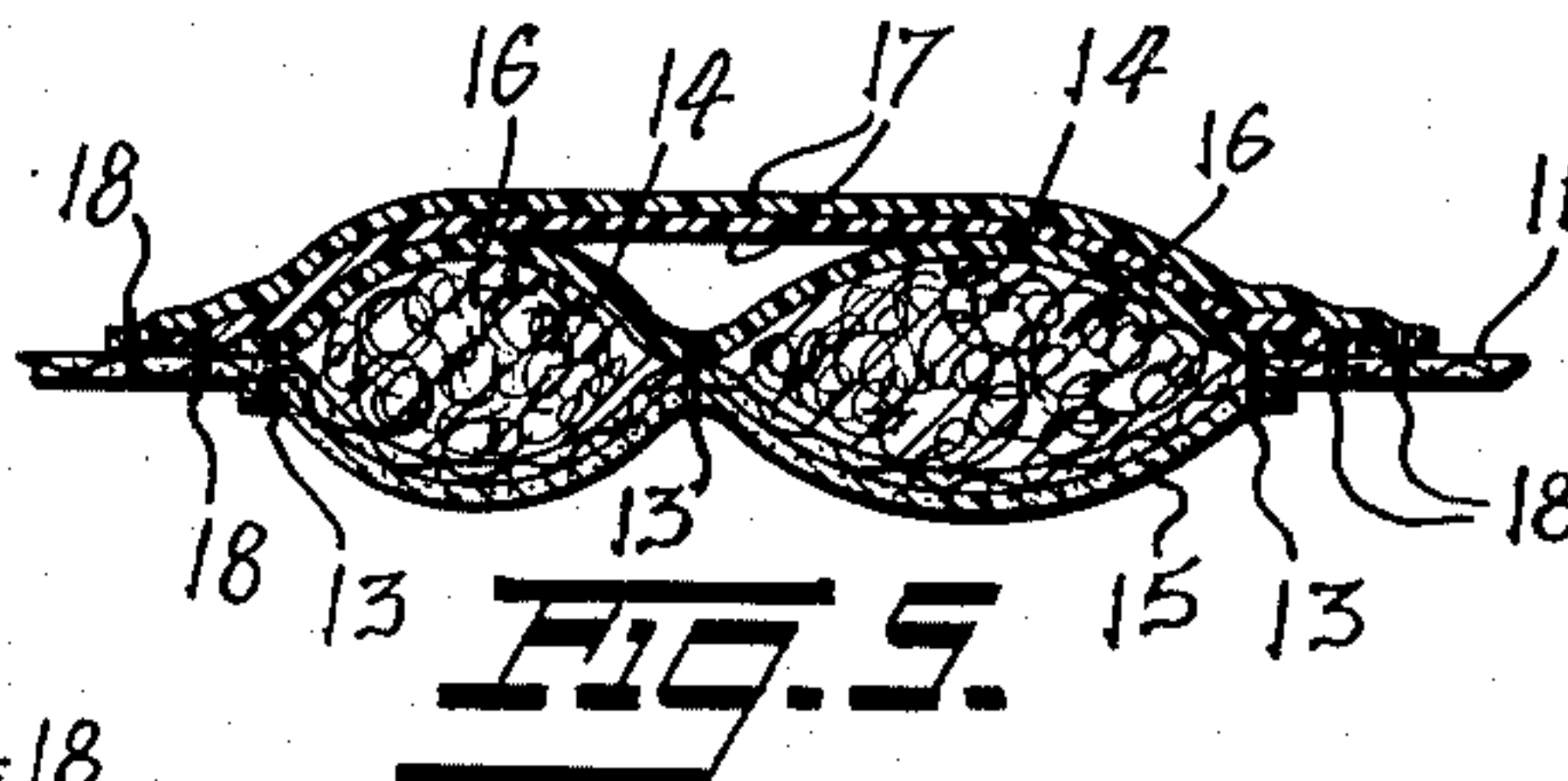


FIG. 5.

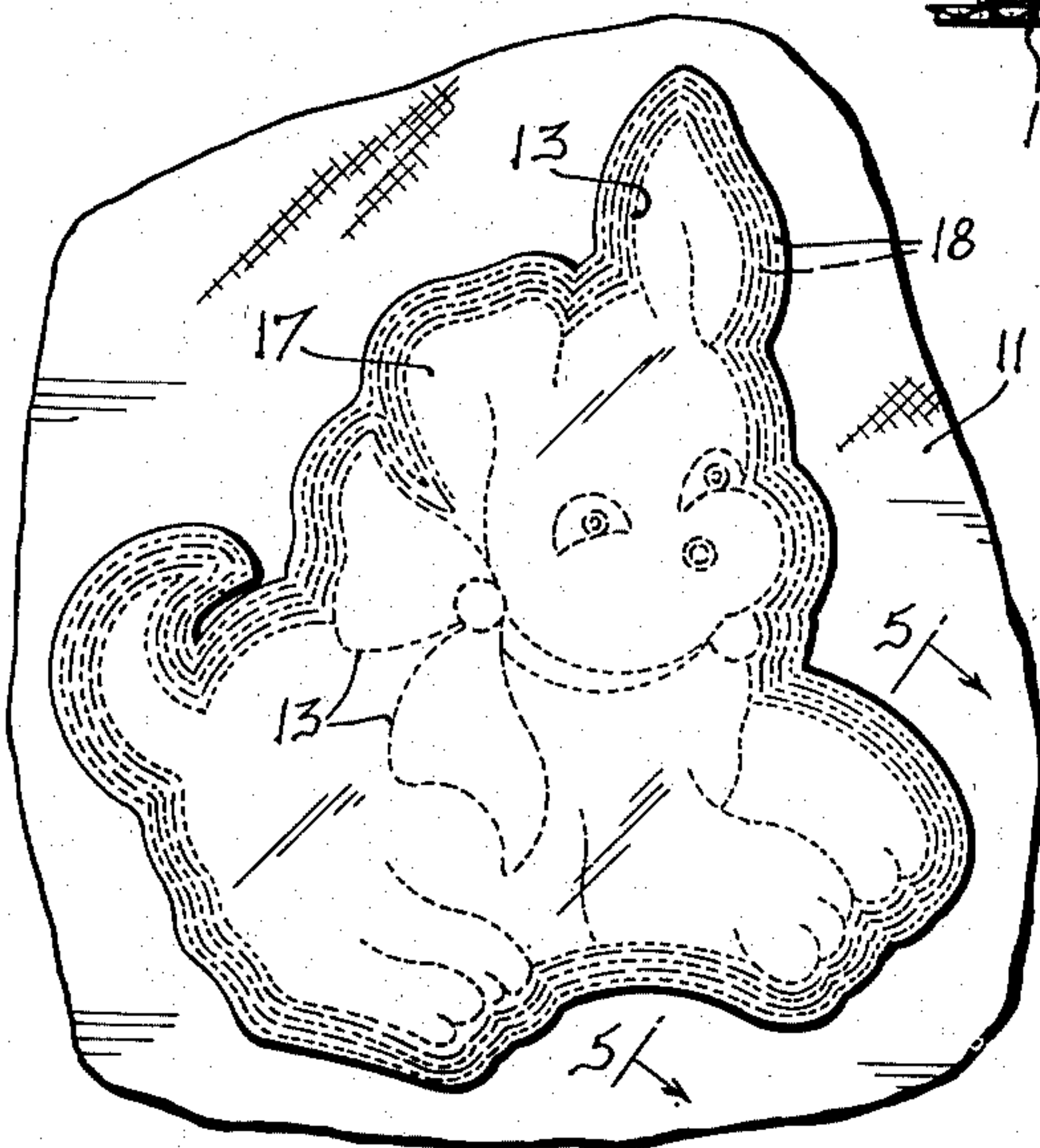


FIG. 4.

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This invention relates to ornamental articles of cloth, silk, rayon, Celanese or the like, and particularly articles having ornamental transparent or translucent puffed appliques thereon. Such articles are used in the manufacture of quilts, wearing apparel, millinery, draperies, covers for tables or the like, or other uses.

Heretofore such articles have been manufactured by stitching a transparent or translucent sheet to another sheet of the material on which the applique is to be applied, the stitching not only securing the sheets together but also forming the desired design, and then suitably inserting thread of various colors into the pockets formed by said stitching to puff out said pockets.

One fault with this type of article is that the material on which the applique is applied usually is of fine texture and is prone to slide about under the slightest pressure when used as a table cover or the like. Further, such sliding about rapidly wears through or mars the said material at such puffed out portions.

One object of the invention, therefore, is the provision of a backing sheet for the said puffed out portion of the said material, said backing sheet lending body thereto and preventing said sliding about.

Another fault with such articles is that their beauty is reduced considerably as the transparent or translucent pocket covering sheet becomes marred by handling.

A further object of the invention is the provision of one or more easily removed protective transparent or translucent sheets above said pocket covering sheet, the said protective sheets being removed in turn as they become marred, thus substantially increasing the life of the article.

Still another object of the invention is to tint said protective sheets so as to blend the colors thereof with the colors of the thread in said pockets so that as each protective sheet is removed the article takes on a different appearance with respect to the color scheme thereof.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a face view of the applique of the invention located on a broken away sheet of fabric.

Fig. 2 is a view of the rear surface of said fabric.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional view on line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

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Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 1 but of a modified form of the invention.

Fig. 5 is an enlarged sectional view on line 5—5 of Fig. 4.

Referring to Fig. 1, a sheet 10 of colorless transparent or translucent plastic is affixed to a sheet 11 of silk or the like on which the applique is to be formed. The plastic sheet 10 has the outline of said applique and is secured to sheet 11 by rows of stitching 13 which form the design of the applique and also form several pockets 14 between the two sheets. By the rows of stitching 13 a backing sheet 15 of cotton batting or the like having generally the same outline as the sheet 10, is secured to the rear face of sheet 11. The pockets 14 are puffed out to form the desired design by wads of colored thread 16, the thread in the several pockets differing in color as the design of the applique requires.

The thread 16 preferably is placed in the pockets 14 in the following manner:

A hollow needle having an opening through its longitudinal center through which is fed the colored thread 16, has its one end inserted into the pockets 14 through backing sheet 15 and sheet 11. The opposite end of the needle is connected to a rubber tube leading to a tank containing air under pressure. When the operator steps upon a foot pedal a blast of air is released and forces the colored thread through the needle into the pocket thus filling the pocket with thread of the desired color.

All of the pockets may be filled with thread of one color, or each with thread of a different color, or one or more each with thread of several colors.

It will be seen therefore that the invention provides a puff applique including a backing sheet 15 of cotton batting which not only lends body to the sheet 11 to prevent tearing through of the stitches and to prevent wear of the puffed out portions thereof, but also when the decorated article is a table cover or a quilt or the like, acts as a sort of retainer to prevent the same from sliding about. In this latter regard it will be understood that a large table cover or quilt would be provided with several decorative puff appliques and would therefore have several retaining sheets 15 spread about on its under surface to hold it in place.

In the modified form of the invention shown in Figs. 4 and 5, two or more sheets 17 of transparent or translucent plastic are superimposed on the plastic sheet 10, each being held in place by a single row of continuous stitching 18 which follow the outline of the applique.

The construction is such that simply by removing the appropriate row of stitches 18 the topmost

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protective sheet 17 is freed from the applique and can be discarded, such action being taken after said sheet has become marred or worn by usage. This exposes the protective sheet 17 immediately therebeneath, which sheet, in time, is removed in the same way, and so on.

The invention also contemplates that the protective sheets 17 may be tinted all the same color or each a different color, so that the color scheme of the applique due to the colored thread 16 is modified or changed by each sheet 17. In this manner when all of the sheets 17 are in place a definite color scheme is presented, but as each sheet is removed the color scheme changes. Thus, not only is the beauty of the article replenished each time a worn or marred sheet 17 is removed, but the appearance thereof is modified somewhat and the article is, so to speak, new again.

It is to be mentioned that the sheets 17 need not be left in place until they become worn but may be removed merely to change the appearance of the article. For example, by removing a sheet 17 from the applique of a table cover that has been utilized in one decorative setting, the table cover can be modified in appearance to complement the décor of another setting.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

1. An ornamental applique as applied to a sheet of fabric material, comprising a sheet of transparent plastic having a specific cutout design positioned on the front face of the sheet of fabric, a piece of reinforcing material having the same cutout design as said sheet of transparent plastic positioned against the rear face of the sheet of fabric in alignment with said sheet of transparent plastic, lines of stitches in a decorative pattern securing together said sheet of transparent material, the sheet of fabric and said piece of reinforcing material and forming pockets between the adjacent faces of said sheet of transparent plastic and the sheet of fabric, and decorative filler material in said pockets to be seen through said sheet of transparent material, said filler material having a mass puffing out said pockets to provide an applique effect.

2. An ornamental applique as applied to a sheet of fabric material, comprising a sheet of transparent plastic having a specific cutout design positioned on the front face of the sheet of fabric, a piece of reinforcing material having the same cutout design as said sheet of transparent plastic positioned against the rear face of the sheet of fabric in alignment with said sheet of transparent plastic, lines of stitches in a decorative pattern securing together said sheet of transparent material, the sheet of fabric and said piece of reinforcing material and forming pockets between the adjacent faces of said sheet of transparent plastic and the sheet of fabric, and decorative filler material in said pockets to be seen through said sheet of transparent material, said filler material having a mass puffing out said pockets to

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provide an applique effect said filler material comprising differently colored threads.

3. An ornamental applique as applied to a sheet of fabric material, comprising a sheet of transparent plastic having a specific cutout design positioned on the front face of the sheet of fabric, a piece of reinforcing material having the same cutout design as said sheet of transparent plastic positioned against the rear face of the sheet of fabric in alignment with said sheet of transparent plastic, lines of stitches in a decorative pattern securing together said sheet of transparent material, the sheet of fabric and said piece of reinforcing material and forming pockets between the adjacent faces of said sheet of transparent plastic and the sheet of fabric, and decorative filler material in said pockets to be seen through said sheet of transparent material, said filler material having a mass puffing out said pockets to provide an applique effect and individually removable protective sheets of transparent material having the same cutout design secured in position over said first sheet of transparent material.

4. An ornamental applique as applied to a sheet of fabric material, comprising a sheet of transparent plastic having a specific cutout design positioned on the front face of the sheet of fabric, a piece of reinforcing material having the same cutout design as said sheet of transparent plastic positioned against the rear face of the sheet of fabric in alignment with said sheet of transparent plastic, lines of stitches in a decorative pattern securing together said sheet of transparent material, the sheet of fabric and said piece of reinforcing material and forming pockets between the adjacent faces of said sheet of transparent plastic and the sheet of fabric, and decorative filler material in said pockets to be seen through said sheet of transparent material, said filler material having a mass puffing out said pockets to provide an applique effect and individually removable protective sheets of transparent material having the same cutout design secured in position over said first sheet of transparent material, each of said removable protective sheets being of a size slightly greater than the next lower protective sheet or said first sheet of transparent plastic so that each of said protective sheets has a peripheral edge portion projecting beyond the next lower protective sheet or said first sheet of transparent material, and separate rows of stitches securing the projecting peripheral edge portion of each of said protective sheets to the sheet of fabric beyond the periphery of said first sheet of transparent plastic.

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