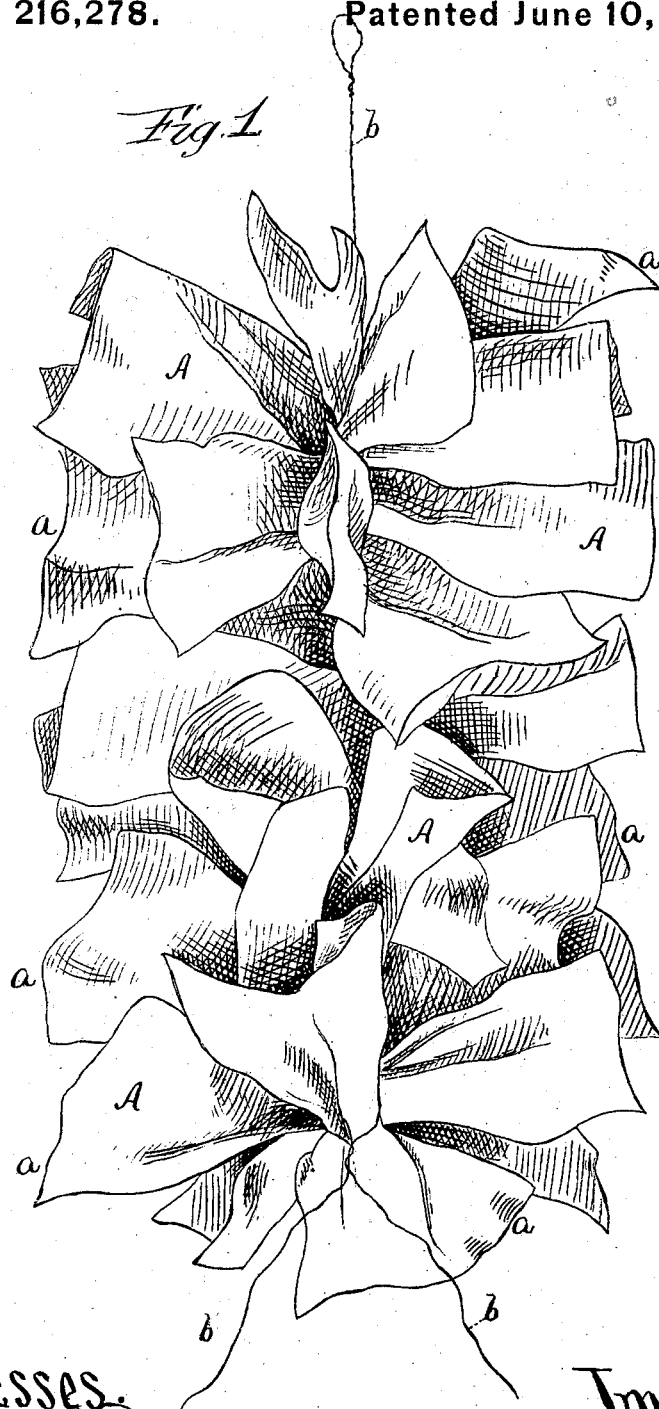


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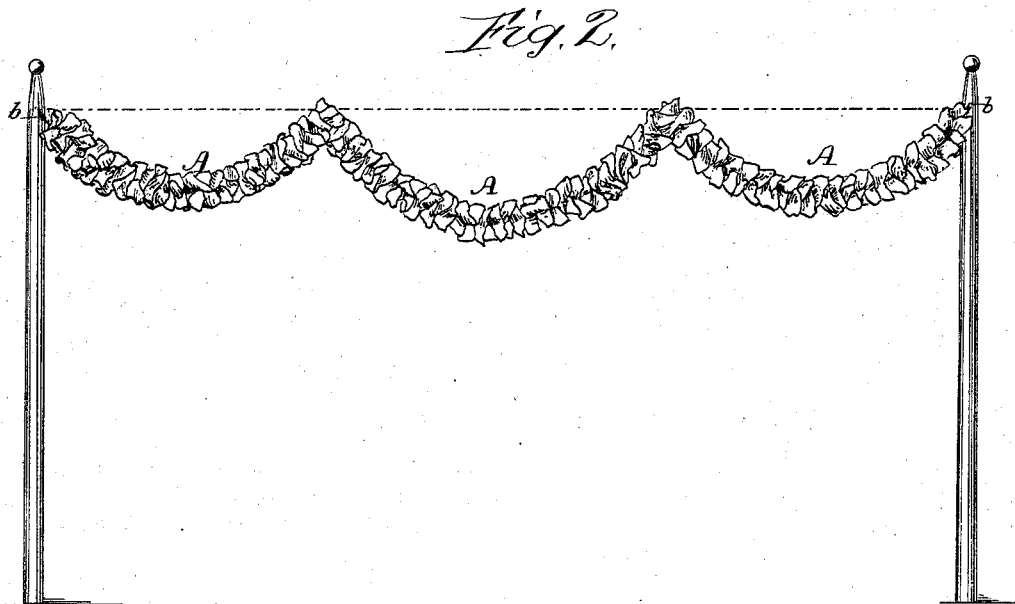
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. KINGSLEY, of Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ruching for Decorating Public Halls and Rooms used for public exhibitions, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and letters of reference marked thereon, in which—

Figure 1 is a view showing, in elevation, a piece of the garland. Fig. 2 illustrates, in a general manner, the appearance of the garland when used for decorative purposes.

Heretofore, in the dressing or ornamenting of public halls, theaters, lecture-rooms, churches, and the like for public occasions or exhibitions with garlands, festoons, and similar decorations, it has been found necessary to employ many hands at short notice and to improvise materials of different kinds and colors not readily found in the market, and requiring, moreover, much time and skill to properly combine and arrange the materials of which such decorations were composed, there being nothing on sale ready made and obtainable in quantity of the ornamental character referred to containing in itself or combined with other materials or ornaments to form and furnish the requisites needed to produce the artistic effect desired.

To remedy these inconveniences and supply this want are the objects of my invention; and to these ends it consists of an artificial garland or festoon, consisting of pieces of fabric or paper, preferably of different colors, each cut in pieces of the desired length, and encircled by a central flexible stem in such manner that the pieces are held at right angles, or nearly so, to the stem, the whole forming a neat, durable, and cheap article for ornamenting, draping, trimming, or decorating a room at short notice, and which can readily be obtained in the market to an unlimited extent.

The article is made by so uniting or twisting two or more wires, cords, or threads together as to securely hold the fabric or article of which the decoration may be made in the shape it is desired to have it.

In the accompanying drawings, A denotes pieces of any suitable material, such as cambric, paper, or the like, each strip of which, having been previously cut into the desired length, has twisted about it, so as to be held

securely thereby, one or more turns of the central wire or wires, *b*, and the several pieces thus encircled by wire and placed at right angles to each other, or in any such way as shall cause the ends *a* to extend at nearly right angles to the central wire or stem, and sitting close the one upon the other, will make up the ruching or cable shown in the drawings.

By this process of manufacture there may be formed a flat, round, or frilled rope or cable, as may be needed or desired.

In twisting the center wire or stem about each piece, it will be necessary that it be so done as to hold the pieces well in place.

The material made for the ruching may be of one or many colors.

The design of the invention is to form the ruching made as above into long ropes or cables, and in this form use it for decorating purposes. I prefer to use small-sized wire for the central connection or stem; but any suitable material will answer the same general purpose.

The artificial garland is intended as a cheap, clean, and durable substitute for the expensive, dirty, and perishable articles heretofore used for decorative purposes, and as it can be made in all colors, shades, and tints, combinations can be formed superior to anything heretofore in use.

I am aware that heretofore artificial flowers, chenille, and other articles made of calico, silk, wool, or bristles have been attached to a central stem; but these have been for an entirely different purpose from my invention, and therefore I do not lay claim to these, or to the process of making them, broadly.

What I claim as my invention, and for which I desire Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, the ruching herein described for decorative purposes, consisting, essentially, of pieces A of paper or other suitable material, encircled by a central flexible stem, *b*, and having their ends *a* secured at right angles to said stem, the said ruching being made in length and adapted to be sustained or hung in festoons, substantially as set forth.

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