

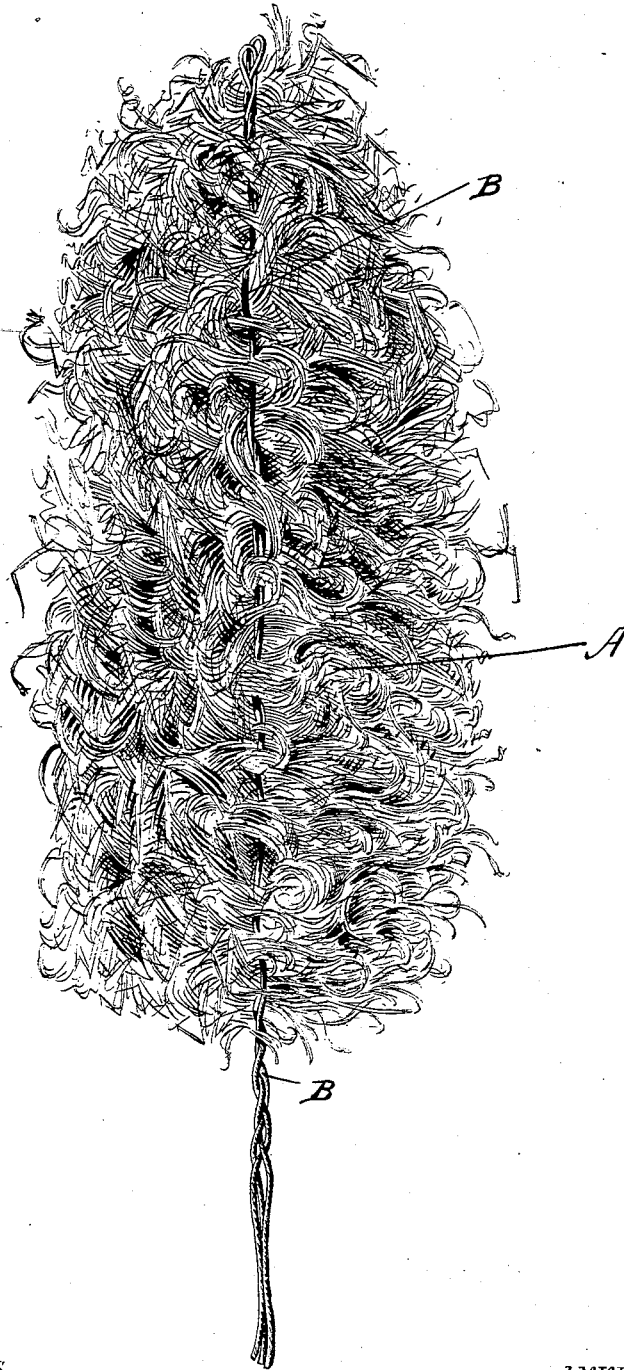
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ENOCH C. FARRINGTON, residing in Fryeburg, in the county of Oxford and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Plumes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The annexed drawing represents my improved plume, the construction of which will be fully understood from the following description.

The object of my invention is to produce a new and cheap article of manufacture—to wit, a campaign-plume which is adapted to be secured to a hat, a flag-staff, a torch-staff, or to any other object, and which is designed especially for the use of political clubs, campaign organizations, and other similar purposes; and the object which I have in view is to produce plumes for general decorative purposes, which, from their simple and rapid construction, inexpensive price, and great beauty of style and design, shall be well suited to common use and constitute a highly-popular article of trade and commerce for the aforesaid purposes.

In the annexed drawing, the letter A designates the feathery part of the plume, which is secured to a central axis or mid-rib, B. The plumous part A is composed of any cheap and simple material which will give a proper fluffy or feathery appearance. For this purpose I prefer to utilize the common and well-known article called "excelsior," which is wood-fiber shavings used for mattresses, packing, and other purposes, and which is comparatively inexpensive. This article I have found will give a handsome and attractive plumous appearance when mounted on a stem or mid-rib, B. The mid-rib B is made of two

or more strips of wire cut to any desired length.

The operation of manufacturing my improved plume is very rapid and very simple, and is as follows: The workman first selects the lengths of wire for the axis or mid-rib. He then quickly plats or twists them together, and as the operation progresses a tuft or bunch of the material for the plumous part is firmly confined between the wire strands, and for all the purposes designated a very attractive and effective badge-plume can be produced. This may be dyed any desired color.

Very beautiful and attractive effects may be produced by dyeing the plumes in one or more cheap and bright colors. For instance, the material may be entirely dyed all red, or part red, a part blue, and the remainder the undyed white material.

I use the excelsior or fine shavings of wood because it is found in the market in a curled or feathery state, and can be readily selected in tufts or bunches, and also because it will readily absorb and retain a coloring solution, and also because it is cheaper for the purpose than any other known material.

I am aware that artificial flowers have been made of feathers, hair, paper, and worsted, and I do not therefore broadly claim the same as my invention.

What I claim is—

As a new and improved article of manufacture, the herein-described plume, composed of curled tufts of woody fiber known as "excelsior," secured to an axis or mid-rib, as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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