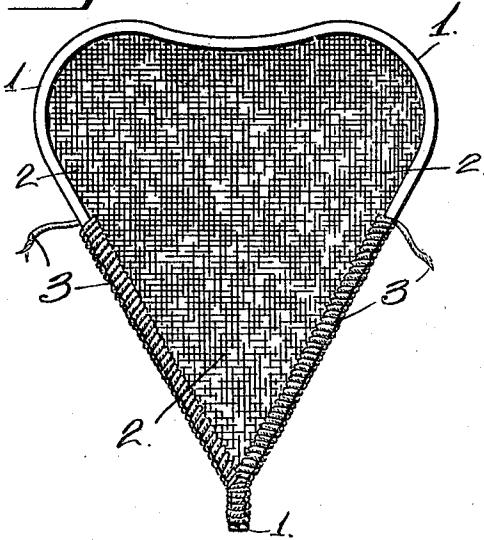


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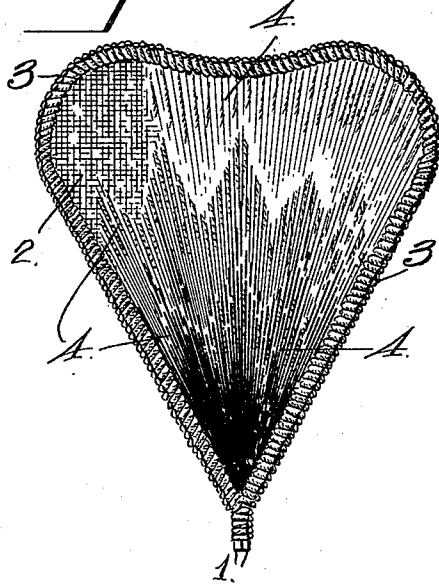
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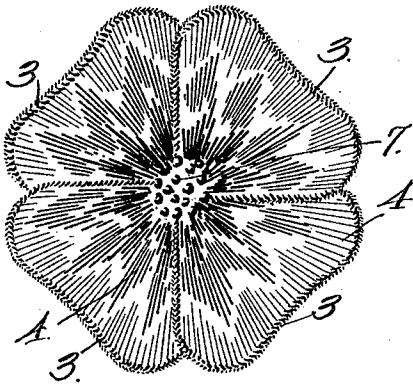
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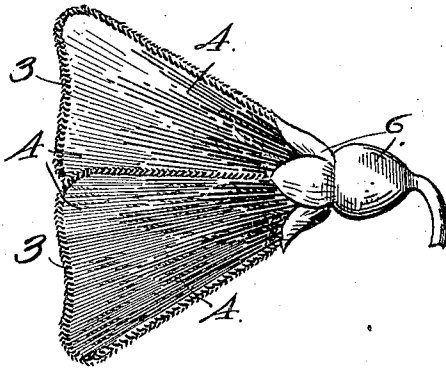
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JENNIE E. STEVENS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Ben Lomond, in the county of Santa Cruz and State of California, have invented a new and useful Improvement in an Artificial Flower, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved article of manufacture comprising artificial flowers and the like, wherein a natural appearance is imparted to an artificial flower.

The primary object of the present invention is to provide a new and improved article of manufacture.

A further object of the invention is to provide improved means for producing artificial flowers of durable and artistic construction.

A still further object is to provide a new and improved artificial flower of durable construction which may be used for trimming hats or for other ornamentation, and having a natural appearance.

It is a still further object to provide an improved article of manufacture of the character described that may be easily removed and reapplied to other articles.

I accomplish these and other objects by means of the improved construction disclosed in the drawings forming a part of the present specification wherein like characters of reference are used to designate similar parts throughout the said specification and drawings, and in which—

Fig. 1 is an enlarged detailed view of one of the petals of my improved artificial flower disclosing the manner in which the base, or body of the petal is secured to the frame thereof;

Fig. 2 is a similar view disclosing a partly finished petal;

Fig. 3 is a front elevation of a completed flower; and

Fig. 4 is a side elevation of Fig. 3.

Referring to the drawings the numeral 1 is used to designate a suitable wire frame formed to the configuration of a petal of the flower to be represented.

Secured within the frame 1 is a base or body 2 preferably of buckram, or any other suitable rigid fabric or lining such as is generally used to manufacture untrimmed shapes for millinery.

The fabric lining 2 is secured to the frame

1 by means of button-hole stitching 3 to provide a finished edge for the petal.

Over this base 1 mount what is known as radial Kensington embroidery stitching 4, preferably by first stitching a series of stitches of a light shade of the color to be used, starting from the outer or broad edge of the petal and working inwardly toward the stigma or stem of the petal.

After a row of light colored stitches have been applied I next apply a similar set of radial Kensington embroidery stitches of a darker hue or shade, said second set of stitches overlapping at their adjacent edges, the first set of stitching, and then a third and still darker shade or hue of embroidery stitching is mounted upon both sides of the petal or buckram 2 and extending radially toward the stem or stigma of the petal.

The difference between the various shades used correspond to the difference in shades or hues of the natural flower represented so that a blending of the various shades is produced to provide a natural appearance.

After the required number of petals are formed as hereinbefore described the stigmas of the several petals are joined and suitable secured within an artificial sepal 6 as disclosed in Fig. 4 of the drawings, together with a plurality of appropriate stamens 7.

By using the radial Kensington embroidery stitching both sides of the petals are covered and colored in their natural shades thus further imparting a natural appearance to the artificial flower so that a natural appearance will be imparted to the general ensemble when mounted upon a hat or other article adapted for this particular type of ornamentation.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

1. As an article of manufacture an artificial flower comprising petals of a comparatively rigid fabric; and radially disposed embroidery stitching covering said fabric with stitches radiating from the apex thereof, said stitching being overlapping and in various shades and colors appropriate to the type of flower represented.

2. As an article of manufacture an artificial flower comprising petals of a comparatively rigid fabric; radially disposed em-

broidery stitching covering said fabric with stitches radiating from the apex thereof, said stitching being overlapping and in various shades and colors appropriate to the type of flower represented; and means secured within the edges of the fabric to retain the shape thereof.

3. As an article of manufacture an artificial flower comprising petals of a comparatively rigid fabric; radially disposed embroidery stitching upon said fabric formed from stitches radiating from the apex thereof and extending through the fabric to cover both sides of said fabric, said stitching being applied in overlapping stitches of varied lengths and of various shades and colors appropriate to the type of flower represented; and semi-flexible means secured within the edges of said petals to normally retain the shape thereof.

4. As an article of manufacture an artificial flower comprising petals of a comparatively rigid fabric; radially disposed embroidery stitching upon said fabric formed from stitches radiating from the apex thereof and extending through the fabric to cover both sides of said fabric, said stitching being applied in overlapping stitches of varied lengths and of various shades and colors appropriate to the type of flower represented; semi-flexible means secured within the edges of said petals to normally retain the shape thereof; and suitable ornamental button-hole stitching securing said semi-flexible means to the edge of the petal.

5. As an article of manufacture, an artificial flower comprising petals of a comparatively rigid fabric; stitches embroidered upon said fabric to cover the front and back thereof, said stitches being of varied lengths

radiating from the apex of the petal and of varied shades and colors appropriate to the flower to be represented, the stitching upon the outer edge of the fabric being formed from one shade of thread drawn over and under the fabric in stitches of irregular lengths, successive rows of stitching being formed from different shades of thread drawn over and under the fabric to entirely cover the same upon each side thereof with stitches of irregular length overlapping the adjacent rows of stitching, the shades blending progressively from the outer row of stitches to the apex of the petal.

6. As an article of manufacture, an artificial flower comprising petals of a comparatively rigid fabric; stitches embroidered upon said fabric to cover the front and back thereof, said stitches being of varied lengths radiating from the apex of the petal and of varied shades and colors appropriate to the flower to be represented, the stitching upon the outer edge of the fabric being formed from one shade of thread drawn over and under the fabric being formed from one shade of thread drawn over and under the fabric in stitches of irregular lengths, successive rows of stitching being formed from different shades of thread drawn over and under the fabric to entirely cover the same upon each side thereof with stitches of irregular length overlapping the adjacent rows of stitching, the shades blending progressively from the outer row of stitches to the apex of the petal; and semiflexible shaping means cast thereover.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my signature.

JENNIE E. STEVENS.