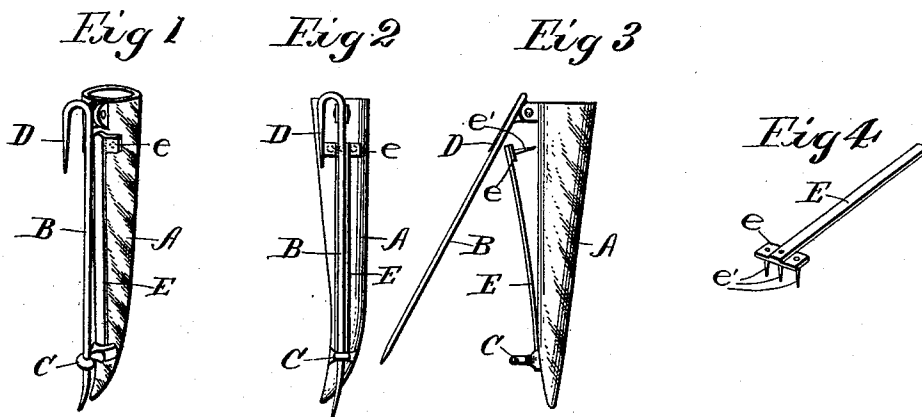


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARENCE A. BURBANK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Portland, in the county of Multnomah and State of Oregon, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bouquet-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to an improvement in bouquet holders and consists in the construction and arrangement of parts herein-after described and definitely pointed out in the claims.

The aim and purpose of this invention is the provision of an improved holder for bouquets of that class adapted more especially for attachment to apparel or garments and which will firmly retain the bouquet in position both in the holder and on the garment when properly adjusted. This object is attained by the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings wherein like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement. Fig. 2 is the rear view. Fig. 3 is a side elevation, and Fig. 4 is a detail view of the needles.

In the drawings A represents the holder preferably of a shape similar to a cornucopia and in which the flower is placed.

To the rear of the holder is hinged a securing pin B its lower end engaging the hook C secured to the lower portion of the holder. The pin B is carried up and curved back to form the prong D at one side and parallel therewith, the lower end of the prong extending down to a point a short distance below the upper end of the pin. By this means twisting or turning of the holder is prevented when the pin and prong are properly inserted in the goods of the apparel.

To hold the flower securely in the holder I attach to the rear thereof, preferably by inserting its end below the hook, a spring E which extends up parallel with the pin and carries at its upper end a cross piece e in

which are secured one or more needle points e'. These points work in suitable apertures formed in the rear wall of the holder and penetrate the stem of the flower or flowers thereby holding them in place within the holder.

By the above described construction it will be noted that the attaching means and the needle points with their supporting spring are placed directly in the rear of the holder so that no unsightly projections are seen, to mar the beauty or design of the holder. By placing the spring E directly below the pin B the needle points are prevented from coming out of the holder thereby avoiding any danger of an accidental displacement or falling out of the flower in the holder.

In lieu of the series of needle points shown I can form the device with either one or more points according to the size of the holder.

I am aware that minor changes in the construction and arrangement of the parts of the device can be made and substituted for those herein shown and described without in the least departing from the nature and principle of my invention.

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

1. A bouquet holder consisting of a holder, a securing pin on the rear thereof, a spring below the pin and needle points on the spring passing into the holder, substantially as described.

2. A bouquet holder consisting of a holder having an aperture in its rear, a pin hinged to the holder, a hook at the lower end of the holder with which the pin engages, a prong at the upper end of the pin, a spring on the rear of the holder extending up between the same and the pin and a needle point on the upper end of the spring passing through the aperture into the holder, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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