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Fig. 1

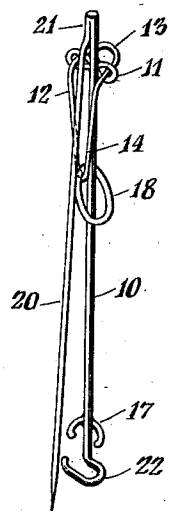



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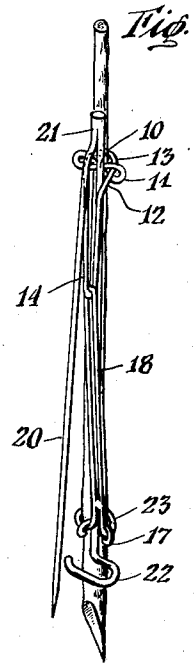



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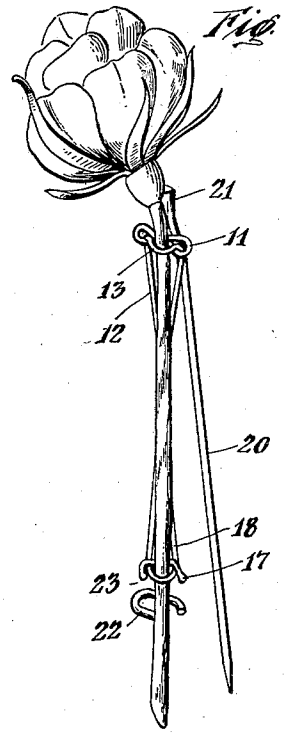



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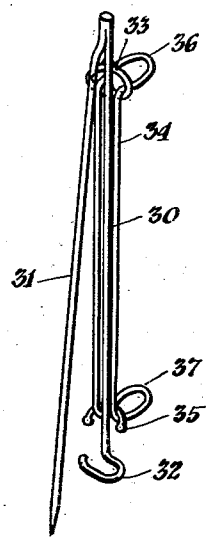



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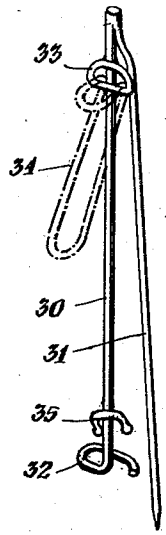



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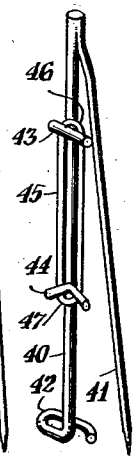
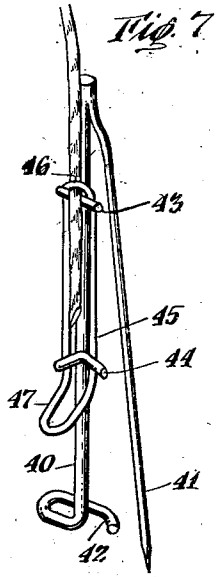



Fig. 7




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The present invention relates to holders, and more particularly to holders for the stems of flowers, corsages or similar objects which may be secured, if desired, to the wearing apparel or hair of a wearer.

Objects and advantages of the invention will be set forth in part hereinafter and in part will be obvious herefrom, or may be learned by practice with the invention, the same being realized and attained by means of the instrumentalities and combinations pointed out in the appended claims.

The invention consists in the novel parts, constructions, arrangements, combinations, and improvements herein shown and described.

The accompanying drawings, referred to herein and constituting a part hereof, illustrate one embodiment of the invention, and together with the description, serve to explain the principles of the invention.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a simple and efficient holding device for the stems of flowers, corsages, or other objects and one which may be utilized to secure such objects to the wearing apparel or hair of the wearer. Another object is to provide such an article holder in which the article, such as a flower stem, may be placed with a minimum of trouble and complication, and which securely holds a stem once placed therein. Still another object is the provision of a stem holder which is relatively simple and economical to make. The invention further provides an unobtrusive holder for stems and other objects after affixing to the apparel or hair of a wearer.

Of the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view from the back of an illustrative embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view from the back of the embodiment of the invention shown in Fig. 1 showing a flower stem in place in the holder;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view from the front of the embodiment shown in Fig. 1 showing a flower in place in the holder;

Fig. 4 is a perspective view from the back of a modified embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 5 is a perspective view from the front of the embodiment of the invention shown in Fig. 4, the elastic means being shown in dotted lines;

Fig. 6 is a perspective view from the front of still another embodiment of the present invention; and

Fig. 7 is a perspective view from the front of the embodiment shown in Fig. 6 showing a stem in place and partially affixed in the stem holder.

Referring now in detail to the illustrative embodiments of the present invention shown by way of example in the accompanying drawings, and referring first to the embodiment of Figs. 1, 2

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and 3, there is provided in a stem holder a shaft member 10 having secured adjacent the upper end thereof a support member 11. The member 11 is in the form of a figure 8 horizontally disposed and firmly secured to the shaft member 10 at its waist and is made of wire or other relatively stiff material.

A closed fairly rigid loop member 12 of wire or other relatively stiff material is provided having its two reaches threaded through the respective closed loops of the support 11. The member 12 is bent at its central portion so that a loop portion 13 may extend outwardly to the front of the shaft member 10 and its other loop portion 14 may extend downwardly along the shaft member.

A cross support 17 is secured adjacent the lower end of shaft member 10 and may be U-shaped as shown in Fig. 1. A closed elastic loop 18, such as a rubber band for instance, passes through the lower loop portion 14 of closed rigid loop 12.

The shaft member 10 is provided with a relatively long, sharpened pin member 20 which is firmly secured to the shaft member at the upper part thereof as at 21. At its bottom the shaft member 10 is formed in a U-shaped hook 22 in which the lower end of the pin member 20 may be positioned when the stem holder is in place upon the apparel or hair of a wearer.

With the embodiment of the invention shown and described it will be apparent that the stem of a flower or other object may be passed through the loop 13 of closed rigid loop member 12 and pushed downwardly so that the stem lies adjacent and substantially parallel to the shaft member 10. The closed elastic loop 18 may then be stretched and its two reaches brought under respective ends of cross support 17, presenting a loop portion 23 at the front of the holder to surround the lower end of the stem. The stem is then securely and stably held, as shown in Fig. 3, at places spaced apart along its length, and the holder may be then affixed wherever desired by means of pin 20.

The loop portion 13 of closed rigid loop member 12 securely grasps the stem at its upper part by means of tension of closed elastic loop 18 and maintains the stem in secure and untwisted position.

Referring now to the illustrative embodiment of the invention shown in Figs. 4 and 5, the stem holder is provided with a shaft member 30 and a pin member 31 secured thereto for engagement in a hook portion 32 at the lower end of the shaft member, similarly to the embodiment just shown and described. The closed loop support 33 is horizontally disposed adjacent the upper end of shaft member 30 and is firmly secured thereto as by soldering or welding. The support member 33 is made of wire or similar rigid ma-

terial and provides a support for closed elastic loop 34, the reaches of which are passed through support 33 on respective sides of the shaft 30. A curved cross support 35 is secured to the shaft 30 adjacent its lower end.

As shown in Fig. 4, the closed elastic loop 34 is stretched between the supports 33 and 35 to present loop portions 36 and 37 respectively adjacent those supports at the front of the stem holder. The stem is passed through the loops 36 and 37 and is thus held securely against the shaft member 30 by the closed elastic loop 34.

Referring now to the illustrative embodiment of the present invention shown in Figs. 6 and 7, there is again provided a shaft member 40 having an elongated pin 41 secured at its upper end for engagement in a curved hook portion 42 at the bottom end of the shaft member. In the present embodiment of the invention an upper cross support 43 and a lower cross support 44 are secured to the shaft member 40 in spaced apart relationship. The lower support 44 may be bent downwardly in a V-form.

A closed elastic loop 45 is provided to be passed over the outwardly extending arms of support members 43 and 44 to present loop portions 46 and 47 at the front of the holder. As shown in Fig. 7 a stem is passed through the loops 46 and 47 and securely held against the length of shaft member 40. In this embodiment of the invention the stem may be easily secured by placing it against the shaft member 40 at the front of the holder, hooking the closed elastic loop 45 on the outwardly extending arms of the supports 43 and 44 to one side, and thereafter drawing the closed elastic loop 45 over the stem and hooking it on the arms of the supports at the opposite side.

The invention in its broader aspects is not limited to the specific mechanisms shown and described but departures may be made therefrom within the scope of the accompanying claims without departing from the principles of the invention and without sacrificing its chief advantages.

What I claim is:

1. A stem holder comprising, in combination, a shaft member, a plurality of spaced apart supports on said member, a loop on each support to surround a stem adjacent the shaft member, and to hold said stem substantially parallel to said shaft member, and elastic means interconnecting the loops.

2. A stem holder comprising, in combination, a shaft member, a plurality of spaced apart supports on said member, a loop on each support to surround a stem adjacent the shaft member, and to hold said stem substantially parallel to said shaft member, elastic means interconnecting the loops, and means for securing the shaft to wearing apparel.

3. A stem holder comprising, in combination, a shaft member, a pair of spaced apart supports on said member, a loop for each support positioned on opposite sides of said supports to surround a stem adjacent the shaft member, and elastic means interconnecting said loops to tighten the loops against the stem and to hold it substantially parallel to said shaft member.

4. A stem holder comprising, in combination, a shaft member, spaced apart supports on said member, and elastically connected loops one loop held to said shaft member by said supports to surround a stem adjacent said shaft member and to hold it substantially parallel to said shaft member.



5. A stem holder comprising, in combination, a shaft member, spaced apart loops movably held along the shaft member to surround a stem adjacent said member and elastic means connected to said loops for tightening the loops about the stem and holding the stem towards the shaft member in close parallel relation thereto.

6. A stem holder comprising, in combination, a shaft member, a pair of spaced apart loops movably supported on said shaft member to surround a stem adjacent said member, and elastic means interconnecting said loops for tightening the loops about the stem and holding said stem in substantially close parallel relation against said shaft member.

7. A stem holder comprising, in combination, a shaft member, a rigid closed loop mounted on said shaft against unlimited axial movement, a cross support on said shaft spaced apart from said rigid loop, and an elastic closed loop connected to said rigid loop and about said shaft member and spaced along said shaft member, whereby a stem adjacent the shaft member may be surrounded by said rigid loop and by said elastic loop when the elastic loop is hooked over said cross support and around said stem, so that said stem is held in substantially close parallel relation to said shaft member.

8. A stem holder comprising, in combination, a shaft member, a support on said member, a rigid closed loop slidingly mounted on said support against substantial axial movement with respect to said member, a cross support on said member spaced apart from said first support, and an elastic closed loop connected to said rigid loop, whereby a stem adjacent the shaft member may be surrounded by said rigid loop and by said elastic loop when hooked over said cross support, said stem being held in substantially close parallel relation to said shaft member.

9. A stem holder comprising, in combination, a shaft member, a pair of spaced apart cross supports on said member, and an elastic closed loop over said supports held by the supports along the shaft member whereby a stem adjacent said member may be surrounded by portions of said closed elastic loop when hooked over said supports, so as to hold said stem in substantially close parallel relation to said shaft member.

10. A stem holder comprising, in combination, a shaft member, a closed rigid supporting loop secured to said member, a cross support secured to said member spaced apart from said supporting loop, and a closed elastic loop through said supporting loop and about said shaft to be passed over said cross support whereby a stem adjacent said member may be surrounded by portions of said closed elastic loop, when said elastic loop is hooked over said cross support, so as to hold said stem in substantially close parallel relation to said shaft member.

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