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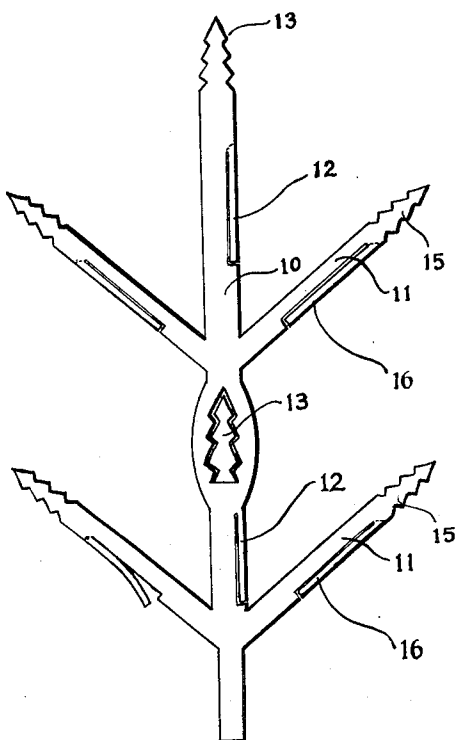


Fig. 1

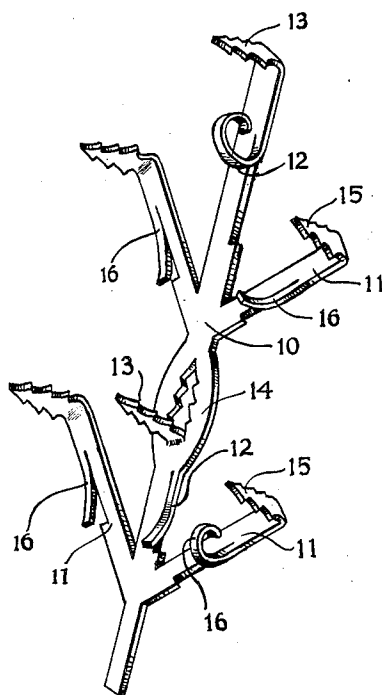


Fig. 2

Fig. 3



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This invention relates to a corsage frame and more particularly to a lightweight, readily adjustable structure upon which a corsage may be easily and quickly formed.

The principal object of the invention is the provision of a device to enable the rapid and easy formation of corsages.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a corsage frame of inexpensive design and construction and capable of one time use.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of a corsage frame including means for holding a plurality of flowers in desirable position both with respect to the stems and the blooms thereof.

The corsage frame shown and described herein comprises a device for enabling the rapid formation of corsages and particularly by florists who must make up quantities of such items on limited notice and in such a manner that the flowers used in forming the corsage are properly held and displayed. The customary method of forming a corsage is to wire the individual flowers to reinforce the stems thereof and to insure their desirable positioning in the completed corsage. The present invention eliminates the tedious work in wiring the individual flowers as the several flowers may be readily positioned on the corsage frame, the blooms impinged on portions thereof and the stems held by other portions and the entire device shaped to the desired contour and arranged to most effectively display the flowers of the corsage.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed can be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the corsage frame.

Figure 2 is a perspective view.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the corsage frame with a corsage formed thereon.

By referring to the drawings and Figure 3 in particular it will be seen that a corsage has been illustrated in which the various flowers are ornamentally positioned in fixed relation to one another by means of a corsage frame such as shown in detail in Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings.

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it will be seen that a corsage frame is disclosed in a form ready for locating flowers thereon and that it comprises an elongated body member 10 having a plurality of outwardly extending arms

11. The body member 10 is provided with a pair of wrapping members 12—12 each of which can be bent upwardly and wrapped spirally about a flower stem. The body member 10 also has a pair of upturned serrated and pointed ends or barbs 13—13, one of which is formed on the uppermost end of the body member 10 and the other one is formed inwardly from the ends thereof and blanked out of the material of the body member 10. The body member 10 is enlarged in the area of this last mentioned barb 13 and the enlargement is indicated by the numeral 14.

Each of the arms 11 has an upturned serrated and pointed end forming a secondary barb 15 and each of the arms 11 also has a secondary wrapping member 16 formed thereon which can be bent upwardly and at an angle to the arm 11 and wrapped in a spiral formation about a flower stem. The device illustrated in Figure 2 of the drawings is formed from the metal blank illustrated in Figure 1 of the drawing. By referring thereto it will be noted that the secondary barbs 15 comprise extensions of the arms 11 in the blank form of the device and that the entire device is therefore capable of formation from a single stamping of lightweight metal such as thin aluminum sheet. The elongated body member 10 and the several arms 11 are formed of thin, relatively soft metal or other suitable material which can be readily bent to any desired shape as may be desired by the florist in making up a corsage on the device.

In using the device, the several flowers to be made into the corsage are placed one at a time on the framework and the blooms of the flowers impinged on the barbs 13 and 15. The stems of the flowers are then secured to the corsage frame by the wrapping members 12 and 16 and as is customary in the formation of corsages, the flowers and background leaves and any such other material as may be used are so positioned that the corsage frame is substantially, if not completely, hidden by the resulting corsage. It will occur to those skilled in the art that the corsage may thus be formed quickly and easily as compared with methods heretofore practiced or other devices heretofore proposed for such purposes.

The utility of the device results primarily from the combination of the barbs 13 and 15 upon which the flowers are directly impinged and thus permanently located and the frame and wrapping means for holding the stems and other material

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of the corsage in desirable position with respect to the flowers and without crushing them. It will also occur to those skilled in the art that the various portions of the device may be individually shaped by the florist at the time the corsage is formed, including the barbs 13 and 15, the body member 10 and the arms 11 so that the desired effect and arrangement of the corsage is obtained.

It will thus be seen that the several objects of the invention have been met by the corsage frame disclosed herein.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. In a corsage frame having an elongated flat body and a plurality of oppositely disposed, side-wardly extending arms thereon, one end of said body and the outermost ends of said arms being upturned, serrated and pointed to form barbs upon which flowers may be impinged, longitudinally extending, partially severed sections of said body and arms forming wrapping members affixed endwise thereto for spiral wrapping about stems of said flowers, a secondary upturned and pointed barb formed from a cutout portion of the center part of said elongated body.

2. In a corsage frame of soft, thin, sheet alu-

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minum including a longitudinal body member; a barbed point formed at right angles thereto at one end thereof and a secondary barbed point formed at right angles thereto midway between the ends thereof and from a cutout section thereof, a plurality of oppositely disposed, side-wardly extending arms on said body member in two oppositely disposed pairs, each of said plurality of arms having a barbed point on its outermost end turned at right angles to the plane of the said arm, and a plurality of longitudinally extending, partially severed edge sections of said body member and arms forming wrapping members for positioning about stems of flowers on said barbed points, said barbed points adapted to receive and retain blooms of flowers impinged thereon.

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