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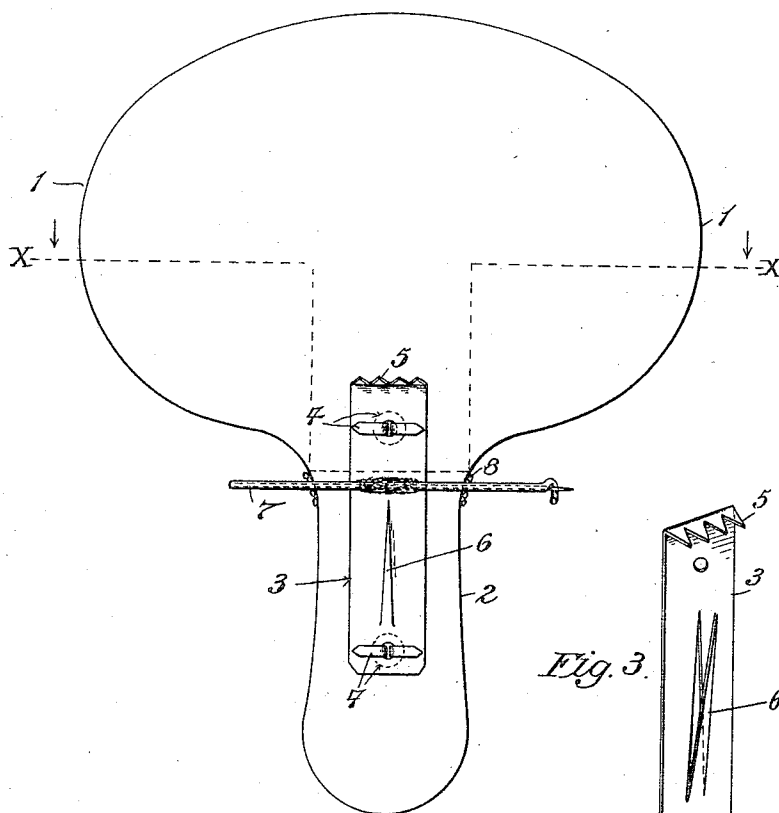


Fig. 3.

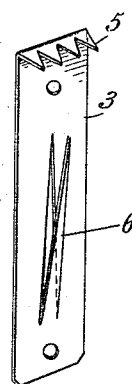
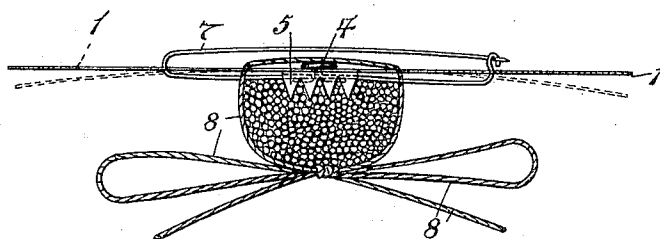


Fig. 2.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CRAIG MUIR, a subject of the King of Great Britain, and a resident of New York city, borough of Manhattan, county and State of New York, have made a new and useful Invention in Bouquet-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention comprehends a bouquet holder which has for its objects—First, to adapt it to hold a corsage bouquet upon the person of the wearer with relatively great security and in such manner that the bouquet itself, and the holder also, will practically conform to the conformation or shape of the person to which the holder is secured. Second, to provide a corsage bouquet holder with means for protecting the clothing of the wearer from being soiled by the flowers, and for materially increasing the length of life of the flowers by preventing the heat of the body of the wearer from reaching the same.

To this end my invention consists in a corsage bouquet holder constructed of relatively light, flexible material and having, preferably, the general conformation or shape of the bouquet which it is designed to carry, said holder being provided with means for securing it directly to the body of the wearer and in such manner that when thus secured the holder itself is entirely invisible.

For a full and clear understanding of my invention such as will enable others to construct and use the same, reference is had to the accompanying drawings in which,

Figure 1 is a full sized plan view of my invention as adapted to hold a relatively large corsage bouquet, such, for instance, as a double bunch of violets. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view taken through Fig. 1 on the broken line X—X and as seen looking thereat from the top toward the bottom of the drawings, the stems of the violets or flowers being shown in position, the cord or ribbon ordinarily used therewith being shown as tied to said stems and around the handle of the holder. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of a part of the means by which the holder is secured to the person of the user and also by which the bouquet is held in place.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, 1 represents the body of the holder proper—constituting a shield—having a downwardly extending stem or handle 2, said parts 1 and 2 being constructed of one integral piece of light thin flexible material such as celluloid,

hard rubber, etc., although it may be made of any fibrous material sufficiently rigid to answer the purpose, the essential feature of this part of the device being that it shall be sufficiently flexible to adapt itself to the conformation or shape of that part of the body of the person where the bouquet is to be secured.

3 represents a relatively thin rigid strip, preferably of metal, having at its upper end one or more teeth or serrations 5. Endwise of said strip is stamped out a vertically disposed pin 6, the function of these teeth 5 and pin 6—either or both—being to secure the bouquet in place in front of the holder. This strip 3 is preferably secured to the body of the holder 1 and handle 2 by any cheap, efficient means 4, illustrated in the drawings as the ordinary McGill paper fasteners, the same being passed through holes in the body and handle, thence through holes in the strip 3 and turned down as shown. To this strip is secured transverse the handle by solder or in any preferred way a safety pin 7, the function of which is to secure the holder and bouquet upon the person of the user. 8 represents the usual ornamental ribbon or cord which is ordinarily utilized by florists and others for tying up or securing the bouquet when ready for use.

In using the device the stems of the bouquet are bunched together in the usual manner and the entire mass of the flowers slipped downward so that the stems are engaged with the pin 6 and the cord 8 is then wound around the stems of the bouquet above and below the pin 7 until the flowers are permanently secured in position against the face of the holder or shield, after which the disengaged ends of the cord 8 are tied in an ornamental bow-knot as shown and the bouquet and holder are ready for use. It is then simply applied to the person of the user at any desired point by attaching it through the agency of the safety pin 7. Obviously a cord 8 may be permanently secured to the handle or other part of the holder and constitute a part thereof. I prefer, however, to utilize the ornamental cord or ribbon in this respect as hereinbefore disclosed.

It will be readily appreciated, therefore, that by reason of the flexibility of the complete holder, as indicated in dotted lines Fig. 2, the bouquet may be pinned on any part of the person of the user and it and the holder will attach itself thereto in such manner

that the holder will not be seen, and also that the flowers will not soil or in any way injure the dress, and that the heat of the body will not affect them in turn.

5 I do not limit my invention to the specific structural arrangement of the device shown nor to any particular conformation or shape, so long as it serves the functions hereinbefore enumerated and is within the scope of  
10 the appended claim.

I am aware that bouquet holders have heretofore been devised in the nature of rigid metal plates provided with means for securing the bouquet directly to such plates and  
15 the plate and bouquet in turn directly to the person of the user, through the agency of a safety pin or equivalent device, and I make no claim hereinafter broad enough to include such structural devices, my invention  
20 differing distinctly from the same (1) in that it is flexible in its nature and is adapted to fit closely to the person of the user when in position; and (2) in that it affords protection to the flowers and protection against  
25 soiling the clothing of the wearer, and also

insures greater length of life of the flowers. Nor do I limit myself to any form of device for thus affording protection to the clothing of the wearer or for protecting the bouquet from the heat of the body of the person, as  
30 this feature I also regard as being generically new with me.

Having thus described my invention what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is—

35 As an article of manufacture a bouquet holder constructed of one integral sheet of flexible material, embracing a body part and a handle and provided with means for securing the bouquet in front of the body part and  
40 the stems thereof in front of the handle, whereby the entire holder is concealed from view when the bouquet is in place.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of  
45 two subscribing witnesses.

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