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BOUQUET-HOLDER.

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Fig. 1

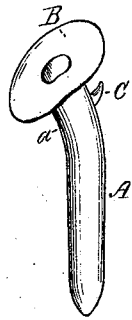
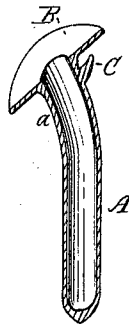


Fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN BOUQUET-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN WHITEFORD, of Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bouquet-Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention, and Fig. 2 a vertical section of the same.

This invention has relation to bouquet-holders; and consists of a holder adapted to be secured and worn in the button-hole or head-dress without the necessity of using pins or other similar fastenings, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the drawings, A is designed to represent the hollow stem or tube of my bouquet-holder, which may be, if desired, of sufficient size to hold water, by which the flowers placed therein may be kept fresh. This tube A is closed at the lower end, and slightly curved or bent at the upper end, as shown at *a*, and around the open end of the tube is an outwardly-inclined projecting flange, B, which, in connection with the bent portion of the tube, allows the flange to rest flat up against the lapel of

the coat, or other garment to which the holder is attached, the curve in the upper part of the tube also allowing the same to assume a vertical position when the tube contains water. To insure additional security against the holder falling out, I provide the tube with a horn or projection, C, at a suitable distance from the annular flange B, which, when the cloth or edge of the button-hole is slipped over, securely holds the device in place.

This bouquet-holder may be formed of metal, glass, porcelain, or other suitable material, and may be either plain or ornamental, as desired.

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

1. The bouquet-holder consisting of the curved tube A and inclined annular flange B, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. The bouquet-holder consisting of the curved tube A, inclined annular flange B, and projection or horn C, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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