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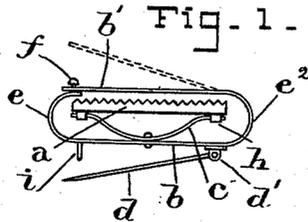


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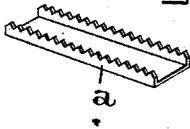


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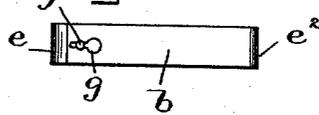


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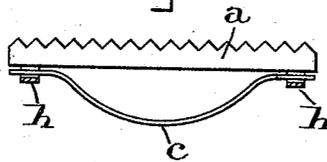


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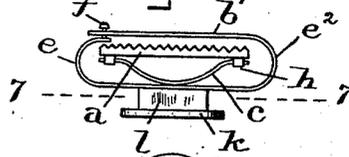
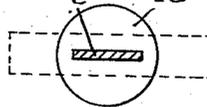


Fig. 6 -



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## FLOWER-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELLA E. BAILEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Flower-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a flower holder for attachment to the dress or coat.

The object of the invention is to provide a device having suitable means for attachment to a dress or coat and capable of holding flowers in the form either of a single flower, a boutonniere, or a bouquet.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of the flower holder.

Fig. 2 is a view of the serrated jaw separate.

Fig. 3 is a top or front view of the holder.

Fig. 4 is a view of the serrated jaw and spring on a larger scale showing details of construction. Figs. 5 and 6 show a modification in the means for attachment of the holder to a coat.

The holder comprises as essentials a serrated jaw; means for attaching the device to the coat; and a spring co-acting with said jaw to produce pressure in confining the flower stems.

In Figs. 1, 2, 3 and 4, the serrated jaw is designated, *a*, and a loop-shaped frame is formed of a strip or band of spring-metal of which the base is marked *b*. *b'* is the part which confronts the said jaw; *c*, the spring which coacts with the serrated jaw to press it against the said confronting part; and *d*, a pin by which the holder is attached to a coat.

In Fig. 1, the strip or band of metal has the general form of an oblong loop one end, *e*, of which curves from the base and has a headed pin, *f*. The other end, *e'*, also curves from the base and serves the double purpose of a hinge and spring for the confronting or clamping band, *b'*, which has a key-hole-shaped slot, *g*, to couple with the headed pin, *f*. In coupling these parts, the pin-head will readily enter the large end of the slot, *g*, and then will be held by drawing into the narrow end.

The serrated jaw comprises a base having on its operative face two parallel flanges

each of which has teeth or serrations on its edge. Thus there are two serrated edges, *a*. A suitable spring, *c*, between the base, *b*, and serrated jaw co-acts with the latter to produce pressure on it, so as to confine the stems of the flowers when they are in position between the said jaw and the confronting band, *b'*. As shown in Fig. 1, the back of the serrated jaw has two loops, *h*, in which the ends of the spring, *c*, fit loosely. The spring may be differently constructed from that shown. In this figure also the pin, *d*, is hinged at, *d'*, to the base, *b*, and connects with a catch, *i*. The pin also may be attached differently from that here shown.

It will be understood that by unclasping or uncoupling the band, *b'*, from the headed pin, *f*, the action of the spring-end, *e'*, will cause said band, *b'*, to take the open position shown in broken lines. In this position the flower stems may be laid crosswise of the two serrated edges, *a*, and between them and the confronting band, *b'*, and then the said band closed and coupled. After the flowers have been thus fixed in the holder, the latter may be attached to a lady's dress or a gentleman's coat.

Figs. 5 and 6 show a disk or button, *k*, with a thin broad shank, *l*, connecting the said button with the base, *b*. Thus the button may be slipped through a button-hole of a gentleman's coat and the thin broad shank, *l*, will prevent the device from tilting or turning.

I have shown that the construction of my device may be varied or changed in various respects. My invention, therefore, is not limited to the construction shown in the drawings.

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

1. In a holder for flowers, the combination of a loop-shaped frame; a jaw inclosed within the said frame and having serrated teeth which confront an interior side of the frame; a spring coacting with the said frame and jaw to cause the flower stems to be pressed or gripped between the interior side of said frame and the serrated teeth of the jaw; and means for attaching the holder to a dress or coat.

2. In a holder for flowers, the combination of a loop-shaped frame; a jaw comprising a base provided with two parallel side flanges each having on its edge teeth or serrations; a spring coacting with the said frame and jaw to cause the serrated teeth of the jaw to press against the flower stems; and means for attaching the holder to a dress or coat.
3. In a holder for flowers, the combination of a band of metal forming a loop-shaped frame having at one end a headed pin and provided with a key-hole shaped slot which engages said pin; a serrated jaw; a spring to cause the said jaw to press; and means for attaching the holder to a dress or coat.
4. In a holder for flowers, the combination of a loop-shaped frame; a serrated jaw; a

spring between the base of the frame and said jaw, and a pin attached to the said base.

5. In a holder for flowers, the combination of a frame; a jaw inclosed within the frame,— said jaw comprising two parallel side flanges each having on its edge teeth or serrations; a spring coacting with the said frame and jaw to cause the serrated teeth of the jaw to press against the flower stems; and means for attaching the holder to a dress or coat.

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

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