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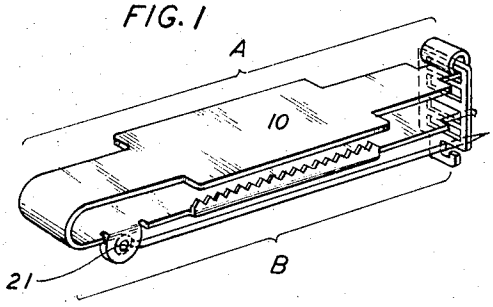

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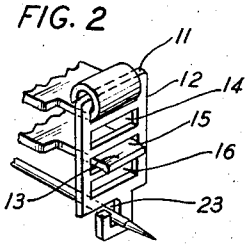

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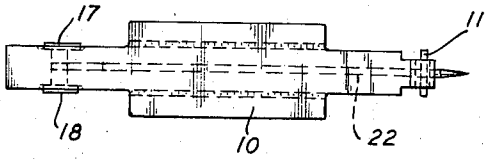

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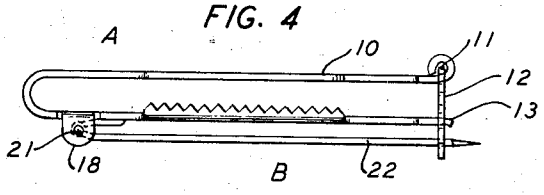

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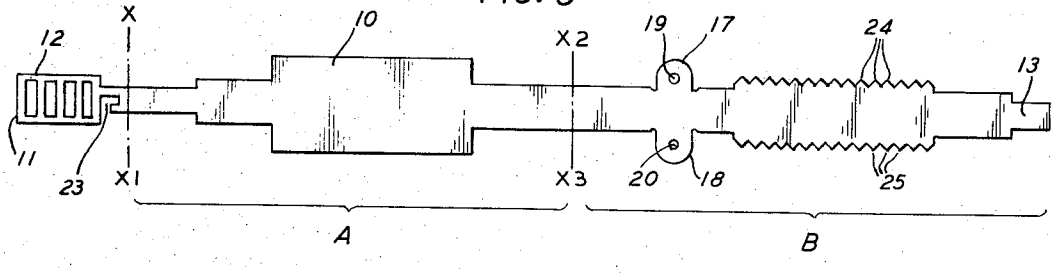

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This invention has reference to a corsage holder used for holding flowers generally worn on a person's wearing apparel.

The applicants are aware that corsage holders are well known, but such holders, in actual use, have been found to be utterly unsatisfactory because of their complexity of parts, of the inconvenience in locating and holding the corsage in the proper position onto the wearer's apparel, added to the high cost of manufacture of the parts and the assembly of the latters.

The object of the present invention is the provision of a corsage holder which is simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture, and wherein the corsage is held in the proper position onto the apparel of the wearer in a positive manner, thereby avoiding the defects present in corsage holders heretofore used.

The novel features of the invention will appear from the following description and by the claims appended thereto, reference being had to the accompanying drawing in which:

FIG. 1 is an assembly view of the corsage holder, in perspective, shown with a latch in the holder, in the operated position;

FIG. 2 is a partial front view of FIG. 1, also shown in perspective;

FIG. 3 is a top assembly view;

FIG. 4 is a side assembly view; and

FIG. 5 represents a strip which may be punched from a sheet of metallic material combining the elements forming the corsage holder.

As shown in FIGS. 1, 2 and 5, the corsage holder of the invention is formed out of a resilient metallic strip bent at its middle length portion on the lines X2 and X3 with the desired radius to form clamping elements A and B disposed in substantially parallel relation to each other.

The clamping element A, as shown, has an enlarged portion **10** serving for receiving a correspondingly-shaped ornament, not shown, which may be of any desired design and which may be secured on the plate **10**, or formed therein in any well known manner. The clamping element A has its free end coiled to serve as a bearing for a pivot **11** formed with a latch member **12** which may be punched with the strip at the end portion of the clamping element A and severed on line X–X1 prior to the bending of the strip.

The element B of the strip, at its free end, is formed with a tongue portion **13** adapted to selectively engage slots **14**, **15** and **16** in the latch member **12**, which slots may be in any number desired depending upon the size of the corsage placed between the elements A and B. The element B of the holder is formed with a pair of ears or lugs **17** and **18** bent at right angles to the plane surface of element B and these lugs are provided with drilled holes **19** and **20**, FIG. 5, serving as bearings for receiving a shaft or pivot **21**, FIGS. 1 and 4, on which a pin **22** is pivoted. Pin **22**, which is in the form of a piano wire, is coiled in the manner of a tension spring at one end to form a bearing fitted over the pivot **21** with the end of the wire extending a small distance beyond the coil to the under-surface of element B so as to afford means for tensioning the pin **22**, the opposite end of which is adapted to engage a hook **23** formed at the free end of latch member **12** with a springing action.

The clamping element B is formed with two parallel

rims, each formed with a row of saw-toothed-like projections **24**, **25** disposed in vertical alignment with the parallel sides of plate **10** formed with clamping element A with which they co-operate for gripping the stems of the flowers comprised in the corsage when the elements A and B are placed in the locked position, as shown in FIGS. 1, 2 and 4, such locked position may be effected as determined by the engagement of tongue **13** in any one of the slots **14**, **15** and **16**, as above mentioned.

In the use of the corsage holder of this invention, the latch member **12** is disengaged from the lug **13** at the free end of clamping element B and the pin **22** disengaged from the hook portion **23** of latch **12** when the corsage may be inserted between the parallel rows of teeth **24–25** formed with the clamping element B and the flat rectangular portion **10** formed with the clamping element A, after which the clamping elements A and B are pressed by the fingers toward each other to cause the rows of teeth **24** and **25** to sink into the stems of the flowers. The latch **12** is pivoted for engaging the lug **13** in any one of the openings **14**, **15** and **16**, as the case may be, thereby holding the corsage positively in the desired position, the holder may then be worn by inserting the pin **22** into the cloth of the wearer and slipping the pin in position into the hook **23** formed with the latch **12**.

Corsage holders constructed according to this invention have been found to be of simple, inexpensive and of rugged construction, and effectively avoiding the defects present in the corsage holders heretofore used.

It is understood that minor changes may be made to the corsage holder of the invention as to the material used and size of the parts, without departing from the scope of the appended claims.

What we claim is:

1. A holder for corsage use constructed of a strip of resilient material bent substantially at its middle length portion parallelly to each other to form clamping elements, a tongue-like member formed at one end of one of said clamping elements, a latch member pivoted at the free end of the other of said elements, said latch member having means adapted for selectively engaging said tongue member depending upon the size of the corsage, a pair of lug members formed with the first mentioned element bent to form bearings, a shaft supported by said bearings, a pin pivoted at one end on said shaft, said latch having a hook member formed therewith, said pin having its free end extending in position for engaging said hook member for securing the holder to a wearer's apparel.

2. A corsage holder as in claim **1** wherein said other clamping element has enlarged side portions along a portion of its length.

3. A corsage holder as in claim **2** wherein said first mentioned clamping element has saw toothed projections disposed along the length thereof, said projections being substantially perpendicular to said other clamping element along a substantial portion of the enlarged side portions of its length.

4. A corsage holder as in claim **3** wherein the enlarged side portions of said other clamping element extend beyond said perpendicularly disposed toothed projections to aid in gripping and supporting the corsage.

5. A corsage holder as in claim **1** wherein said resilient material is metallic.

6. A corsage holder comprising a resilient strip bent to form clamping elements at least a portion of which are substantially parallel to each other, one of said clamping elements having a clamping position securing member at one end, another of said clamping elements having a pivoted latch member at its free end, said latch member having means for selectively engaging said position securing member in a plurality of positions depending upon the

size of the corsage, a pin engaging member located on said latch and a pin pivotally mounted on said one clamping element, said pin having its free end extending in position for engaging said pin engaging member for securing the holder to a wearer's apparel.

7. A corsage holder as in claim 6 wherein said other clamping element has enlarged side portions along a portion of its length.

8. A corsage holder as in claim 7 wherein said first mentioned one clamping element has saw toothed projections disposed along the length thereof, said projections being substantially perpendicular to said other clamping element along a substantial portion of the enlarged side portions of its length.

9. A corsage holder as in claim 8 wherein the enlarged side portions of said other clamping element extend beyond said perpendicularly disposed toothed projections to aid in gripping and supporting the corsage.

10. A corsage holder as in claim 6 wherein said resilient strip is metallic.

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