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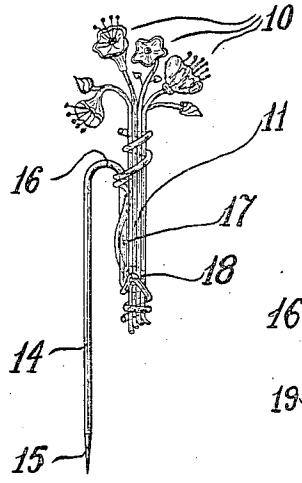



Fig. 1.

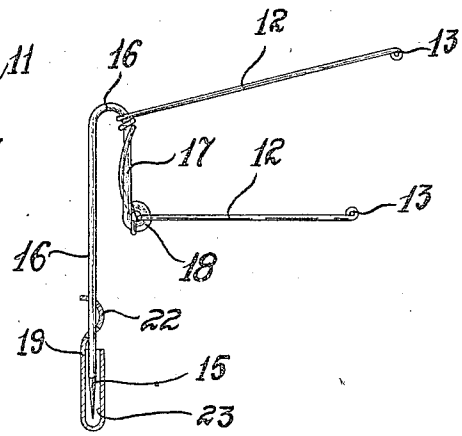



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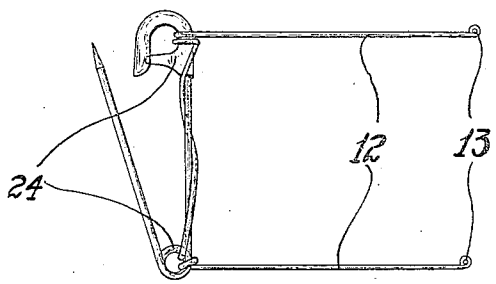



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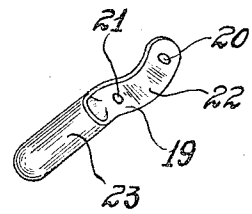



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALBERT HOFFMANN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Corona, L. I., in the county of Queens and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Boutonnière Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has as its purpose to provide means for securing boutonnières, as small groups of flowers, etc., to the garments of the persons in such manner as to preserve the same against loss or displacement.

Another object is in the provision of a device which may be interchangeably applied to any textile fabric garment and engaged thereon, the device being inexpensive in its construction and simple in its application.

These objects are attained by the novel design and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and shown in the accompanying drawing, forming a material part of this disclosure, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a side elevational view of an embodiment of the device illustrating its application.

Figure 2 is a similar view of the same, its arms being extended.

Figure 3 is a side elevational view showing an adaptation of the invention.

Figure 4 is a perspective view showing the pin engaging means.

A bunch of flowers is shown in the drawing, designated by the numeral 10, the same having their stems 11 secured in intimate grouped relation, at their upper and lower ends, by the strands of a highly flexible wire.

Said pliable wire, preferably copper, is formed with closed eyes 13 at each end in order to present a smooth surface which permits handling with the fingers without danger of scratching or otherwise injuring the same.

A pin 14, of relatively stiff wire, is formed with a sharp point, as 15 at its engaging end, adapted to pierce any ordinary textile fabric.

The opposite, upper end is bowed or turned reentrantly as at 16, the continuing element 17 extending downward at a spaced distance parallel with the shank 14 of the pin, and then formed into an eye 18.

The central portion of the pliable wire 12 is passed through the eye 18 several times and then coiled around the element 17 to a point near the bend 16, presenting two arms of substantially equal length adapted to be coiled about the flower stem 11 holding them in tight engagement in a manner that will be apparent.

In order to maintain the shank 14 of the pin from loosening and subsequent loss, a clip is provided, the same consisting of a metallic tongue 19 containing perforations 20 and 20′ and bowed at its center as at 22, the shank of the pin engaging in the holes and the resiliency of the metal maintaining the pin in engagement.

Formed within the tongue 19 is a hollow cylindrical cup 23 having a closed bottom, the point of the pin being thus shielded when the device is assembled.

In the modification shown in Figure 3, a common form of safety pin is designated generally by the numeral 24, and the flexible wire 12 is engaged in the coil and loop of the pin and also wound about the bar portion as illustrated.

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

1. A boutonnière support comprising an inelastic pliable wire having rounded ends, a pin having means for engaging said wire intermediate its length, and means for securing said pin when adjusted.

2. A boutonnière holder comprising a single strand of highly pliable wire having rounded ends, and means for engaging said wire intermediate its ends, said engaging means also acting as a support.

3. A boutonnière holder comprising a U-shaped pin having relatively long and short members spaced in parallel, said long member having an acute point, an eye open at the end of said short member, a flexible wire engaged in the eye and coiled about the main portion of said short member, integral arms extending outwardly therefrom, closed eyes at the free ends of said wire, and means for engaging said long member after passing through supporting fabric.

In witness whereof I affix my signature.

ALBERT HOFFMANN.