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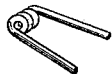
Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE E. WELLS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Walton, in the county of Delaware and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Buttonhole-Bouquet Holder for Holding Bouquets of Different Sizes; and the following is a full, clear, and exact description of my invention, such as will enable others skilled in the arts of metal-working to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in bouquet holders, and the objects are, first, to hold button-hole bouquets of different sizes and hide the stems of the flowers without the use of paper or strings of any kind; second, to fasten the same securely to one's clothing without the use of a separate pin, and, third, to make the holder ornamental as well as useful. I attain these objects by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of the holder. Fig. 2 is a side sectional view, and Fig. 3 the spring.

The holder consists of two metal jaws with their edges bent at right angles, the front jaw being a little wider than the back one so that it closes over, and they are held together with a rivet which also acts as a hinge, and allows the upper ends of the jaws to open and close. The heavy lines in Fig. 2 show the jaws closed, and the dotted lines, open to receive the bouquet.

The spring, Fig. 3, is a piece of coiled wire which passes around the rivet, and its ends press the lower ends of the jaws apart, which

closes the upper ends and they hold the bouquet firmly. The spring is shown in position in Fig. 2 with the rivet passing through the coil.

Ordinary pin-tongs are soldered to the back of the back jaw for the purpose of fastening the holder to one's clothing.

Fig. 1 shows the front of the holder with the point of the pintongs projecting below the jaws, and an ornament on the front, which may be of any artistic design without affecting the principle involved.

The holder is operated by pressing the lower ends of the jaws together, which opens the upper ends to receive the bouquet, as shown by the dotted lines in Fig. 2 which is held firmly by the jaws when the pressure is removed.

My invention is so simple in construction that it will not be necessary to give any further description.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A bouquet holder consisting of two plates with flanged edges, inclosing a longitudinal channel; a pivot pin connecting their edges at a distance from either end; a spring within the channel holding them at an inclination to each other, and a pintong secured to the outside of one of the plates, all substantially as described.

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