

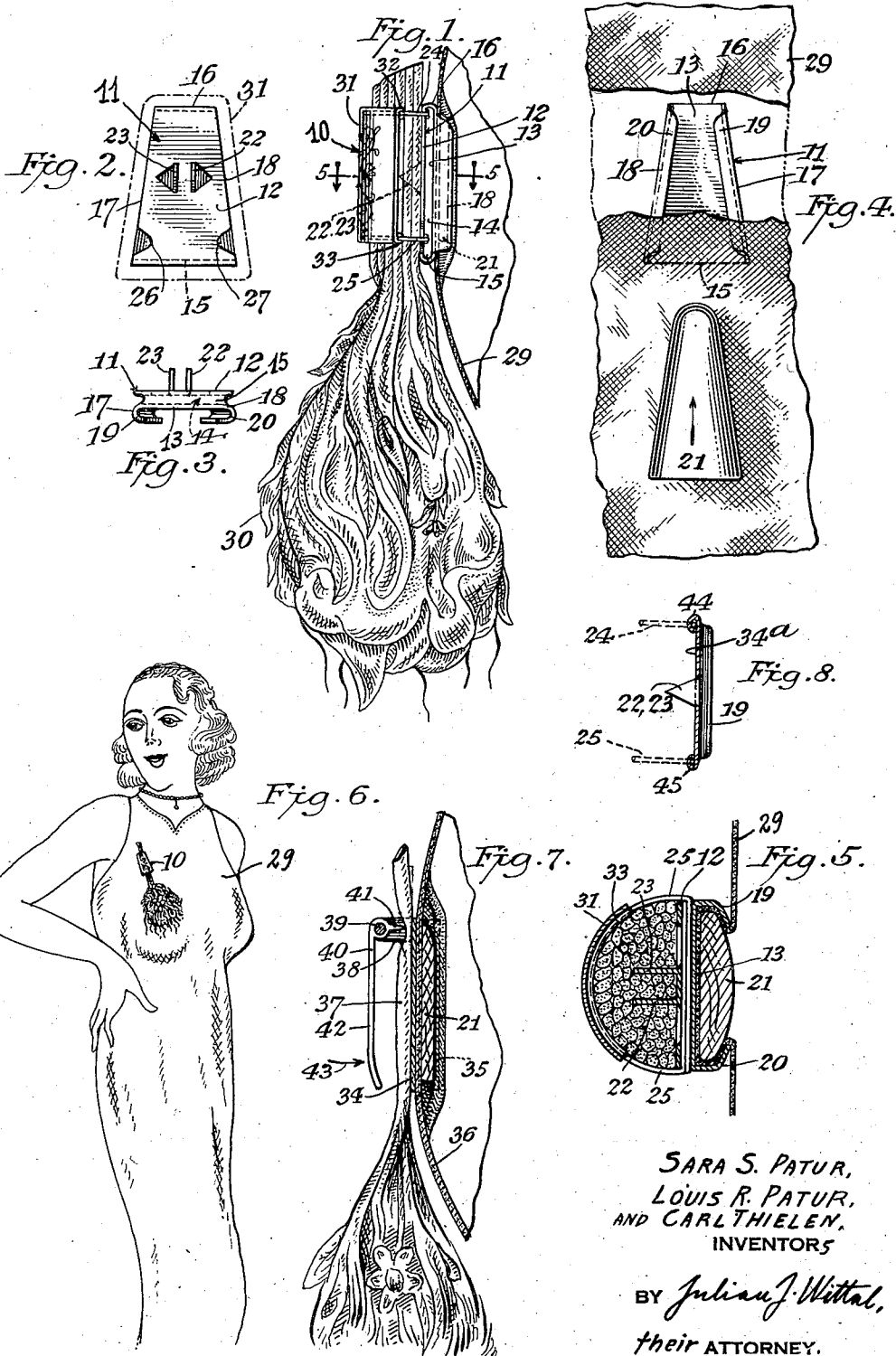
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This invention relates to securing means for bouquets of flowers on ladies' dresses, and the like, and has for its main object to provide a device of this character which will be simple and easy to apply and remove, and which will not necessitate the injuring or piercing of the dress or fabric, as is the case with pins and pin-operating devices mainly used for such purposes now.

The object of our invention is to provide removably securing means, composed of two members or elements, which may be fastened or attached to any fabric or garment by means of wedge action of two members or elements, which wedge action will be hereinafter more fully described.

Our device may be used for removably securing other objects, such as ornaments, designs, emblems, etc., on fabrics, or garments while the same are being worn, and it may be used generally, when desired, where our device may be applied, and for removably securing one object to another.

A further object of our invention is to provide a device as characterized herein which will not pierce, puncture, tear, soil or harm in any way, the fabric or garment to which our device may be fastened or attached, by means of said wedge action, easily and conveniently.

Another object of our invention is to provide a device as characterized herein which will be inexpensive to manufacture and which will be artistic and attractive in appearance.

Other objects of this invention will be apparent as the specification and the drawing, accompanying and forming a part of the same proceeds: In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a partly sectional elevation of our device as applied for securing a bouquet of flowers on a garment;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the upper portion of our device, an ornamental covering shield which may be employed with it being indicated in an imaginary manner by dot and dash lines; and

Fig. 3 is an end view of the same;

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary rear view of a portion of the garment or fabric, to the front of which a member of our device has been applied, a second wedge member thereof being shown in the rear of the garment in a position just prior to its being moved into engagement with said first member;

Fig. 5 is a partly cross sectional and elevational view of the device shown in Fig. 1, the section being taken about on the line 5—5 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 6 is a view of a woman in an evening gown

on which a bouquet of flowers has been secured by our device; and

Fig. 7 is a sectional elevation of another form of our device for securing only one or a few flowers, with ornamental shield, while

Fig. 8 is a detail of another modification.

Referring now to the drawing more closely by characters of reference, the numeral 10 indicates our device in general, the main element of which is a member 11 preferably made of sheet metal, or any other appropriate sheet material, having an upper or outer layer, plate 12, and a lower or inner layer, plate 13, spaced apart from one another, as indicated at 14.

Both ends preferably are being closed by transverse walls 15 and 16 between the plates or sheets 12 and 13, as best shown in Fig. 1. The member 11 generally is wedge shaped, the two longitudinal sides or edges 17 and 18 thereof being inclined towards each other and of the transverse sides the lower one, 15, being wider than the upper one, 16.

The rear of the member 11 and particularly of its lower plate 13 is best shown in Fig. 4, and it will be observed that the same has two inwardly bent wedge guide channels, 19 and 20, along its longitudinal edges 17 and 18 (see Fig. 3).

Our device also embodies a second main element 21 (Fig. 4) which is a wedge member made of any appropriate material and fitting into the guides 19 and 20.

The use and operation of our device is as follows:

The embodiment of our device, described and shown, is designed for securing bouquets of flowers on a dress or other garment. Such bouquet of flowers will be secured on the outer or upper plate 12 by placing it thereon in a longitudinal direction as indicated in Figs. 1 and 6. To facilitate the securing of the bouquet of flowers or rather the stems of the flowers on said plate and prevent slipping thereof, we preferably strike spikes 22 and 23 out of the material thereof onto which the stem portion of the bouquet of flowers may be thrust, whereupon said stem portion of the flowers may be secured on said plate by any appropriate means, as by wires passed between the two plates 12 and 13 in a transverse direction and then over and around the stem of said bouquet of flowers, as indicated at 24 and 25. Preferably, the upper wire 24 may be adjacent to the wall 16 to prevent its upward or downward slipping, while the lower wire 25 may engage appropriate recesses or incisions 26 and 27 in said plate 12 for the same purpose. It is to be under-

stood, of course, that any other suitable means may be employed for securing the bouquet of flowers on the plate 12.

After the bouquet of flowers is secured on the upper plate 12, the wedge member 21 will be placed on the inside or underneath the dress or garment 29, as indicated in Fig. 4 and the member 11 will be placed on the outside of the dress in the position desired as indicated in Figs. 4 and 6, and thereupon forced home over said wedge member between the wedge guides 19 and 20. A portion of the dress 29 will be caught between the member 21 and the lower plate 13 and its guides 19 and 20 and closed between them in a wedge like action so that the whole securing member 10 will be removably fastened on the dress in the position desired, carrying the bouquet of flowers 30 on its outside surface and over the desired portion of the garment.

The securing wires 24 and 25 and the portion of the stem of the bouquet secured on the plate 12, with said plate, may or may not be covered and concealed by any ornamental means, or even simply by some attractive looking sheet material like silk, paper, etc., but in the embodiment shown, we indicate an ornamental shield or cover 31 which may be secured on the outside of our fastening means forming a part thereof. Said ornamental shield in the embodiment shown may have a curved outer contour and the two ends 32 and 33 thereof may be rolled or bent inwardly to form appropriate tubes through which the wires 24 and 25 may be passed thereby providing for the securing of the shield over our fastening means. Said shield may show on its outer surface any desired emblem, sign or ornament.

In Fig. 7 we indicate another modified form of our device which is composed of one single sheet of metal 34 being practically equivalent to the lower plate 13 of the earlier form of our device. Along the longitudinal edges thereof wedge guides 35 similar to wedge guides 19 and 20 employed in the earlier form, may be provided and a similar wedge member 21 may be forced home between them when our device is fastened on a dress or garment 36. The use and operation of this part of the device is entirely similar to that described hereinbefore, and the only difference is in the manner of securing the bouquet of flowers on our device. In this modification, the bouquet of flowers or only one or a few flowers may be placed right on the single plate 34, as at 37, and two upstanding lugs 38 may be provided on said plate 34 at either side of the stem 37 of the bouquet of flowers in which lugs a pin 39 is rotatably arranged. An angular member 40 is secured on said pin, one branch 41 of which is shorter and adapted to engage the stems 37 of the flowers while the other branch 42 is long and wider so that it may be used both to operate the stem engaging means 41 and to be formed into an ornamental shield, design or emblem to cover the respective portion of the stems 37 and our fastening means. It will be seen that when said member 42 is rocked or pressed inward, as indicated by the arrow, 43, the member 41 will be pressed on the stems 37 of the flowers and will keep the stem secured on the plate 34 while, if the member 42 is rocked in the other direction the bouquet of flowers will be released.

It is also to be understood that other securing means may be employed in the form of our device described and shown in connection with Figs. 1 to 6, as shown by Fig. 8, by employing only a

single sheet or plate 34a, which will be slightly looped at the upper and lower extremities thereof, 44 and 45, to provide tubes for securing the bouquet of flowers with the securing wires. Wedge guides 19 and 20 are bent backwardly from plate 34a. In this form of our device any other appropriate means may also be employed for securing the bouquet of flowers.

It will be understood that changes and variations may be made in the parts and combinations of our device and we hereby reserve all our rights to any and all such changes as are within the spirit of the invention and the scope of the appended claims.

What we claim as new, is:

1. In a fastening device for releasably securing an object on a fabric, like a portion of a dress, of the type having a plate-like member adapted to be placed on the one side of the said fabric, two oppositely placed marginal edges of the same being bent to form guides turned towards said fabric, and having a wedge shaped member adapted to enter said guides from the other side of said fabric and thereby to tightly secure portions of said fabric between said member and said guides, the exposed surface of said plate having means to secure said object thereon, said wedge member being comparatively thick in relation to its width, and said guides and the edge portions of the wedge entering the same being of wide rounded cross section.

2. In a fastening device as set forth in claim 1, said wedge member having a flat surface on the side thereof engaging said fabric, and a curved surface on the other side of the same.

3. In a fastening device as set forth in claim 1, said guides being inclined towards one another and the respective edges of said wedge member being similarly inclined.

4. In a fastening device as set forth in claim 1, said wedge member having a flat surface on the one side thereof engaging said fabric, and a curved surface on the other side of the same, said guides being inclined towards one another, and the respective edges of the wedge member being similarly inclined, the narrower end of said wedge member being thereby brought to a rounded curved termination, flat on one side.

5. In a fastening device to releasably secure an object on a fabric, like a portion of a dress, comprising a first plate member adapted to be placed on one side of said fabric, having wedge guides bent along two opposite edges thereof, and turned towards said fabric, a second plate member above the exposed or free surface of said first plate member, spaced apart from said first plate but secured thereto, a wedge member adapted to be placed on the other side of said fabric, and to enter said guides and secure said first plate member on said fabric by tightly pressing portions of said fabric between itself and said guides, and means on said second plate member to secure said object thereon.

6. In a fastening device as set forth in claim 5, said securing means for said object comprising wires adapted to be passed between said two plates and to engage said second plate and said object.

7. In a fastening device as set forth in claim 5, said securing means for said object comprising wires adapted to be passed between said two plates and to engage said second plate and said object, recesses being provided in said second plate to secure said wires.

8. In a fastening device as set forth in claim 5, 75

said securing means for said object comprising wires adapted to engage said second plate and said object, tubular portions being provided on said second plate through which said wires may
5 pass.

9. In a fastening device as set forth in claim 5, said securing means for said object including a shield over said object, said shield having tubular
10 portions, and wire members passed through said tubular portions and between said plates to secure said shield thereby.

10. In a fastening device as set forth in claim 1, said means to secure an object on the exposed
15 surface of said plate including spikes struck from

the material of said plate, and being turned outwardly therefrom.

11. In a fastening device as set forth in claim 5, said means to secure an object on the exposed surface of said second plate including spikes
5 struck from the material of said second plate, and being bent outwardly therefrom.

12. In a fastening device as set forth in claim 1, said means to secure an object on said plate including tubular portions formed of the material
10 of said plate adapted to receive wires by which to secure said object.

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