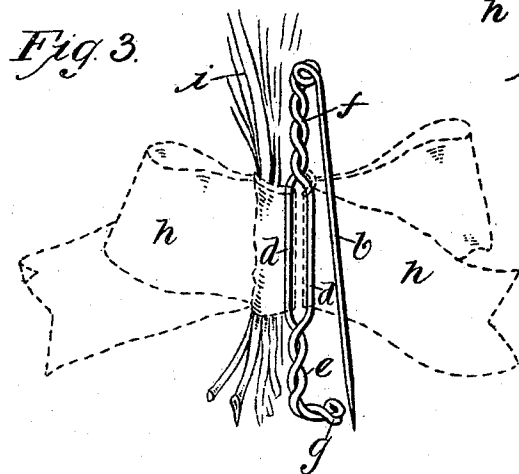
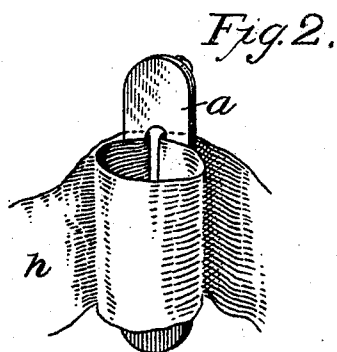
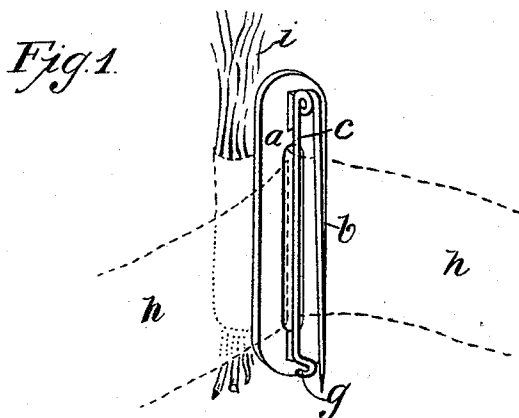


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY S. SCHNELL, a citizen of the United States of America, residing in Springfield, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Bouquet-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and letters of reference marked thereon, in which drawings like letters of reference indicate like parts.

Figure 1 is a perspective of my device as seen from the back. Fig. 2 is a like view of the same as seen from the front, and Fig. 3 is a perspective of a modification wherein the whole device is made of wire.

In detail, *a* indicates a plate; *b*, a pin; *c*, the body portion of the attaching-pin secured to the back of the plate; *d*, parallel side pieces; *e* and *f*, twisted portions of the wire structure; *g*, pin engaging hook or loop; *h*, ribbon, and *i* flower-stems.

The object of my invention is to provide an improved device of simple construction by which a bouquet of any size may be conveniently held and so constructed that the holding device will be arranged to be attached to the garment in a line parallel with the bouquet-stems and the whole device be substantially concealed, so that the only substantial exposure in addition to the bouquet and stems will be the securing-ribbon.

I accomplish the objects of my invention by the construction herein shown.

In Fig. 1 I illustrate the preferred form of construction. A plate *a* is provided, which may be of ornamental design, if desired. The plate is provided with a longitudinal opening for the reception of a ribbon *h*, which is looped and passed through the opening from the back of the plate, the ends being brought around the parallel side bars of the plate and united in the front of the loop in a fancy knot. It will be seen that the loop which engages the stems may be of any desired size, and after the stems are inserted the loop is contracted by drawing upon the ends of the ribbon until the stems are clasped tightly in the

loop, the ends of the ribbon then being brought together and tied at the front. For the purposes of attaching the holder to the garment a pin *b* is secured to the back of the plate in a line parallel with the opening therein, which pin is by preference constructed as shown in Fig. 1. This construction may be readily manufactured by striking up plates out of sheet metal and securing them by solder or otherwise to the body portion of an ordinary safety-pin construction.

In Fig. 3 I illustrate my device made wholly of a single piece of wire having the intermediate portion *d* formed in two parallel straight portions, and at each end the wire is twisted, as shown, and bent upwardly at one end to form the engaging hook *g*, within which the end of the pin rests, and the opposite end portion after being twisted is formed in a spring-coil and then carried forwardly to form the pin. The side wires *d* operate in the same manner, of course, as the side bars of the plate.

It will be seen that by the construction shown by me the holding device lies parallel with the bouquet-stem and is concealed by it, and that bouquets of any size may be readily held by the employment of ribbon of suitable length.

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

1. A bouquet-holding device consisting of a flat body portion, having a narrow longitudinal opening through it having parallel sides and extending lengthwise of the major portion of the body, and a pin fixed to the back of said body, substantially as shown.

2. A flat body having a narrow longitudinal ribbon-receiving slit through it extending the greater part of its length said opening having parallel sides, a pin secured to said body and a ribbon looped in said ribbon-opening, substantially as shown.

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