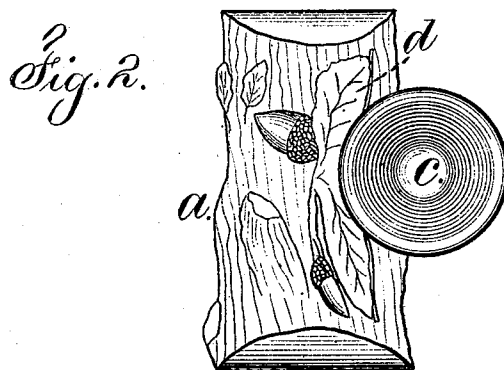
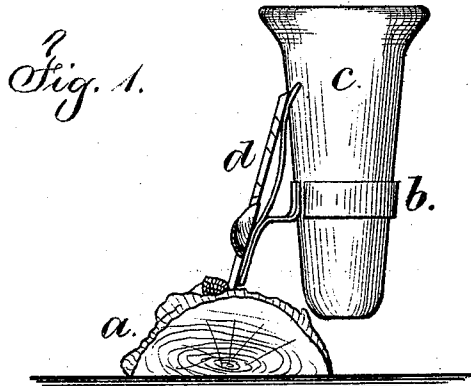


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IMPROVEMENT IN BOUQUET-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. TUCKER, of Waterbury, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented an Improved Bouquet-Holder, of which the following is a specification:

Bouquet-holders heretofore made have been of an ornamental character and only adapted to holding flowers. The present invention is for rendering the bouquet-holder useful for other purposes besides flowers, so that when employed for other purposes its usefulness as a bouquet-holder will not be lessened, and when there are not flowers to insert in such holder the same may be otherwise employed.

I construct this bouquet-holder so that its base serves as a paper-weight, and the metal that holds the water-vessel is extended so as hold cards. This forms a new and useful article of manufacture that is adapted to holding cards or flowers, or both, and to serving as a paper-weight.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is an elevation, and Fig. 2 is a plan, of the improved bouquet-holder.

The base *a* is weighted, and a sheet metal

or wire arm extends above the same in the form of a spring-ring, *b*, that receives the glass or other tapering vessel *c*, for holding water, and the bouquet or separate flowers. At the front of the ring *b* the metal is extended in the form of spring card-holders *d*, that serve to receive and clamp the cards that may be inserted within them.

The sheet-metal leaf ornaments, and the configuration of the weighted base, shown in the drawings, are similar to the patent of design heretofore granted to me for a card-holder.

I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The bouquet-holder having a ring, *b*, supported by the weighted base *a*, and extended in the form of metallic spring-clips, for receiving and holding cards, substantially as set forth.

Signed by me this 9th day of June, A. D. 1876.

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