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BOUQUET HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

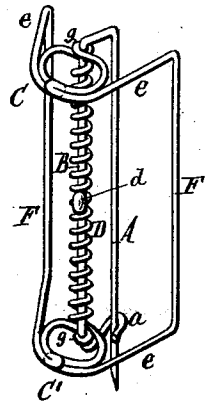


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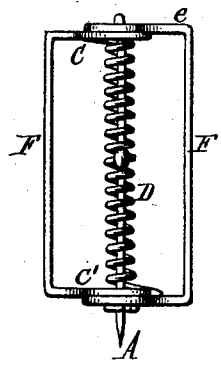


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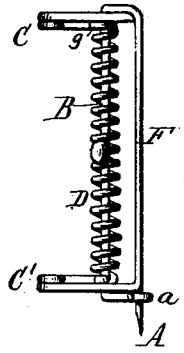


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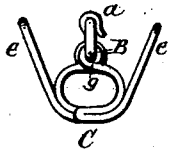
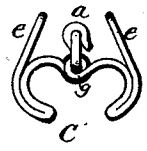


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUSSELL F. LAWRENCE, of the city of Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bouquet-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in that class of holders which are designed to be attached to the person, and adapted to hold a bouquet.

The object of my invention is to construct a light, simple, and durable holder of this kind, which will permit a boquet to be readily inserted and removed, and which can be produced at comparatively small cost.

The invention consists, to that end, of the improved holder, which will be hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved bouquet-holder. Fig. 2 is a front view, and Fig. 3 a side view, of the same. Fig. 4 is a top plan view of the holder, and Fig. 5 is a similar view showing the jaws opened.

Like letters of reference refer to like parts in the several figures.

A represents the pin or clasp, whereby the holder is attached to the garment of the person, and which is formed in one piece with a bar or stem, B, which supports the parts of the holder. The lower portion of the stem B is bent at right angles to the main portion thereof, and its end terminates in a hook, *a*, with which engages the lower end of the pin A.

C C′ represent two pairs of clamping-jaws, which are arranged at opposite ends of the holder, and embrace the stem of the bouquet. The jaws C C′ are constructed of spring-wire, and each jaw is bent to a semicircular shape, so that when the two jaws of each pair are closed they form together a circular socket or opening, which receives the stem of the bouquet.

D represents a spiral spring, which surrounds the stem or bar B, and having its upper end connected with one of the upper jaws, C, and its lower end with one of the lower jaws, C′. The upper jaw, C, and lower jaw, C′, to which the two ends of the spring D are connected, are arranged on opposite sides of the stem B, so that the spring D will tend to hold the jaws in a closed position. The inner ends of the two opposite jaws, C and C′ are provided with an eye or loop, *g*, which encircles the stem B. The jaws C C′ and spring D are formed of a single piece of wire, as shown.

Upon opening or distending the jaws C C′ to introduce the bouquet the spring D is strained, and upon releasing the jaws the reaction of the spring closes the jaws and tightly clamps the stem of the bouquet.

The outer or front ends of the jaws C C′ are provided with rearwardly-projecting arms or extensions *e*, whereby they are opened. The upper and lower jaws, C C′, on the same side of the holder, are connected by a vertical rod or bar, F, so that by pressing the bars F toward each other both pairs of jaws will be opened. The outer or front ends of the jaws C C′ are doubled or bent back upon themselves, and extend rearwardly to form the arms *e*.

My improved holder is constructed entirely of wire, and consists of but two pieces, one forming the stem B, pin A, and hook *a*, and the other the jaws C C′, spring D, arms *e*, and connecting-bars F, as clearly shown in the drawings. The spring D is soldered or otherwise fastened to the stem B, as shown at *d*, to prevent the same from moving laterally on the stem. The connecting-rods F rest against the garments of the wearer, thereby holding the holder firmly and preventing it from swinging on the pin A.

My improved bouquet-holder is very simple in construction, it is easily adjusted, and is adapted to hold bouquets of various sizes, as its jaws can be distended to a considerable degree.

I claim as my invention—

1. In a bouquet-holder, the combination, with a supporting bar or stem, of two spring-jaws bent from a single piece of wire and having their inner ends connected by a spiral spring, D, substantially as set forth.

2. In a bouquet-holder, the combination, with the bar or stem B, of the clamping-jaws

C C′, and spiral spring D, bent from a single piece of wire and connected to the bar or stem B, substantially as set forth.

3. In a bouquet-holder, the combination, with the bar or stem B, provided with a pin, A, and hook *a*, of the clamping-jaws C C′, connecting-bars F, loops *g*, and spring D, formed of a single piece of wire and secured to the stem B, substantially as set forth.

Witness my hand this 21st day of June, 1886.

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