

(No Model.)

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BOUQUET HOLDER.

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FIG. 1.

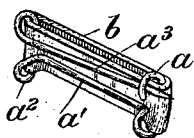


FIG. 2.

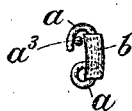


FIG. 3.

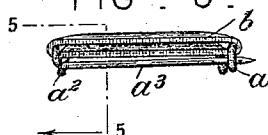


FIG. 4.

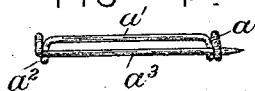


FIG. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH MATHISON, of Somerville, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bouquet-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide a simple and inexpensive device adapted to be readily and detachably applied to a coat lapel or other other portion of a garment, and hold a bouquet or boutonniere without wrinkling or disfiguring the garment.

The invention consists in a bouquet holder comprising in its construction a safety pin having open eyes or loops at its ends, and an elastic band engaged with said eyes and held thereby in such position that the sides of the band constitute yielding jaws adapted to be separated to permit the interposition of flower stems between them, and to hold said stems with sufficient firmness.

Of the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved bouquet holder. Fig. 2 represents an end view of the same. Fig. 3 represents a top or edge view. Fig. 4 represents a view similar to Fig. 3, without the elastic band. Fig. 5 is a section on line 5-5 of Fig. 3.

The same letters of reference indicate the same parts in all of the figures.

In carrying out my invention I provide a wire safety pin, preferably made from a single piece of wire, comprising an eye or loop a formed at one end of the piece, a bar a' extending from one end of said eye, another eye a^2 formed on one end of the bar a' , and a pin a^3 extending from one end of the eye a^2 and having its free end pointed and arranged to be engaged by a part of the eye a , as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Each of the eyes a a^2 is open at one side and said eyes occupy planes substantially at right angles with the direction of length of the bar a' and pin a^3 .

The open construction of the eyes enables a band b of elastic material, preferably rubber, to be engaged with said eyes in the man-

ner shown in Fig. 1, one side of the band being slipped through the openings in the eyes while the band is in an expanded condition. The effort of the band to contract to its normal size causes the sides of the band to come together and act as yielding jaws adapted to grasp and hold flower stems placed between them.

The bar a' is preferably offset, as shown, so that it bears closely on one side of the band b and constitutes a comparatively rigid support or backing for said side, thus causing the band to more firmly hold the flower stems than if both sides of the band were free to move outwardly or away from each other.

It will be seen that the wire portion of the device, formed as shown, constitutes a safety pin adapted to hold an elastic band in a tense condition, the pin and its retaining guard being behind the band and mainly concealed thereby, as are all parts of the wire portion excepting the ends of the eyes; hence the device is not objectionably conspicuous when worn on an exposed portion of a garment. The device is adapted to be readily applied and removed after the manner of applying and removing an ordinary safety pin, and may be applied to the lapel of a coat or to a lady's dress.

I do not limit myself to the particular form of the safety pin or wire portion here shown. Any device analogous to a safety pin, adapted to be detachably secured to a garment and provided with eyes or loops adapted to hold an elastic band so that the sides of said band will act as jaws in the manner described, will be no departure from the spirit of my invention.

I claim—

1. A bouquet holder comprising a frame or support having means for attachment to a garment, and provided with eyes or loops and an endless elastic band engaged with said eyes and held in a tense condition thereby, the sides of the band being both located on one side of the frame or support and constituting stem grasping jaws, as set forth.

2. A bouquet holder comprising a safety

pin having open eyes or loops at its ends and
a bar connecting said loops, and an endless
elastic band engaged with said eyes and hav-
ing the two sides thereof extending along one
5 side of said bar, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my
name to this specification, in the presence of

two subscribing witnesses, this 1st day of
July, A. D. 1892.

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