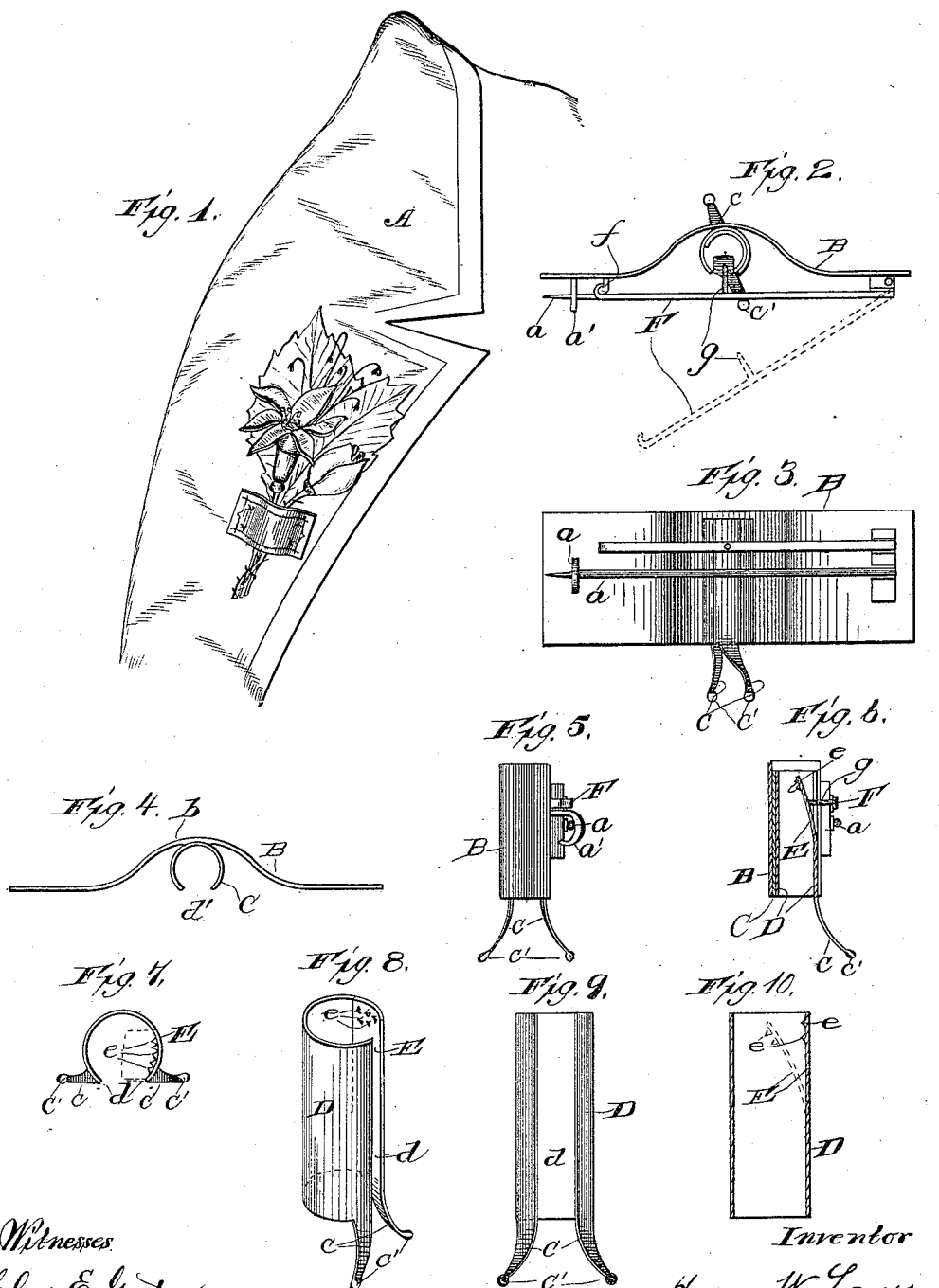


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY W. LAUN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Englewood, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Badge and Bouquet-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in combined badges and bouquet-holders; and it consists in certain peculiarities of the construction and novel arrangement of the various parts thereof, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth and specifically claimed.

The objects of my invention are to provide such a device which can be used as a badge only when desired, yet can be readily employed as a bouquet-holder, in which a bunch of flowers may be easily inserted, firmly retained, and readily removed while the device is secured to the lapel of a coat, and also a device for such purposes which shall be neat and attractive in appearance, and simple in construction and operation.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention pertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe it, referring to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of a portion of the lapel of a coat with my device secured thereto with a bouquet in place. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the device detached from the coat and with the bouquet removed. Fig. 3 is a rear view of the same. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the escutcheon of the device and a portion of the holder. Fig. 5 is a side view of the complete device. Fig. 6 is a sectional view of the same. Fig. 7 is a plan view of the revolving collar or securing attachment for the holder. Fig. 8 is a perspective view of the same. Fig. 9 is a view in front elevation thereof, and Fig. 10 is a vertical sectional view of the same.

In the drawings all the views, except Fig. 1, are enlarged ones, and similar letters refer to corresponding parts throughout the different views thereof.

A represents a portion of the lapel of a coat to which my device may be secured when desired by means of a pin *a*, which is hinged to the rear surface of the escutcheon B near one

of its sides, and is adapted to engage with a hook *a'*, secured to the other rear side surface of the escutcheon or badge-plate. The escutcheon B is made of any suitable size, form, and material, and may bear upon its face any desired inscription, emblem, motto, or design, and is formed with its central portion curved outwardly and vertically therewith, as at *b*. To the rear surface of the curved part *b* of the plate B is secured a collar C, which has its rear portion open, as seen in Fig. 4, to allow the ready insertion and removal of the stems of the flowers and also to more firmly secure them, as will presently be explained. Within this collar is movably secured a securing collar or tube D, which is also open or split, as shown at *d* in Figs. 8 and 9, and is provided at its lower end with two diverging prongs *c*, having on their ends small balls or knobs *c'*, or may be otherwise ornamentally formed. The prongs *c* project slightly below the bottom of the collar C and are used for turning the tube D when it is desired to close or open the aperture in the collar C.

As shown in Figs. 6, 7, 8, and 10, the tube D has a portion of its upper part on either side of the opening *d* divided vertically from the main body of the tube and forming a spring E, which has at its upper end a number of teeth *e* for engagement with the stems of the flowers when it is pressed and retained thereagainst by the rod F, which is hinged to or near one side of the rear surface of the escutcheon B and is secured at its other end to a hook *f*, which hook is also secured to the rear of the plate B. At about its middle the rod F is provided with a projection *g*, which, by closing the rod F to the position shown in Fig. 2, (by continuous lines,) forces the spring E inwardly and causes the teeth *e* to engage with the stems of the flowers and securely retains them in the holder.

The operation of my device is simple and as follows: When it is desired to use the device as a badge, it is only necessary to secure it to the garment by means of the pin *a* in the ordinary manner. When used as a holder and badge, the tube D is turned in the collar C till their openings *d d'* are in alignment, when the stems of the flowers may be placed in the receptacle thus formed and there retained by turning the tube D till the spring E closes the

aperture *d'* of the collar C. The device is now secured to the garment as before and the rod F is closed and secured, when the pin *g* thereon will press the spring E against the flowers and cause the teeth *e* to engage therewith. While I prefer to use the tube D, yet I may sometimes dispense with it, in which case the pin *g* on the rod F, passing in the aperture *d'* of the collar C, will engage the stems of the flowers, as is obvious.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. As an improved article of manufacture, a combined badge and bouquet-holder consisting of the escutcheon B, having the curved portion *b*, the pin *a* and rod F, having the projection *g*, both hinged to the escutcheon,

and the collar C, having the aperture *d'* and secured to the escutcheon within the curve *b* thereof, substantially as set forth.

2. As an improved article of manufacture, a combined badge and bouquet-holder consisting of the escutcheon B, having the curved portion *b*, the pin *a* and rod F, having the projection *g*, both hinged to the escutcheon, the collar C, having the aperture *d'* and secured to the escutcheon, the tube D, having the aperture *d*, prongs *c*, and spring E, having the projections *e*, all constructed, arranged, and operating substantially as shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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