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BOUQUET PIN

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Fig. 1.

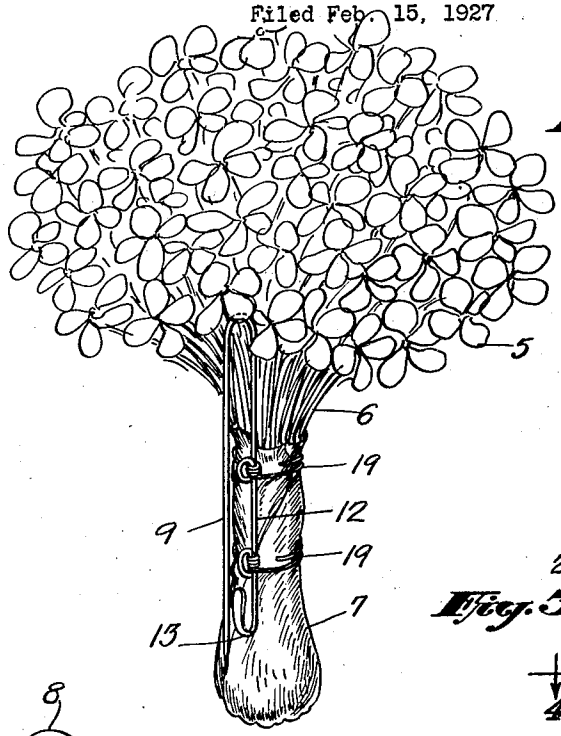


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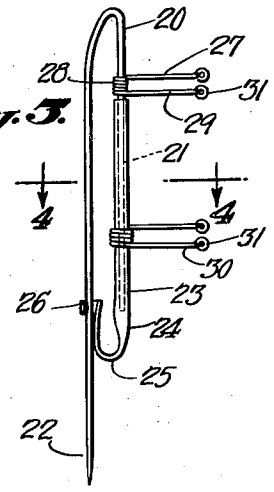


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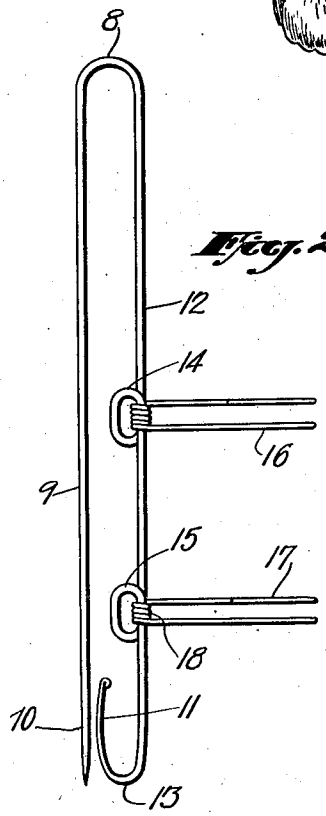
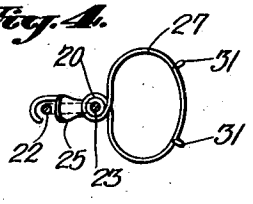


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to bouquet pins or fasteners and in particular to one adapted to be used with a corsage bouquet to hold the same effectively in place.

A particular object of the invention is to provide a holding pin through the use of which the flower stems need not be mutilated when held thereby.

A further particular object of the invention is to provide a bouquet holding pin which is provided with clamp arms which can be placed about the stems of the flowers to hold the same properly together and permit the bouquet to be fastened securely to the clothing of the wearer.

To enable others skilled in the art to fully comprehend the underlying features of my invention that they may embody the same in the various modifications in structure and relation contemplated, a drawing depicting a preferred form has been annexed as a part of this disclosure and in such drawing, similar reference characters denote corresponding parts throughout all the views, of which,

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a bouquet, the stems of the flowers of which are wrapped and held together with my improved bouquet pin.

Figure 2 is an enlarged view in side elevation of the bouquet pin showing the clamp arms associated therewith which are used to maintain the stems of the bouquet flowers in compact relation whereby the appearance of the bouquet will be enhanced.

Figure 3 is a view in side elevation of a modified form of bouquet holding pin, which is adapted to be extended to be used with bouquets having long stems, the clamp arm being provided with eyes whereby they can be suitably opened to admit the stems of the flowers therebetween.

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 3 showing the arrangement of the clamping arm and the telescopic pin member through the medium of which the pin may be adjusted to various sized bouquets.

Referring to the drawing in detail, 5 indicates flowers cut in bouquet style, the stems 6 of which are wrapped as with the tin foil 7 to give the bouquet a neat and pleasing appearance. Heretofore it has been necessary to use a single long pin to fasten the bouquet to the clothes of the wearer and this has mutilated the tin foil and has also separated the stems of the flowers so that the bouquet itself became disarranged and its appearance untidy. In order to overcome this objection, I have provided a pin member indicated generally by the numeral 8 and consisting of the piercing shank 9, which is pointed at its lower end as at 10, the lower end being adapted to be held in the spoon end 11 of the opposite shank 12, the spoon end, of course being turned up as at 13 to provide a holding receptacle for the sharp end 10 of the pin shank 9 so that the same will not catch in the clothing of the wearer, when the pin is closed. The spoon shank 12 is provided in its intermediate portion with the loop members 14 and 15 disposed in alignment and arranged to hold the clamp arms 16 and 17 respectively. These arms, in their mid portion are curled as at 18 about the loops 14 and 15 whereby the clamps are held in spaced relation and the loops 18, forming a part thereof, have a tendency to cause normal closing of the clamp arms and these clamp arms being substantially the shape of the bouquet stem, are arranged to grip the same at spaced points 19, as shown in Figure 1 and in having their ends overlap each other, rigidly maintain the bouquet in upright position when worn on the clothing of the wearer.

Further, the clamp arms 16 and 17 maintain the tin foil about the flower stems 6 in proper position and enhance the appearance of the bouquet, as a whole.

In the modified form shown in Figure 3 and Figure 4, I have provided an extension bouquet holding pin which consists of the pin member 20 which is provided with a straight shank portion 21 and a pin end 22, the straight shank portion 21 being slidably held in the hollow extended portion 23 of a pin holder 24, the hollow stem is of tubular construction and its lower end is flat and curved as at 25 to provide a receptacle or guard for the pin end 22 through the medium of which the pin may be held in closed position when secured to the clothes of the wearer. It is evident that an extended pin portion 22 is necessary and in order to allow the same to be locked in any position relative to the holding member 24, I have provided on the upturned end 25, an outwardly projecting hook member 26 which may be used such as in the collapsed position shown in Figure 3 but use would be made of the guard member 25 itself when the pin was extended until the point 22 thereof was

in position to be placed within the guard member. This, of course would be the normal position of wear but in the event that a long stemmed bouquet was to be worn, then means would have to be provided for attaching the pin to the holding member 25 no matter how far the holding clamps were separated.

The holding clamps are made of heavy resilient wire 27 and curled as at 28, or looped about the portion of the pin to which they are attached, the upper one 29 being secured to the pin member 20 and being suitably welded or soldered in position thereon while the lower one 30 is likewise secured to the tubular member 23 or the lower pin portion. The ends of the clamping wires are provided with the finger loops 31 and it will be noted that the ends of the wires in Figure 4, overlap and these loops 31 when gripped and drawn toward each other will distend the loop so that the flowers may be inserted therein, after the releasing of which the clamp arms or wires will securely grip the stems of the bouquet, thus securing it in position on the pin and allowing it to be attached to the clothing of the wearer.

The wire making up the clamps, it is evident by being made of resilient metal, will securely grip the tin foil which surrounds the stems of the flowers and maintains all of the stems securely in position thus enhancing the appearance of the bouquet.

It is evident, therefore, that I have provided a new and original bouquet holding pin which may be securely attached to the clothing of the wearer to receive the bouquet and which will securely hold the bouquet in upright position and will prevent its disarrangement.

A further advantage of my invention is that in its modified form, it may be extended to securely hold long stemmed bouquets and may be adjusted to any length desired within its range and the bouquet so held may be secured to the garments of the wearer to hold the flowers in upright position.

While I have illustrated and described my invention with some degree of particularity, I realize that in practice various alterations therein may be made. I therefore reserve the right and privilege of changing the form of the details of construction or otherwise altering the arrangement of the correlated parts without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the appended claims.

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

1. A bouquet holder comprising a pin member, one portion of which constitutes a piercing shank and the other of which constitutes a clamp holder, resilient wire clamps secured in said holder and said clamps being expandable and adjustable relatively to each other to hold bouquets of various sizes and a covering means on one end of said clamp holder for receiving and guarding the pointed end of said piercing shank.

2. A bouquet holder comprising a pin member, one portion of which constitutes a piercing shank and the other of which constitutes a clamp holder, resilient wire clamps secured to said holder and said clamps being adjustable relatively to each other for holding bouquets having stems of various lengths.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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