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BOUQUET HOLDER

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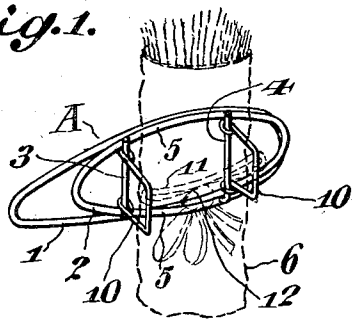


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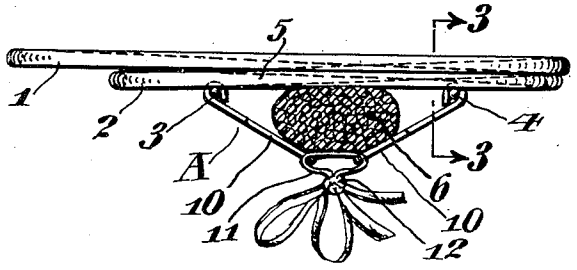


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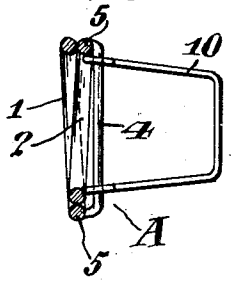


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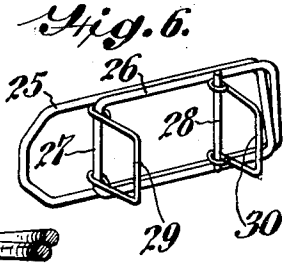


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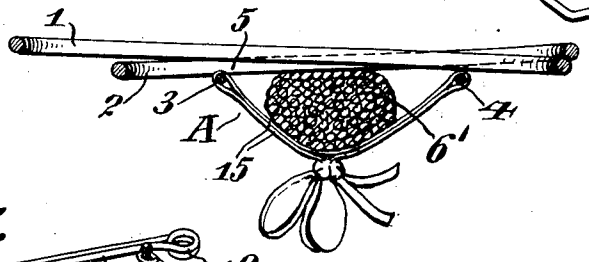
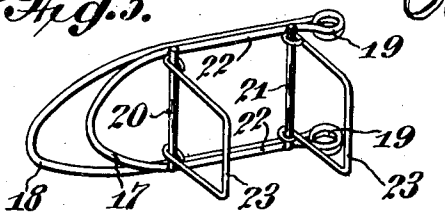


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BOUQUET HOLDER

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My invention relates to a bouquet holder of a character such that it may be attached readily to the corsage of a woman's dress or to any other portion of a woman's wearing apparel.

The general object of the invention is to provide a holder of a character such that the stem or handle portion of the bouquet may be secured readily thereto, after which the holder with the bouquet carried thereby may be engaged with some portion of a woman's wearing apparel so as to locate the bouquet at a point with respect thereto which may be desired.

A further object of the invention is to provide a holder of a character such that parts thereof cooperate or may cooperate with the stem or handle of the bouquet in a manner to securely hold the same and to prevent lateral movement or vibration thereof with respect to the holder.

To the foregoing and other ends the invention comprehends the construction and arrangement of parts as hereinafter described in detail, particularly pointed out and defined in the claims and as shown in the drawing wherein I have illustrated constructions of holders in forms which at present are preferred by me. However, it will be understood that the invention may be embodied in holders of different design and that changes may be made in the details of construction without departing from the invention as defined in and by the claims.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a view in perspective of a holder with the stem or handle portion of a bouquet indicated in dotted lines and also showing in dotted lines means for retaining the stem or handle upon the holder;

Fig. 2 is a view in edge elevation of the holder shown in Fig. 1 with the parts substantially enlarged but showing the stem or handle of the bouquet in section relatively small as compared with the holder;

Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2 with one of the bail or loop members turned into practically vertical position;

Fig. 4 is a view in edge elevation similar to that shown in Fig. 2 of a modified construction of holder;

Fig. 5 is a view in perspective of another modified construction of holder embodying the invention; and

Fig. 6 is a view in perspective of a holder showing still another modified construction embodying the invention.

In Figs. 1 to 4 of the drawing I have shown a clip A consisting of wire bent to provide two gripping portions or elements 1 and 2. The clip is adapted to be fastened to a garment by inserting a portion thereof between the gripping portions 1 and 2 in the manner that a plurality of sheets of paper are fastened together by means of clips of similar character.

Referring now to Figs. 1 to 3 inclusive it will be noted that I have provided bars 3 and 4 which extend cross-wise of the clip and which are secured at their opposite ends to the side portions 5 of the gripping member 2 of the clip which in practice would constitute and be regarded as the top. For the purpose of securing the stem or handle portion 6 of the bouquet to the holder I have provided loop or bail-like members 10 which are pivotally connected to the bars 3 and 4. Preferably these bail members consist of wires bent as shown but may be otherwise constructed if desired or preferred. These parts or members 10 are readily movable pivotally. For the purpose of fastening the bouquet in place upon the holder it is placed between the loop or bail members 10 and the outer ends of the said members are connected and fastened together by means of a ribbon 11 or other fastening means which may be preferred. Usually a ribbon will be employed because when tied in a knot or bow as indicated at 12 it provides a feature of ornamentation.

Usually the stem or handle of the bouquet is of a diameter substantially equal to or somewhat greater than the distance between the cross bars 3 and 4. In such case the loops or bails contact with the sides of the stem or handle and prevent or tend to prevent the latter from pivotal side-wise or lateral movement in the direction of the length of the clip or transversely of the bail members 10.

However, in the case of certain bouquets, as for instance those consisting of orchids, the stem or handle portions are of relatively small diameter as compared with the distance between the cross bars 3 and 4. Such relationship is indicated in Fig. 2 of the drawing. In the case of such bouquets having relatively small stems it will be apparent that the bars 3 and 4 may be placed nearer together and the bail-like members 10 reduced in length so as to cause them to contact with and grip against the sides of such stems or handles to thereby hold the same more securely upon the holder.

In Fig. 4 of the drawing I have shown a construction identical with that illustrated in Figs. 1 to 3 inclusive, except that the bail-like members 10 have been omitted. For the purpose of holding the bouquet in place upon the holder in a structure such as is illustrated in Fig. 4 the ribbon 15 or other holding means is looped around the cross bars 3 and 4 and is drawn so as to cause it to bear with the requisite force against the stem or handle 6′ to hold the same securely in position upon the holder. In the latter construction it will be understood that the cross bars 3 and 4 may be placed closed together so that the ribbon or fastening means 15 will hug against the opposite sides as well as against the top of the stem or handle 6′ to thereby engage a greater portion thereof than is shown in Fig. 4.

In Fig. 5 of the drawing I have shown a clip of U-shape consisting of spring wire, the wire being similar to that shown in Figs. 1 to 4 inclusive, bent to provide top and bottom gripping members 17 and 18. These members are connected together by means of spring loops 19 the said loops being so set as to hold and tend to hold the gripping members 17 and 18 in close contact with each other. The bottom member 18, as is the case with the bottom member 1 of the previously described form of construction, is of greater length than the top member 17 so as to facilitate the engagement of the clip with a portion of the garment or other supporting means on which it is desired to mount the holder. The spaced bars 20 and 21 are connected at their opposite ends to the opposite sides 22 of the top members 17 of the clip. The bar 20 is located in adjoining relation to what may be regarded as the forward end of the clip while the bar 21 is located near the base thereof. The holding loops or bail-like members 23 are pivotally connected to the bars 20 and 21 as shown. As in the previously described constructions the stem or handle of the bouquet is placed in position between the loop or bail-like members 23 after which a fastening means of ribbon or other like character is passed through the said loops and the opposite ends thereof drawn together so as to force the said loops and the fastening means tightly against the stem or handle. The ends of the ribbon or the like are then tied as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2 so as to hold the loops and the fastening means firmly against the stem or handle to thereby retain the bouquet in place upon the holder. If desired the loops 23 may be omitted and the bouquet fastened upon the holder in the manner as shown in Fig. 4.

In the construction as illustrated in Fig. 6 a holder is shown comprising bottom and top gripping members 25 and 26 in which the forward end of the top gripping member or element consists of a bar 27 extending crosswise of the holder in approximately or practically right angular relation to the medial line thereof. A bar 28 located near the opposite or rear end of the holder is connected at its opposite ends to the opposite side bars of the gripping member or element 26. A bail-like member 29 is pivoted to the end bar 27 and a similar bail-like member 30 is pivoted to the cross-bar 28. The end bar 27 functions identically in the same manner as the cross-bars 3 and 20 shown in previous figures of the drawing. Also the bail-like members 29 and 30 function in identically the same manner as the similar members shown in the preceding figures of the drawing.

The employment of a holder embodying my invention enables the attachment of a bouquet, commonly called a corsage bouquet, to any selected portion of a garment without necessitating the use of pins or similar fastening means which must be inserted through the material of the garment. It frequently happens that the material or fabric of the garment is thin and of delicate texture, rendering it difficult to fasten a bouquet in place by the use of pins, whereas in the case of a bouquet holder of a character embodying my invention it may be engaged with a portion of the garment with little regard to the fineness and delicacy of the texture and without injury thereto. For example, in the case of evening gowns such as are worn by women wherein shoulder straps are employed which extend over the shoulders of the wearer a clip holder having a bouquet mounted thereon may be engaged with a strap without injury thereto. Furthermore, the relatively wide extent of contact or gripping engagement of the clip with the shoulder strap or other part of the garment results in the retention of the bouquet in substantially the position selected.

The clip is of a character such that it is quite neat in appearance and when employed for attaching a bouquet to a portion of a woman's garment is inconspicuous and practically unnoticeable.

Any suitable metal having the requisite characteristic of resiliency may be employed in the construction of the clip.

Having thus described my invention, what

I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A bouquet holder, comprisng a clip having gripping elements, and bars extending across the said clip and having connection at their opposite ends to the opposite sides of said clip and being in spaced relation to each other, with which bars a fastening means for holding a bouquet upon the clip is adapted to be connected.

2. A bouquet holder, comprising a clip having gripping members which are adapted to be engaged with a portion of a garment of wearing apparel, spaced bars extending cross-wise of said clip and secured at their opposite ends thereto, and bail members pivoted to the said cross bars, the outer swinging ends of said members adapted to be connected together and held against portions of the stem of a bouquet.

3. A bouquet holder, adapted to engage and hold the stem of a bouquet comprising a member adapted to be engaged with a portion of a garment of wearing apparel, and bail members pivoted to the said member at points in spaced relation from each other, the outer swinging ends of said bail members adapted to be connected together and held against portions of the stem of the said bouquet to hold the same in position upon the said holder.

4. A bouquet holder, comprising a clip consisting of wire bent to form gripping members, the opposite sides of the said gripping members being in spaced relation to each other, bars extending cross-wise of the said clip and secured at their opposite ends to the opposite sides thereof, and bail members pivotally connected to the said bars, the outer ends of said bail members adapted to be fastened together and pulled toward each other to cause the said bail members to grip against the stem of the said bouquet.

5. A bouquet holder, comprising a clip consisting of wire bent to form top and bottom gripping elements, the opposite sides of said clip being spaced from each other, spaced bars extending cross-wise of the said clip and secured at their opposite ends to the opposite sides of the top gripping element, and bail members respectively pivoted at one end to the respective cross bars, the outer swinging ends of said bail members adapted to be connected together and drawn toward each other to cause said bail members to contact with the stem of a bouquet resting upon and extending cross-wise of the said clip to hold the same in position upon the latter.

6. A bouquet holder, comprising a clip having gripping members for engaging a portion of a garment of wearing apparel, bail members spaced from each other and pivoted to the said clip, the axes of the pivots extending cross-wise of the said clip, and means for fastening together the outer swinging ends of the said bail members.

7. A bouquet holder, comprising a spring clip consisting of wire bent into U-shape to form gripping members for engaging portions of a garment of wearing apparel, bars extending cross-wise of the said clip and secured at their opposite ends to the opposite sides thereof, and bail members pivoted to the said bars, the outer ends of said bail members adapted to be connected to and to engage the stem of a bouquet placed upon the said clip cross-wise thereof to hold the same on the said clip.

8. A bouquet holder, comprising a clip consisting of wire having resilient characteristics bent to U-shape to provide top and bottom gripping members, spaced bars extending cross-wise of the said clip and secured at their opposite ends to the opposite sides of the top gripping member, and bail members having pivotal connection with the said cross bars for engaging portions of the stem of a bouquet which may be located upon the clip intermediate the said cross bars and extending cross-wise of the said clip.

9. A bouquet holder, comprising a clip consisting of resilient wise bent to U-shape and having gripping members in overlying relation to each other, bars extending cross-wise of said clip and secured to the opposite sides of one of said members, and means in engagement with said cross bars for engaging a bouquet to retain the same on said holder.

10. A bouquet holder consisting of a resilient member coiled upon itself to form cooperating gripping members the front end of one of which terminates in a bar extending in approximately right angular relation to the medial line of the gripping members, a cross bar secured at its opposite ends to the opposite side bars of the same gripping member, and means secured to said bars for retaining a bouquet on the holder.

11. A bouquet holder consisting of a spring clip having bottom and top gripping members the latter terminating at its front end in a bar which extends approximately at right angles to the medial line of the said clip and which is located a distance inwardly from the front end of the bottom member, a bar extending cross-wise of said clip and secured at its opposite ends to the opposite sides of the said top member near the rear end of the said clip, and bail members pivotally connected with the said bars.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention, I have hereunto signed my name this 2nd day of March, A. D., 1931.

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