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WATERPROOF FLOWER-STEM PROTECTOR.

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To whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMIL SCHLOSS, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Waterproof Flower-Stem Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to cut-flower stem protectors and more particularly has for its object the provision of a flexible water-proof covering for the stems of cut flowers to retain moisture, and prevent any soiling or discoloring of the garments of the wearer of said flowers.

Another object of the device is to provide an article which will not only be cheap to manufacture, but serve as an ornament in its use.

Heretofore, it has been customary to wrap the stems of bouquets with paper or tinfoil, but the evident disadvantages of these methods are readily overcome in the use of my device which not only encloses the moist stems but is provided with means for securing the article in position for use.

In carrying out the invention, it is contemplated to employ satin, or similar material having one side thereof rubberized, or the material itself may be waterproofed by any of the well-known chemical processes and serve equally well in performing the function of this invention.

While I have illustrated my invention herein, as of rectangular shape, I do not wish to be confined to any particular form, as it is apparent that this may be readily varied without departing from the spirit of the invention.

For a full understanding of the present invention, reference is to be had to the following description and to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Fig. 1 is a view showing the invention in extended form and showing in dotted lines the manner of folding the device for use. Fig. 2 is a view showing the invention folded and ready for inclosing the flower stems. Fig. 3 is a view showing the application of the device to a bouquet. Fig. 4 is a view showing my invention secured to the stems and ready for use by the wearer.

Throughout the following detail description and on the several figures of the drawings, similar parts are referred to by like reference characters.

Specifically describing the invention and referring to the drawings, at 1 is indicated a covering, preferably made of water-proof fabric, or the like. Said covering, as illustrated, is of rectangular shape and may have one side thereof, rubberized while the other side has a satin or silk finish.

It is contemplated in the use of the invention to fold the lower edge of the covering along the dotted lines indicated at 4 in Fig. 1, to provide a flap 5 in which the lower portion of the stems is inserted previous to wrapping the protector around the bouquet. To prevent any moisture or water from the stems, which may have gathered in the fold, from escaping, the covering 1 is further folded along the dotted lines 6. Adjacent to one edge of the covering 1, I provide a cord fastening comprising the friction disk 8, secured to the covering by the eyelet 9. The fastening is further provided with a cord 10.

As will be readily apparent, the device is applied to the bouquet quickly, the rubberized side being placed next to the flower stems. The covering is first folded, as shown in Fig. 2, after which the stems are inserted in the fold and the protector wrapped entirely around the same. The cord 10 is then wrapped around the covering and secured beneath the friction disk in the usual manner, when the bouquet is ready for use.

The fastening means comprising the cord 90 is attached to the covering 1 adjacent to one end of the latter and at a point centrally between its upper edge and the fold line 4. The purpose of the above arrangement is to bring the folded corner portion of the fold approximately to the part 7 or point of attachment of the member 10 and to also permit the folded lower edge portion of the covering to be as close as practicable to the point where the body of the covering is tightly embraced by the tie or cord 10 wrapped therearound. The displacement of said corner and edge folds is thus effectively prevented, and secure attachment of the body portion of the covering with respect to the stems of the flowers is at the same time in no way interfered with.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

As a new article of manufacture, a protector for flower stems comprising a cover sheet of waterproof material, the lower por-
tion of the sheet being folded longitudinally for receiving the free ends of the flowers, the sheet being adapted to be rolled about such stems and the lower corner of the exposed end of the sheet being folded obliquely for retaining moisture within the roll, and a flexible tie attached to the sheet adjacent the exposed end thereof substantially midway of the width of the sheet between the upper edge and the line of the fold, said tie being adapted to be wrapped about the roll for retaining the same in position for confining the flower stems therein.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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