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FLORAL WREATH PIN

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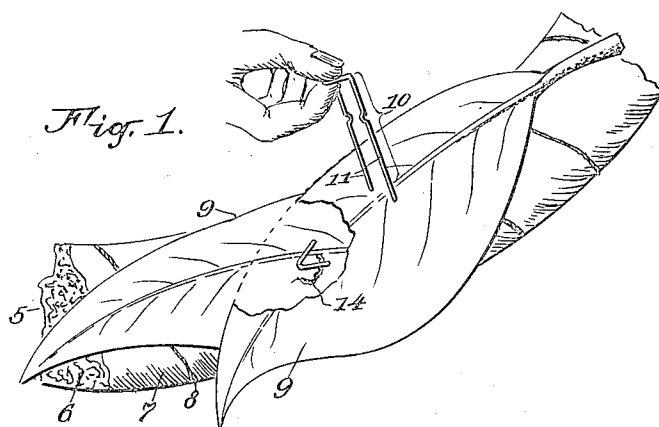


Fig. 2.

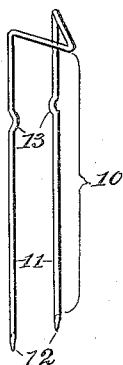


Fig. 3.

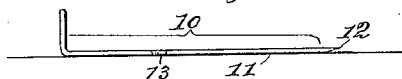
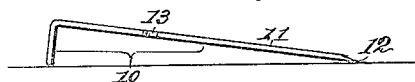


Fig. 4.



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FLORAL WREATH PIN.

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This invention relates to pins used in the formation of floral pieces, and more particularly wreaths of a lasting character in which the principal design is worked out in magnolia leaves pinned to a cushion-like foundation of moss. Such leaves as used for these decorative purposes, while very beautiful, and apparently leathery in texture, are really brittle and easily broken and torn, and unless the fastening pin is used with extreme care, and unless, furthermore, it is specially adapted for its service, the leaf will be broken as pinned, or later, and may thus fall away from the wreath or be displaced.

The object of this invention is to provide an improved pin for the service indicated, so formed as to be easily inserted, to keep its position securely in the foundation, and to hold the leaf against displacement even if more or less torn and broken.

In the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, Fig. 1 shows in perspective the improved pin and its application and use in the formation of a decorative wreath. Fig. 2 shows the pin alone in perspective. Fig. 3 is a side view of the same as it lies in one position on a table. Fig. 4 is a similar view of the same in its other position on a table.

In the drawing, the numeral 5 denotes the foundation for a wreath of this type, which in practice is formed of a roll of moss 6 and a wrapping of paraffined paper 7, or the like suitably fastened in place by a cord 8. On this foundation the magnolia leaves 9 are laid in diverse and overlapping order, successively pinned to the foundation.

The pin 10 is formed of wire, with substantially parallel legs 11, acutely sharpened at 12, and preferably crimped at 13. This crimp, while tending to enlarge the hole in the leaf somewhat, need not necessarily tear the leaf, and is of special advantage in affording a

better anchorage in the moss of the foundation than is obtained by straight legs. The head of the pin is formed as a V, and bent at right angles to the legs.

In Fig. 1 is illustrated one of the convenient ways to use the pin. Instead of holding the pin by one or both of its legs, which may of course be done, the pin may be held by its head between the thumb and finger and so thrust nearly home. A final push by a thumb or finger completes the operation. The lateral projection of the V head is sufficient to give the operator a good hold, and in no way can the pin be more quickly and conveniently used.

The form of the pin is such that it is very easily picked up from the flat surface of a table. A number of pins cast on such a surface takes the position shown either in Fig. 3 or 4. In the former position the pin is picked up by its head, and used as shown in Fig. 1. In the latter position it may be handled by its legs, or by a touch rolled to the other position, and handled by its head.

When a break occurs in a leaf, such as is indicated at 14, the lateral reach of the V head is sufficient to bridge the break, usually, and thus hold the leaf securely in place.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A floral wreath pin formed of wire, with substantially parallel legs, sharpened at the ends, and the loop formed as a V projecting at substantially a right angle to the legs.

2. A floral wreath pin formed of wire looped to form a pair of substantially parallel legs, sharpened at the ends, and crimped near the head, the loop being formed as a V head disposed at a lateral right angle to the legs.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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