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Fig. 1

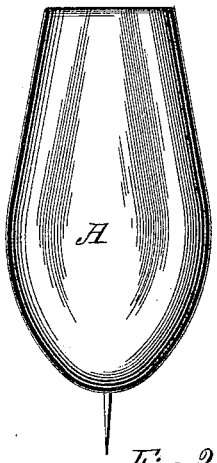
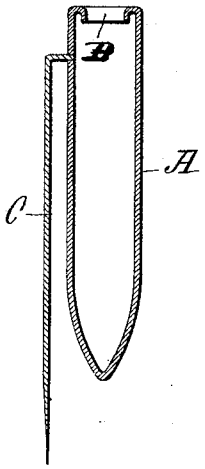


Fig. 2

Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT H. OVERMAN, of Springfield, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new Improvement in Boutonnière-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in boutonnière-holders, the object being to provide a cheap, simple, and effective device for the purpose indicated.

With these ends in view my invention consists in a bulb provided at its upper end with an inwardly-projecting flange and furnished with a pin for securing it in place under the lapel of a coat.

My invention further consists in certain details of construction, as will be hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in front elevation of a boutonnière-holder constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a plan view thereof, and Fig. 3 is a view of the device in vertical transverse section.

As herein shown, the device consists of a long flattened pear-shaped metal bulb A, rounded at its lower end and contracted at its upper end, where it is provided with a flange B, turned inward and downward, which retains the water in it, so contracting the opening in its upper end that the cohesion of the water and the capillary affinity thereof for the adjacent edges of the metal will prevent the water from flowing from the bulb even when the same is turned into a horizontal position. Furthermore, by turning the flange downward as well as inward the water in the bulb is given a downward deflection when agitated, and thus prevented from escaping. The bulb is also provided with a long pin C, by which the device is attached to the inner face of a coat-lapel, under which it is entirely concealed.

The device, being made of metal, will not break, and it is very easily applied and removed.

I do not limit myself to the particular form of bulb herein shown and described, nor to the particular means illustrated for attaching the device to the garment, but hold myself at liberty to make such changes and alterations from such form as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of my invention. I am aware, however, that a boutonnière-holder provided at its upper end with an inwardly-projecting flange is old, and I do not claim such construction broadly.

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

A boutonnière-holder made from one piece of sheet metal and consisting of a long flattened pear-shaped metal bulb with its upper end contracted and provided with a short flange turned inward to form an opening so small that the cohesion of the water and the capillary affinity thereof for the adjacent metal will retain it under normal conditions in the bulb, the said flange being also turned downward, whereby under severe agitation the water is given a downward deflection and prevented from escaping, and means attached to the bulb for securing the device to the garment on which it is worn, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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