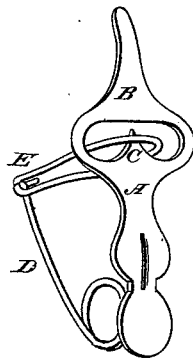


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## IMPROVEMENT IN BOUQUET-HOLDERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS B. HODGE, of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, have made a new and useful Bouquet-Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following specification, taken in connection with the drawing making a part of the same, is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

The drawing shows my improved device.

The object of my invention is to secure to the lappel of the coat a small bouquet, commonly called a "button-hole bouquet," and at the same time avoid all injury usually resulting to the fabric from the use of pins or other known means; and consists in the device hereinafter described.

The manner of attaching the bouquet now most commonly employed is to thrust the stems of the flowers through the upper button-hole, and secure them upon the under side with a pin. The upper button-hole of the coat is seldom, if ever, used, and the introduction of the flower-stems soon causes it to become distended and ill-shapen.

In my invention I take a flat piece of metal of any desired pattern, A, and near one ex-

trinity provide it with a crossway slot, B, having within it a raised point, C.

To the lower end of the plate A, I attach a spring-lever, D, and to the upper end of the lever D a loop, E, which drops over the point C, the point C preventing the loop from being entirely withdrawn.

The operation of my invention is as follows: The plate A is placed upon the under side of the lappel of the coat, and the loop E forced through the button-hole a sufficient distance to introduce the stems of flowers, when the pressure upon the lever D is removed, and the flowers are securely held in place.

The plate or back A may be made from wire bent into the desired form, if preferred.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The plate or back A, spring-lever D, and loop E, the whole constructed and operating together substantially as described, for the purposes specified.

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