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Fig. 1.

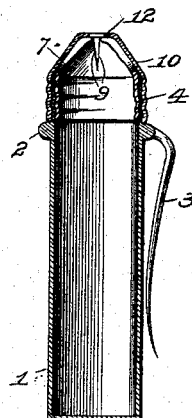
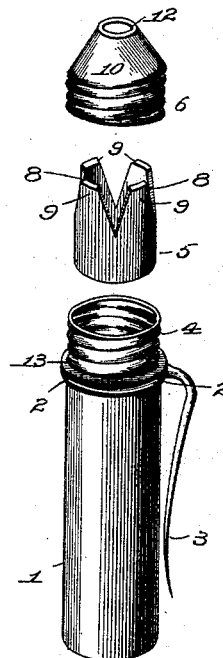


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABBIE LOUISA MARSTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bedford, in the parish of Red River and State of Louisiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bouquet-Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improved holder for bouquets and the like, whereby the bouquet is kept in a moist and fresh condition, and which can be conveniently carried in the hand or attached to the person without injury to the same, and it consists essentially of a suitable holder or receptacle for containing the bouquet, a short rubber tube or collar which fits into the mouth of the holder and surrounds the stems of the flowers of the bouquet, and a cap which is tapered at its upper end and adapted to screw onto the holder or receptacle over the upper end of the rubber tube or collar for tightly compressing the same around the flower stems.

Referring to the drawings:—Figure 1 is a vertical section of the device. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view showing all the parts of the device separated.

In the said drawings:—1 represents the holder or receptacle constructed of any suitable material such as glass, porcelain or metal, and adapted to contain water and the stem of the bouquet.

2 is a flange or rib formed around the upper end of the holder to which the pin 3 is secured for attaching the device to the apparel of the wearer. This pin may be dispensed with when it is desired to carry the bouquet in the hand.

4 represents an external screw-thread which is formed on the upper end of the holder 1 and on which the cap 6 fits.

13 represents a rubber gasket which fits onto the mouth of the receptacle between the flange 2 and the cap 6, to form a water-tight joint at this point.

5 represents the short rubber tube or collar which fits into the upper end of the holder 1, and over which the cap 6 fits. The wall of

the short rubber tube or collar 5 is formed thinner at its lower end which enters the upper end of the holder 1, and it increases or becomes thicker at its upper end which surrounds the bouquet stem, and which is compressed by the cap 6 as seen in Fig. 1.

8 represents V-shaped cuts which are made in the upper end of the rubber tube or collar, to form the lips 9. The object in forming this tube or collar in this manner, is that when the cap 6 is screwed onto the holder 1, these lips are compressed by the tapered portion 10 of the cap and thereby made to fit tightly around the stem of the bouquet to hold it in the holder, and also to prevent the water from leaking out of the same.

11 represents an interior screw-thread formed on the cap 6 which adapts it to screw onto the thread 4 of the holder 1, to hold all of the parts in their proper position.

12 represents an inwardly extending flange on the cap 6 which aids in forming the water-tight joint at the point where the lips 9 are compressed by the cap 6.

By the above construction it will be seen that an efficient and simple device is produced that can be easily handled for keeping bouquets or flowers in a fresh condition while being worn or carried by a person without injuring the apparel or soiling the hands.

Having thus described my invention, the following is what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. In a bouquet holder, the combination of a suitable holder or receptacle, a rubber tube or collar formed with lips and adapted to fit into said receptacle, and a suitable cap fitting over the upper end of said tube or collar and on said receptacle, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a bouquet holder, the combination of a suitable holder or receptacle, a rubber tube or collar adapted to fit into the receptacle, and a cap provided with a tapered upper end fitting over the upper end of said tube or collar and on said receptacle, substantially as shown and described.

3. In a bouquet holder, the combination of a suitable receptacle, a rubber tube or collar formed with lips and adapted to fit into said

receptacle, and a cap provided with a tapered upper end fitting over the upper end of said rubber tube or collar and on said receptacle, substantially as shown and described.

5 4. In a bouquet holder, the combination of a suitable holder or receptacle provided with an external screw-thread on its upper end, a rubber tube or collar formed with lips and having its walls thicker at the top than at the
10 bottom and which fits into the upper end of

said receptacle or holder, and a cap formed with a tapered upper end and an inwardly extending flange on said tapered end, fitting over the upper end of the rubber tube or collar and on the receptacle, substantially as shown 15 and described.

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