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Fig. 1.

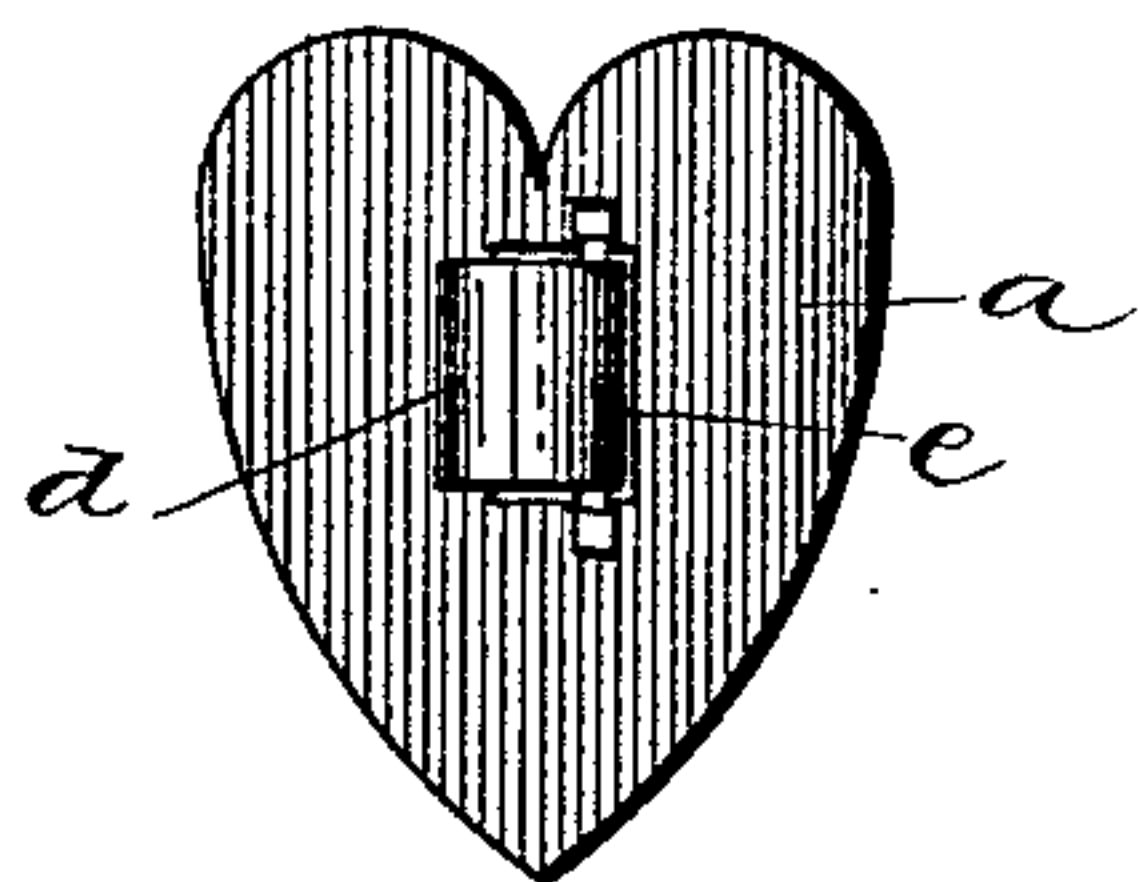


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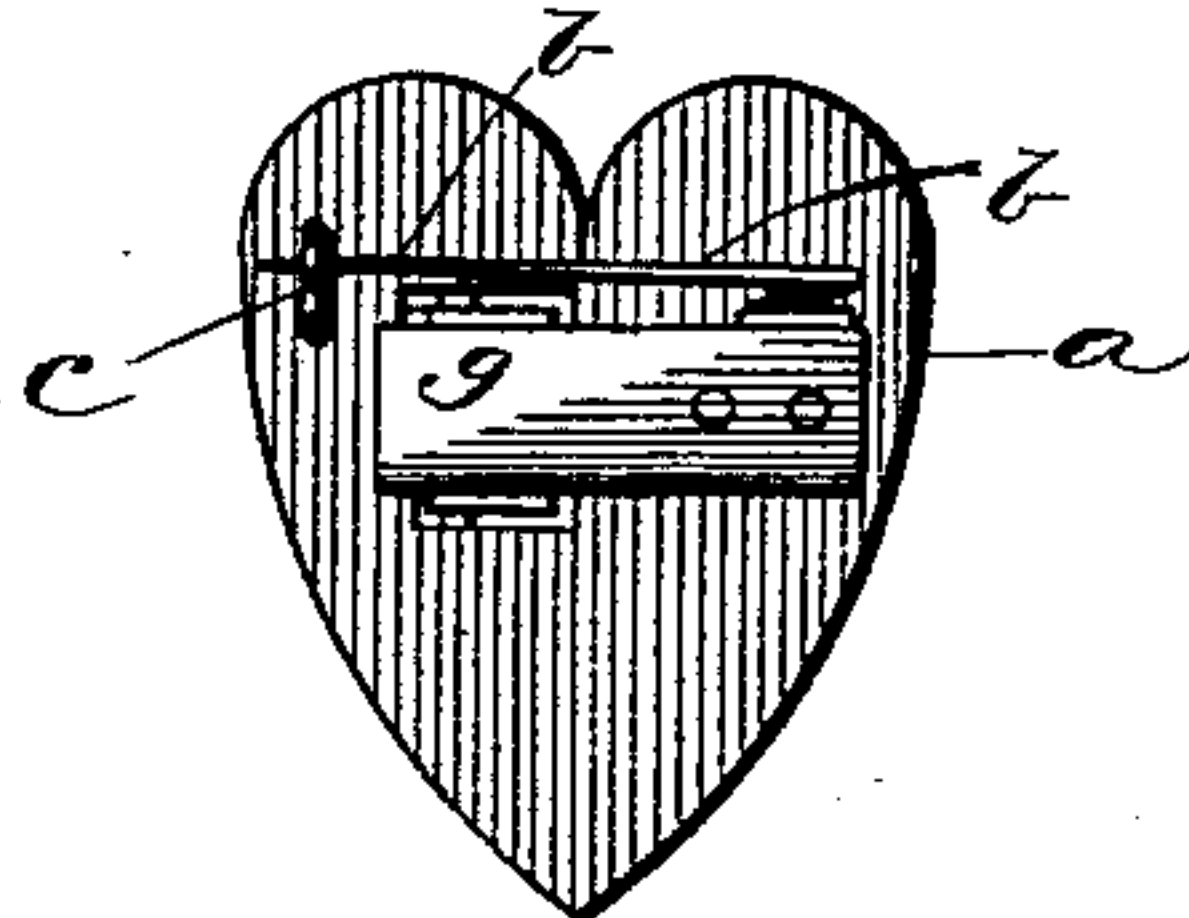


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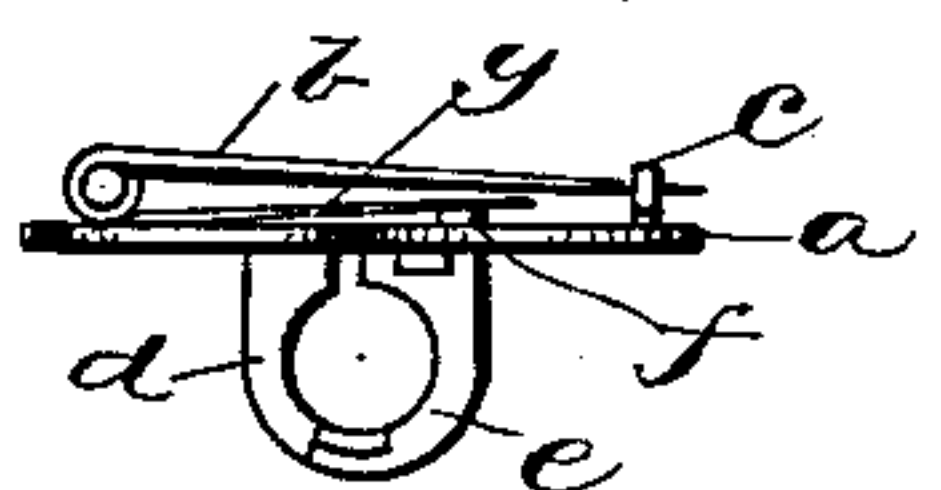
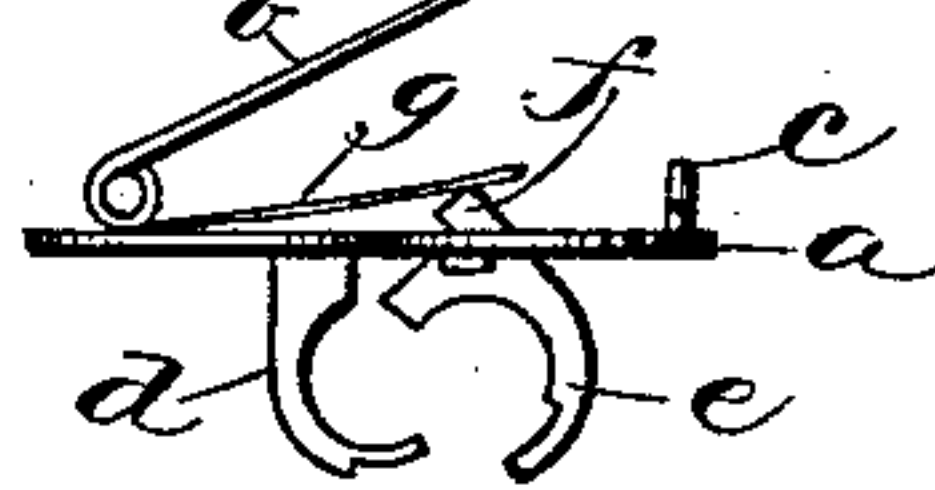


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. McWHIRTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Algoma, in the county of Pontotoc and State of Mississippi, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bouquet-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention is a lapel bouquet and pencil holder, consisting of a plate and stationary jaw, safety-pin, and hinged jaw operated by a spring.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a face view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a rear view. Fig. 3 is an edge view with the spring-jaw closed. Fig. 4 is an edge view with the spring-jaw open.

My invention is described as follows:

a is the plate.

b is the safety-pin, having its spring end secured to the rear face of the plate, and its free end adapted to catch in the hook-eye *c*.

d is a jaw rigidly secured to the front face of the plate.

e is a corresponding jaw hinged in the plate, having a projection *f*, which projects beyond the rear face of the plate and abuts against a spring.

g is a spring having one end secured to the

rear face of the plate, while its free end impinges against the projection *f* of the jaw *e*, holding said jaw open when it has been opened and holding it closed when it has been closed.

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

1. The combination of the plate *a*, stationary jaw *d*, rigidly secured to the front face of the plate; jaw *e*, hinged in the plate *a*, and having a rear projection *f*; spring *g*, one end secured to the rear face of the plate, and the other impinging against the projection *f*; hook-eye *c*, secured to the rear face of the plate; and pin *b*, its spring end secured to the rear face of the plate, its free end adapted to catch in hook *c*, substantially as shown and described and for the purposes set forth.

2. A bouquet-holder, consisting of a plate, having a stationary jaw; a hinged jaw adapted to cooperate with the stationary jaw; a spring, holding said hinged door open or shut; and a safety-pin secured to the rear face of the plate, substantially as shown and described and for the purposes set forth.

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

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