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Fig. 1.

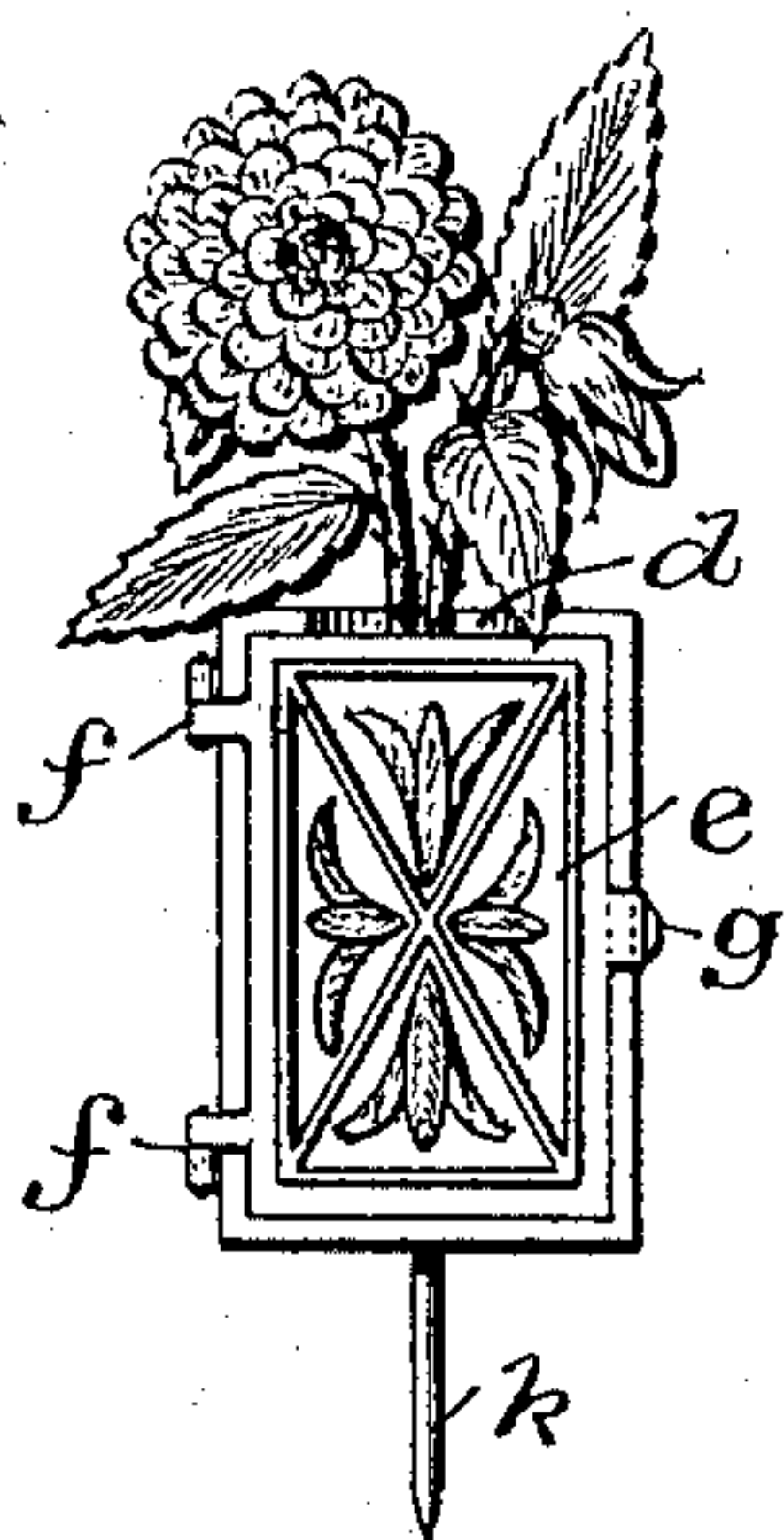


Fig. 2.

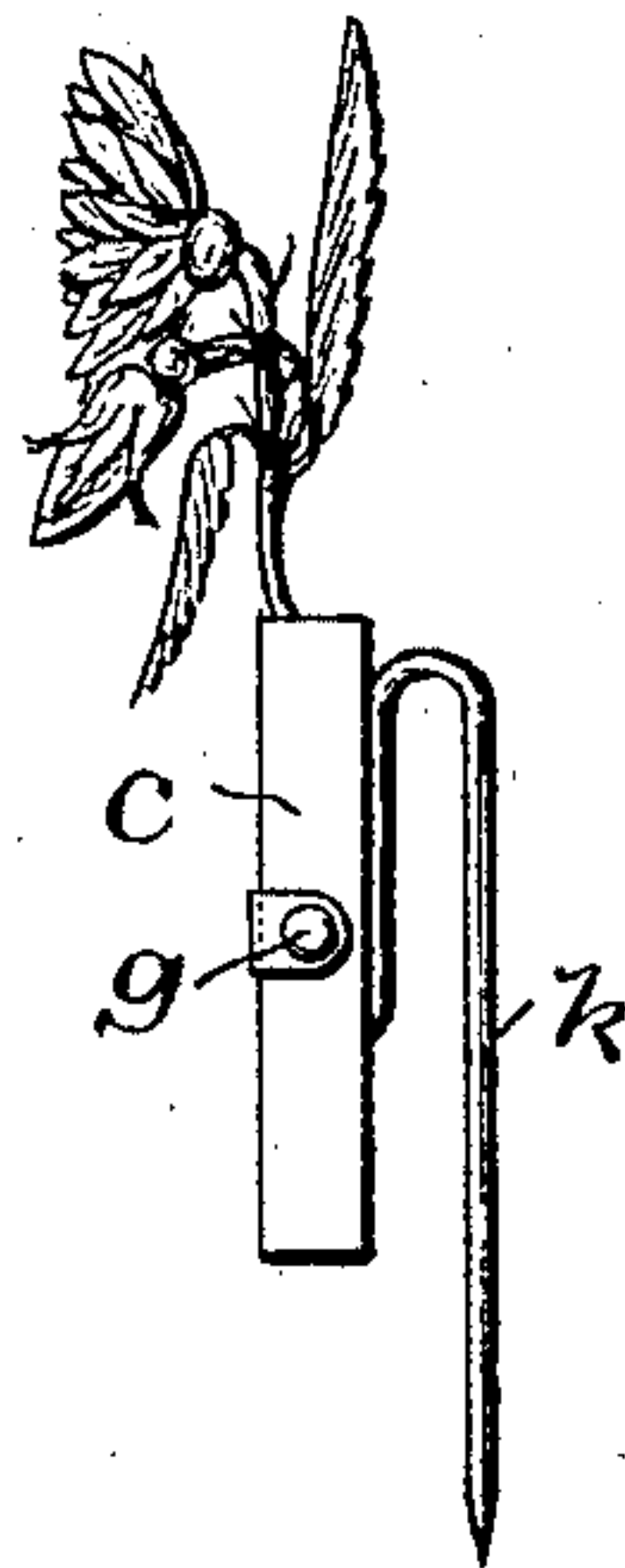


Fig. 3.

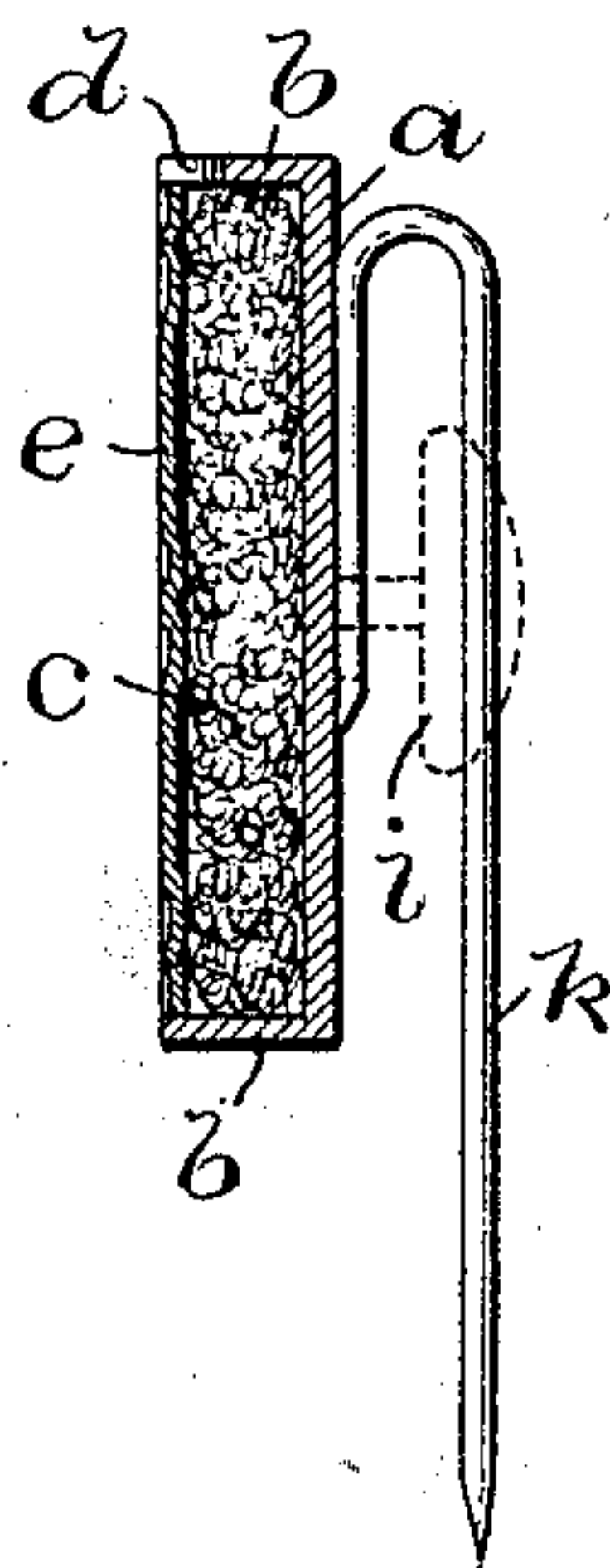
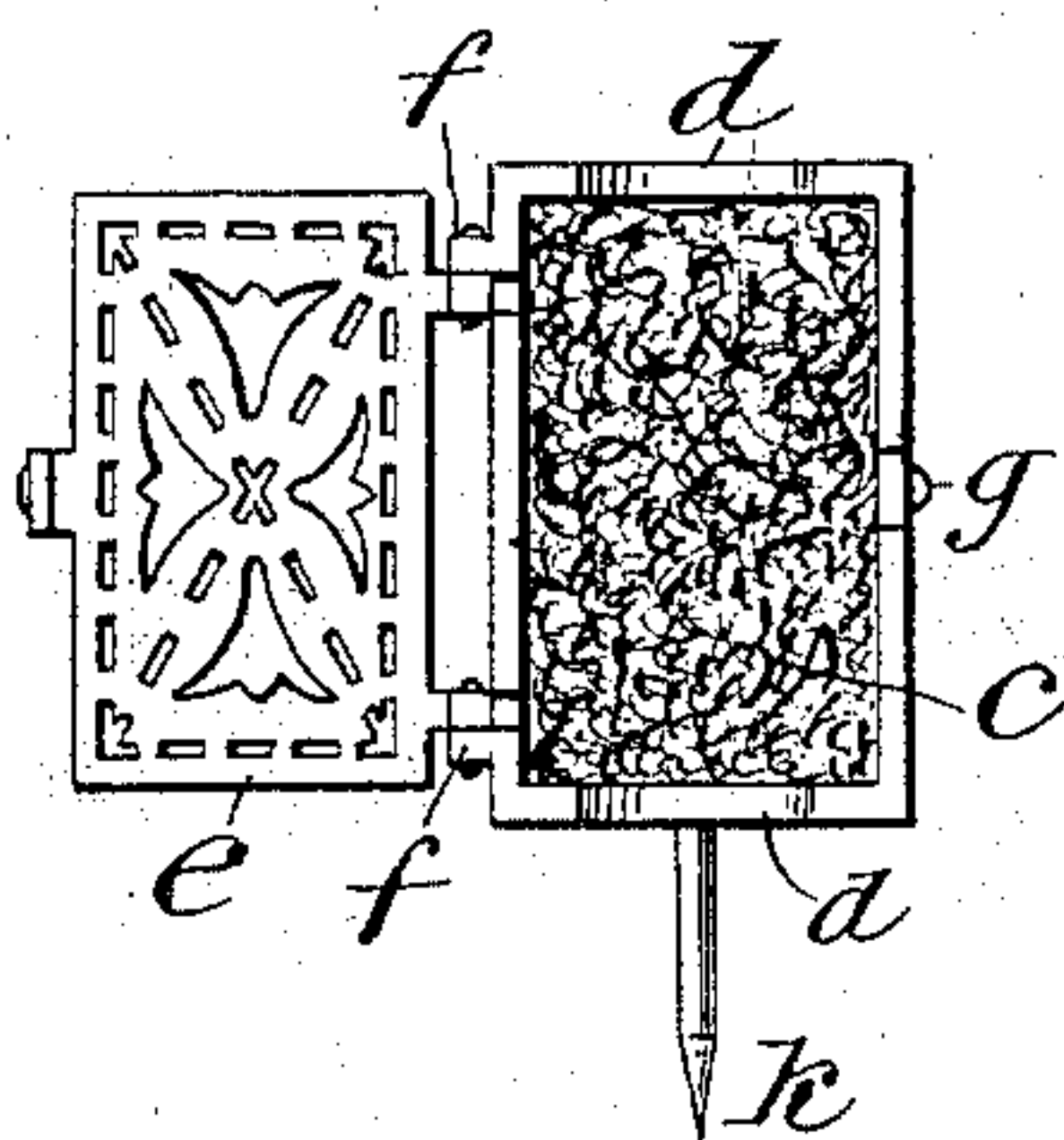


Fig. 4.



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BOUQUET-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JENNIE LAWTON BRIGGS, of Taunton, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bouquet-Holders; and I hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

10 This invention has reference to an improvement in devices for securing a flower, flowers, or buttonhole-bouquet to the dress of the wearer.

The object of the invention is to provide a pin or button with an ornamental receptacle for moisture-retaining material and a latched cover, whereby a flower or flowers may be secured to the clothes of the wearer and the flowers preserved.

15 Figure 1 is a front view of my improved bouquet-holder provided with a flower. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view of the holder. Fig. 4 is a front view of the holder with the door or front opened.

25 The invention consists in the peculiar and novel construction of a case of any desired form having a recessed receptacle for a sponge, cotton, or other moisture-retaining material, openings for the stem of the flower, a front secured by a latch, and a button or pin, as will be more fully set forth hereinafter.

30 In the drawings, *a* indicates the back of a receptacle, shown in the drawings as of rectangular form, but which may be of any form desired; *b b*, the raised rims inclosing the sides of the receptacle *c*, in which a moistened sponge, cotton, moss, or other material adapted to retain moisture is placed; *d*, an opening for the insertion of the stems of flowers. This opening *d* may be placed only on the upper rim *b* or, and preferably is, placed on both the upper and lower rims *b b*, so that the stems may extend below the receptacle, or part of the flowers above and part below the holder when sprays of flowers are to be se-

cured. *e* is a front plate secured by the hinges *f f* at one side of the receptacle and provided with the latch *g*, by which the front plate *e* is secured to the other side of the receptacle. 50 The front plate may be formed of perforated ornamented work, as shown, or may be a solid plate. A button *i* or a pin *k* is secured to the back *a* for fastening the device to any part of the wearing-apparel. 55

When used, the material in the receptacle *c* is moistened and the flower or flowers are placed on the surface of the moistened material and are secured by placing the front *e* over the stems and securing the front to the 60 other side of the case by a spring or other similar latch.

The moisture of the material in the receptacle will maintain the flowers fresh for a long time. 65

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

1. In a bouquet or flower holder of the nature described, the combination with a flat 70 back and raised rims provided with the opening for the reception of the stems and forming a receptacle for moisture-retaining material, of a front hinged on one side of the receptacle and secured by a latch to the opposite side; whereby the flowers are secured 75 and held in contact with the moist material while being worn, as described.

2. In a bouquet or flower holder, the combination with the back *a* and the raised rim *b* 80 provided with the opening *d*, forming a receptacle for a moisture-retaining material, of the hinged front *e*, the latch *g*, and a suitable device for securing the holder to the wearing-apparel, as described. 85

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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