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Fig. 1.

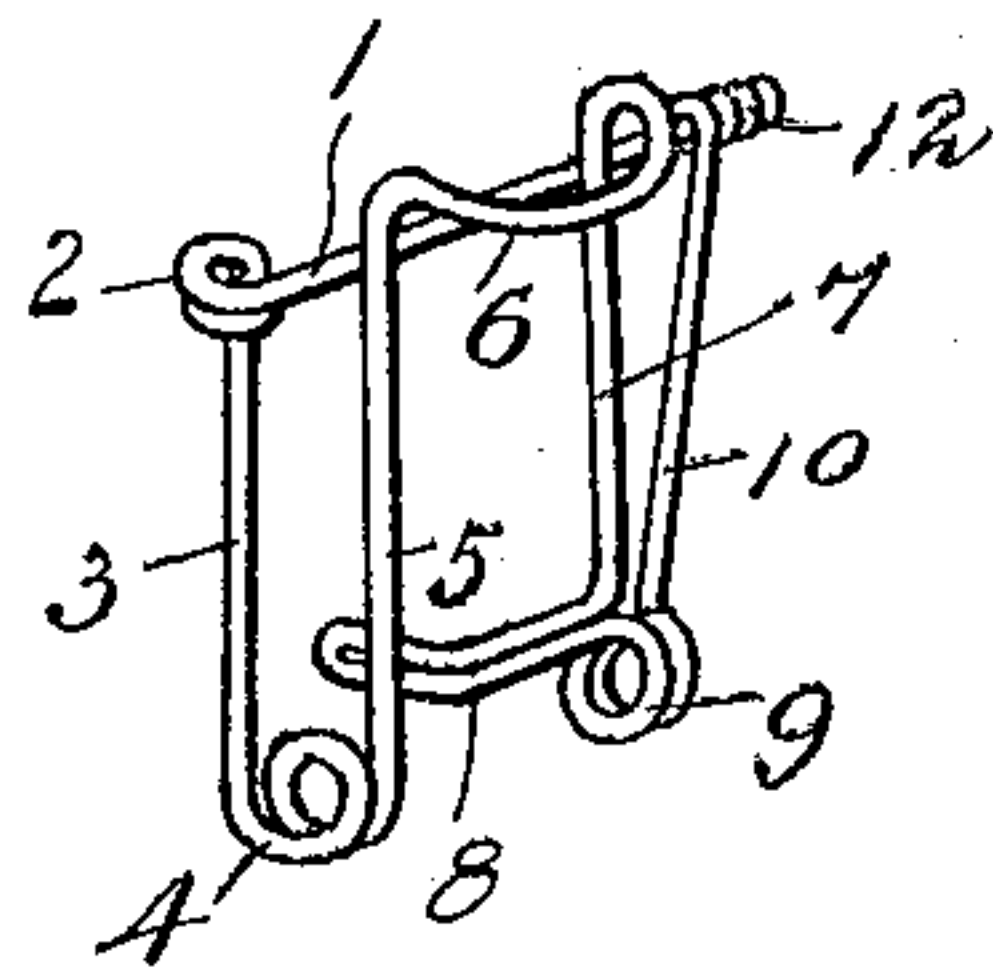


Fig. 2.

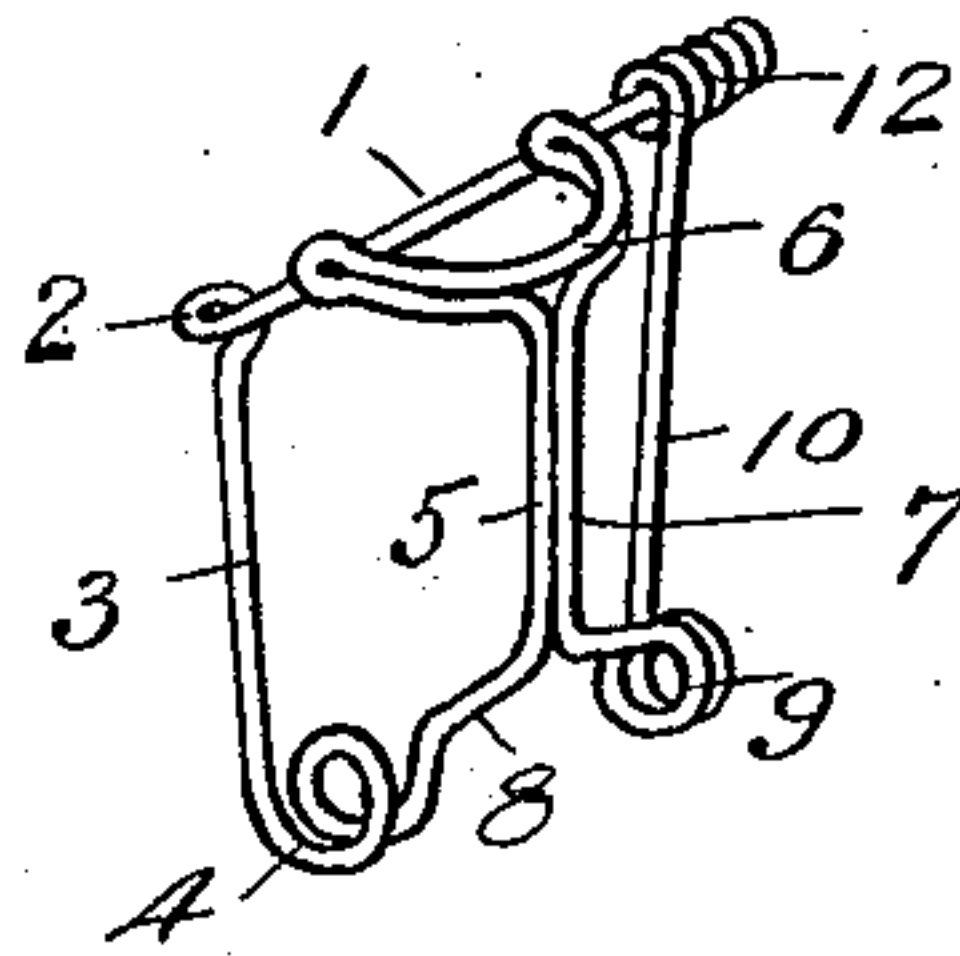
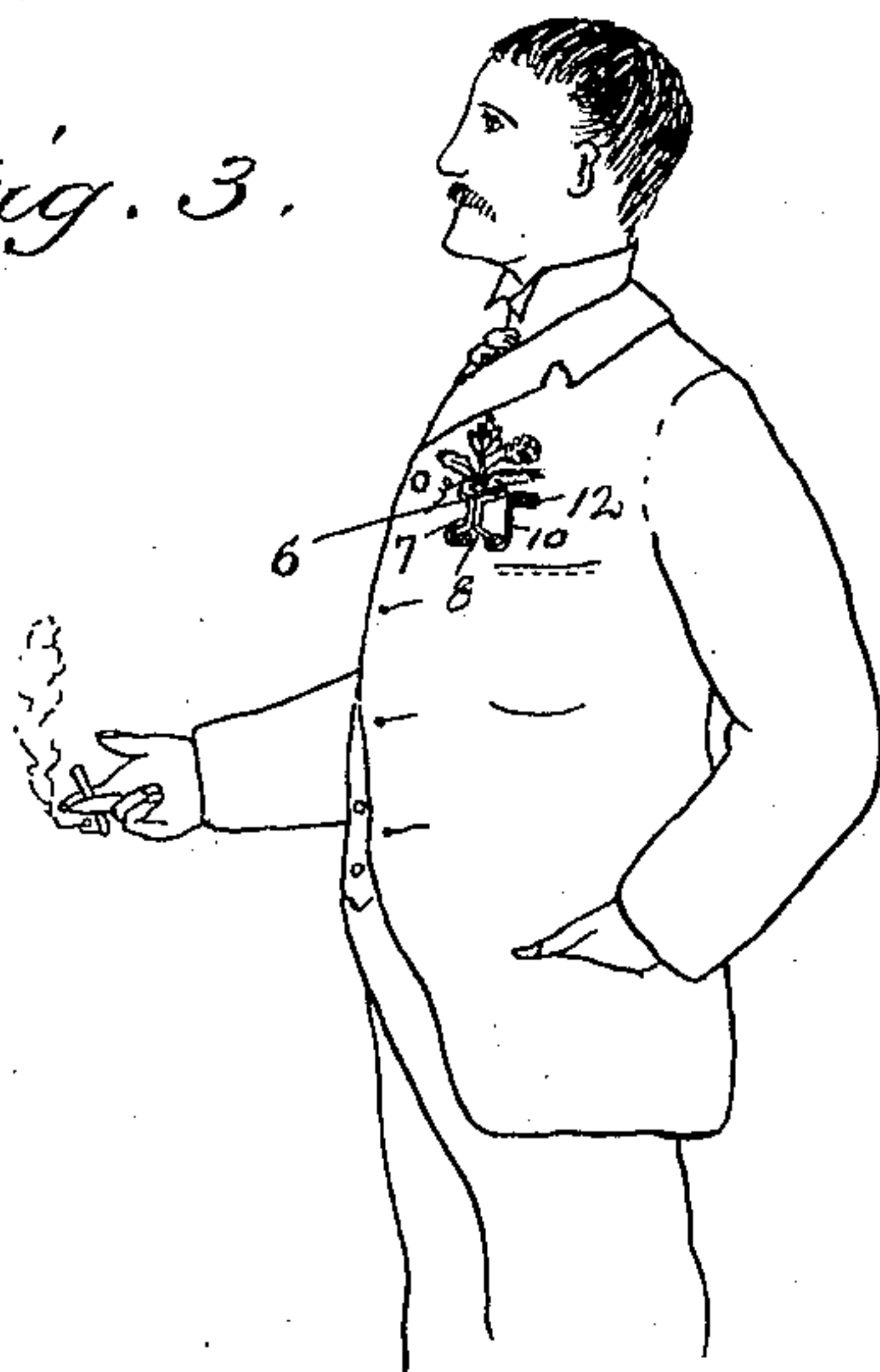


Fig. 3.



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BOUQUET-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT J. BRATTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dana, in the county of Vermilion and State of Indiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Bouquet-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to devices for fastening small bouquets, such as are known as "boutonnière," on garments; and its object is to provide an improved construction of the same by which such bouquets may be held in a secure and efficient manner.

The invention consists in the novel construction hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a bouquet-holder constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing a slightly-modified construction. Fig. 3 shows the device attached to a garment.

The said holder is made of a single piece of spring-wire comprising the horizontal pointed arm 1, bent to form coils 2, the vertical arm 3, formed with coils 4, the upwardly-extending arm 5, the curved arm 6, connecting said arm with an arm 7, formed near its lower end with an inwardly-extending hump or offset 8, the coils 9, and the upwardly-extending arm 10, having its end bent outwardly at a right angle and coiled to form a catch 12 for the pointed arm 1.

In using the device the arm 1 is passed through a garment and its point engaged with the coils 10. The bouquet is then passed down behind the curved arm 6 and the hump or offset 8, the resistance of the wire holding it securely in place.

In the modification shown in Fig. 2 the arm 5 at the lower end is provided with an offset

and at the upper end is curved inwardly and then outwardly and inwardly, forming the arm 6, and then curved outwardly and extended vertically downward, forming the arm 7, which is provided with an offset at the lower end. Otherwise the construction is the same as shown in Fig. 1.

The device can be used as a pencil-holder, if desired.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim is—

1. As an improved article, a holder of the character described consisting of a single piece of wire bent to form the arm 1, coils 2, arm 3, coils 4, arm 5, curved arm 6, arm 7, coils 9, arm 10 and coils 12, substantially as specified.

2. As an improved article, a holder of the character described comprising the horizontal arm formed with coils, the downwardly-extending arm formed with coils, the upwardly-extending arm, the curved arm, the downwardly-extending arm formed with a hump and with coils and the upwardly-extending arm formed with coils which serve as a catch for the point of the horizontal arm, substantially as specified.

3. A holder consisting of a single piece of wire pointed at one end, to form a pin, and bent to produce a clamping-piece cooperating with said pin, connected at one end with the pin by outgoing and returning arms, and having similar arms at the other end carrying a catch for the pin, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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