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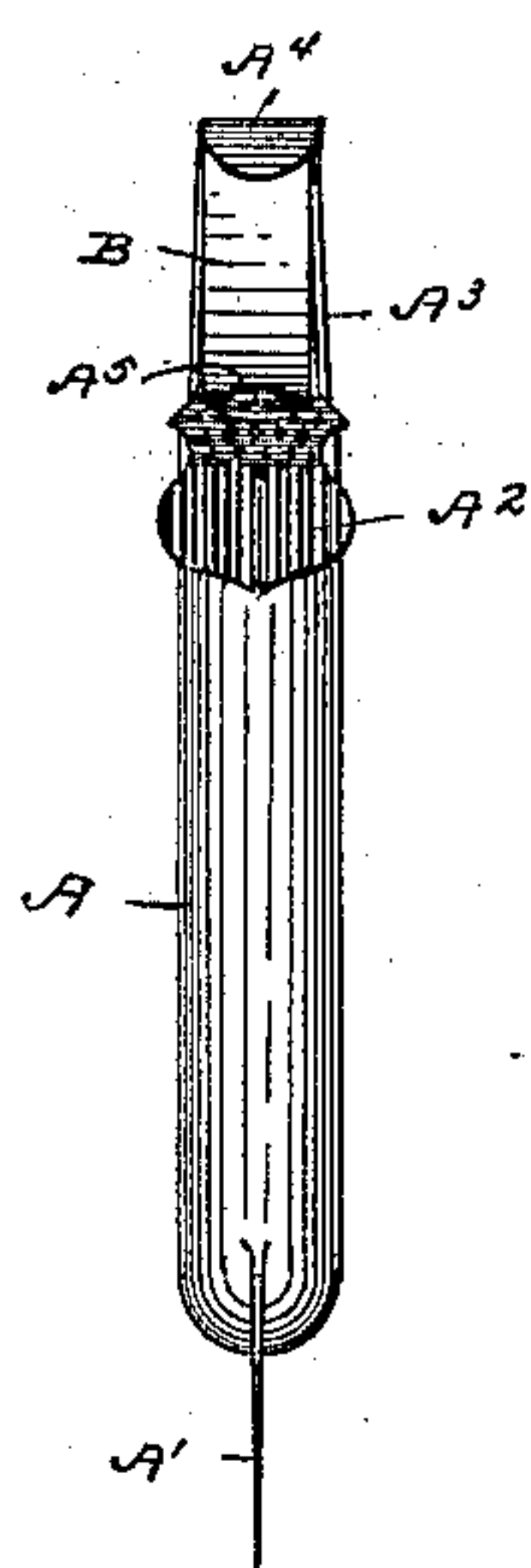


Fig. 1.

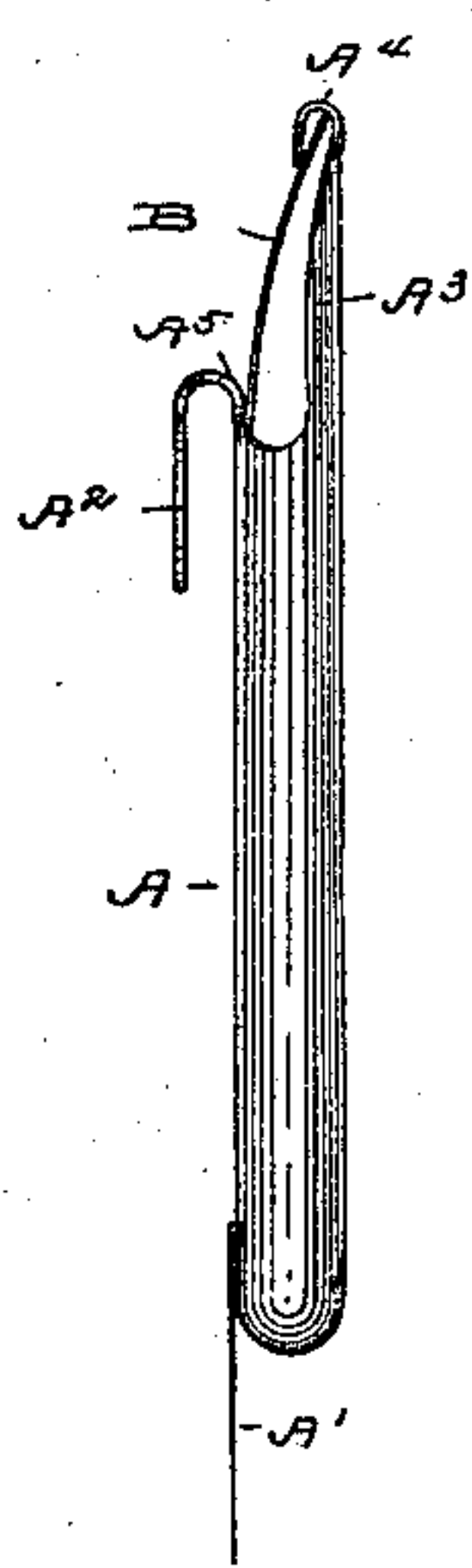


Fig. 2.

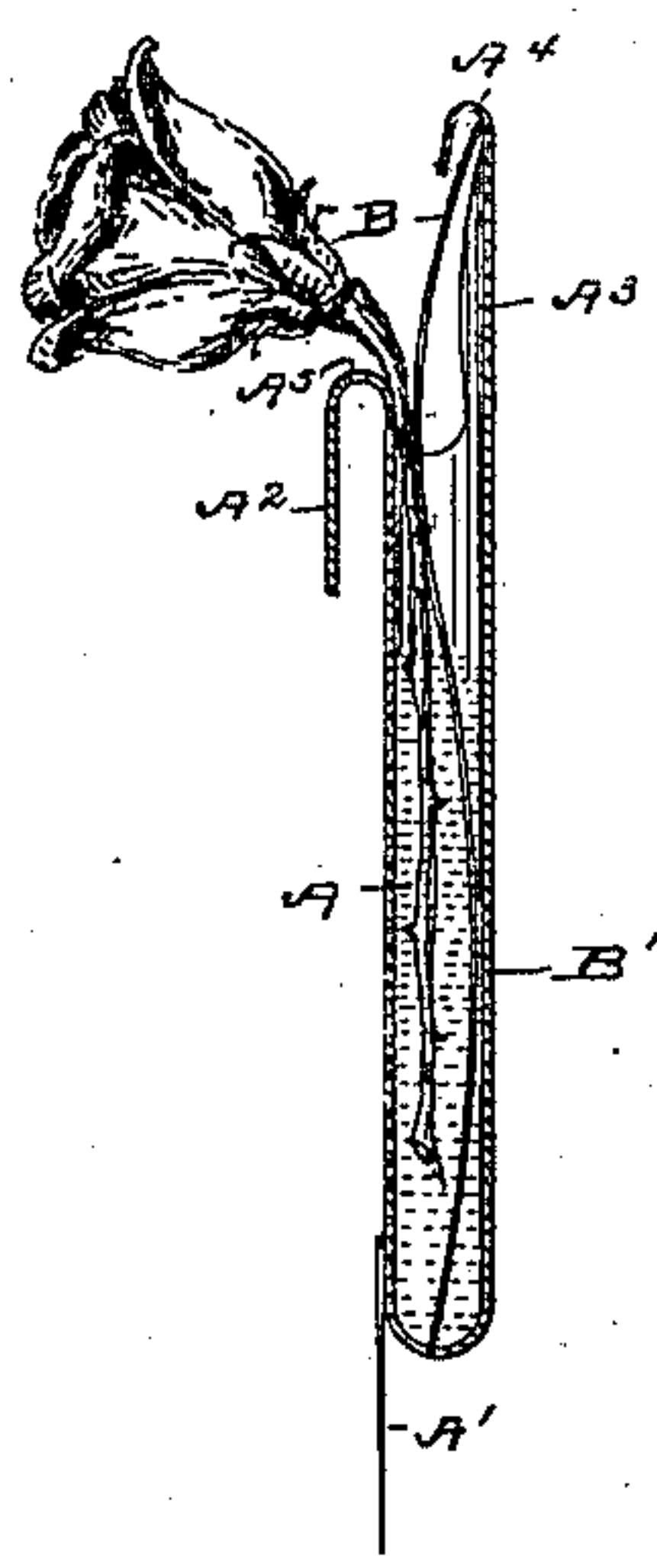


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOAQUIN LÜTH, a citizen of the United States, residing at 1038 Railroad avenue, Alameda, in the county of Alameda and State of California, 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 said invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it most nearly appertains to make, use, and practice the same.

This invention relates to improvements in "bouquet-holders;" and it consists of a tubular body adapted to contain water, a spring within said tubular body to engage the stem of the bouquet, a pin upon the tubular body to engage the fabric of the clothing, and an ornamental lip adapted to extend through the buttonhole or engage a fold of the clothing to assist the pin in holding the device in position.

The objects of this invention are to provide a means for keeping bouquets fresh when worn upon the clothing; further, to make such parts of the device as are exposed to view ornamental as well as useful.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a bouquet-holder constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a central elevation in cross-section.

In construction the device consists of the tubular body A, closed at its lower end and adapted to contain water; the pin A', soldered to the tubular body, near the bottom thereof; the lip A², extending outward from near the top of the tubular body; the upwardly-extending portion A³, terminating in the bend A⁴, between which and the bottom of the tubular body the spring B extends in a compound curve, touching the inner wall of the tubular body at the bend A⁵ of the lip A² and on the opposite wall at point B'.

In attaching—say to the lapel of a coat—the tubular body is partially filled with water, (see Fig. 3,) the lip A² is pushed from behind through the buttonhole in the lapel, the point of the pin is started into the fabric back of the lapel, and the whole device forced downward until the bend A⁵ engages the edge

of the buttonhole. It is obvious that the device is now securely held in an upright position behind the lapel and is ready to receive the stem of the bouquet. The stem of the bouquet is forced downward into the tubular body between the bend A⁵ of the lip A² and the bend of the spring B, which exerts a delicate pressure against the stem of the bouquet, holding it securely in place without squeezing, which would interfere with the capillary nourishment of the bouquet.

The bend of the spring B, crossing the mouth of the tubular body A near the top, acts as a partial closure for same, preventing to a limited extent slopping out of the water during violent exercise or brushing of the clothes.

In attaching to belt or corsage the operation is very similar to that described, the lip A² extending over the edge or engaging a fold of the garment.

The lip A², being an exposed part, may be ornamented to suit taste or made to serve as a lodge emblem.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a bouquet-holder, the combination of a tubular body adapted to contain water; an extension upward from the mouth of said tubular body terminating in a bend; a flat spring extending between said bend and the bottom of said tubular body; and means for attaching said tubular body to the clothing of the wearer; substantially as described.

2. In a bouquet-holder, the combination of a tubular body adapted to contain water; an extension upward from the mouth of said tubular body terminating in a bend; a flat spring extending between said bend and the bottom of said tubular body; an overhanging lip near the mouth of said tubular body; and a pin secured near the lower end of said tubular body; substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 30th day of March, 1901.

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