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Fig. 1.

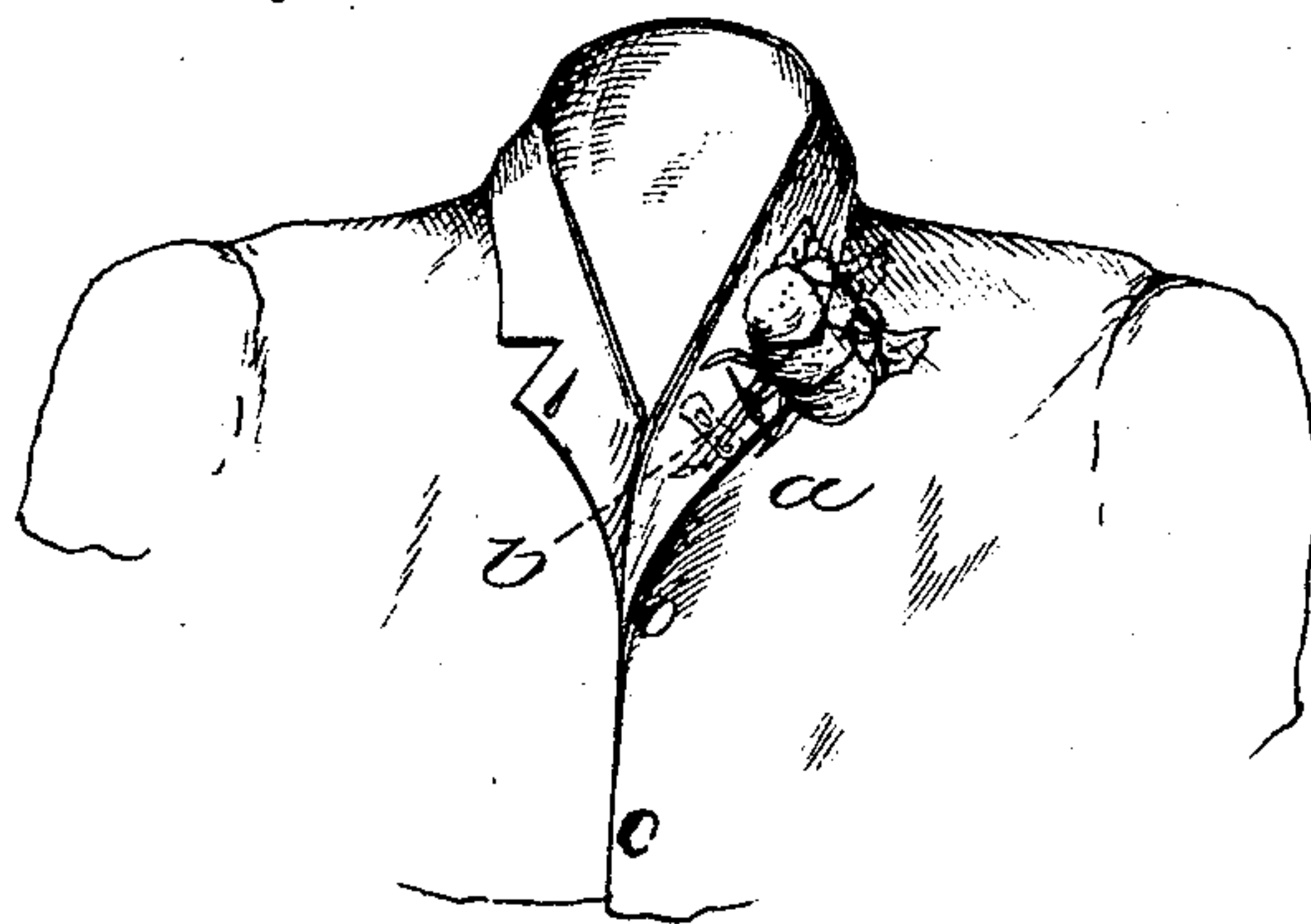


Fig. 2.

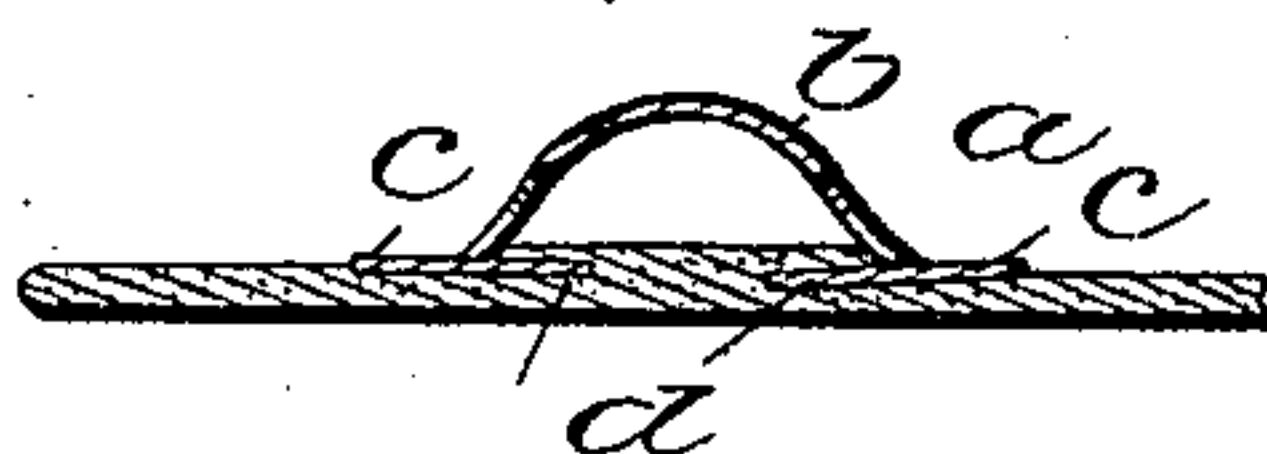


Fig. 3.

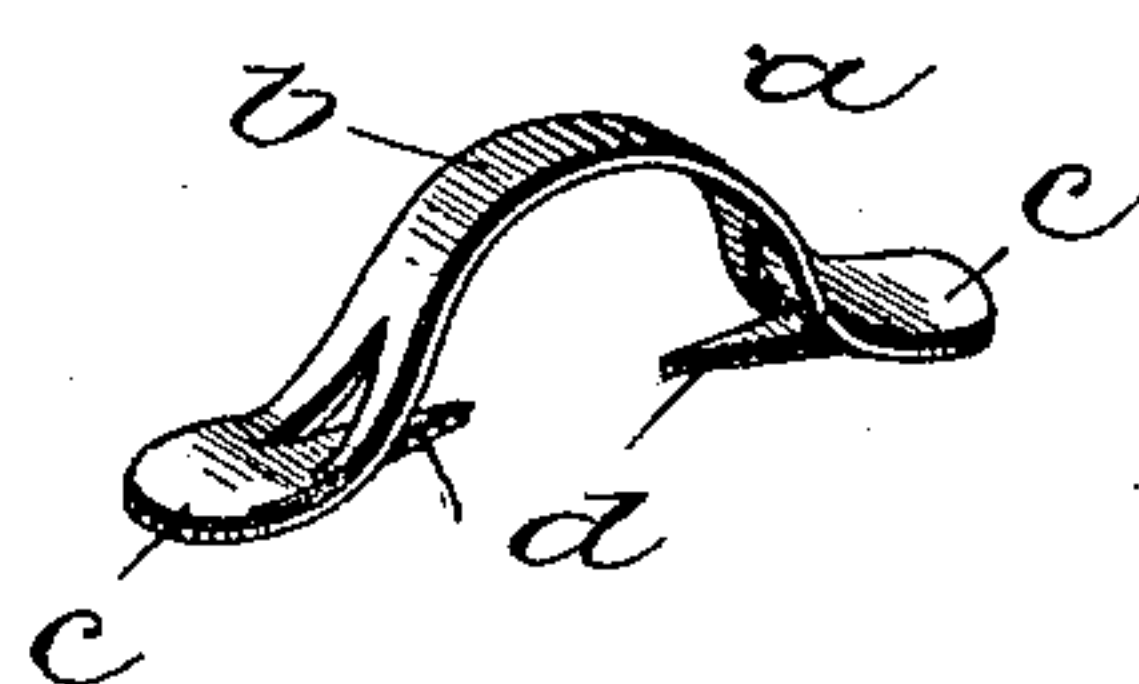
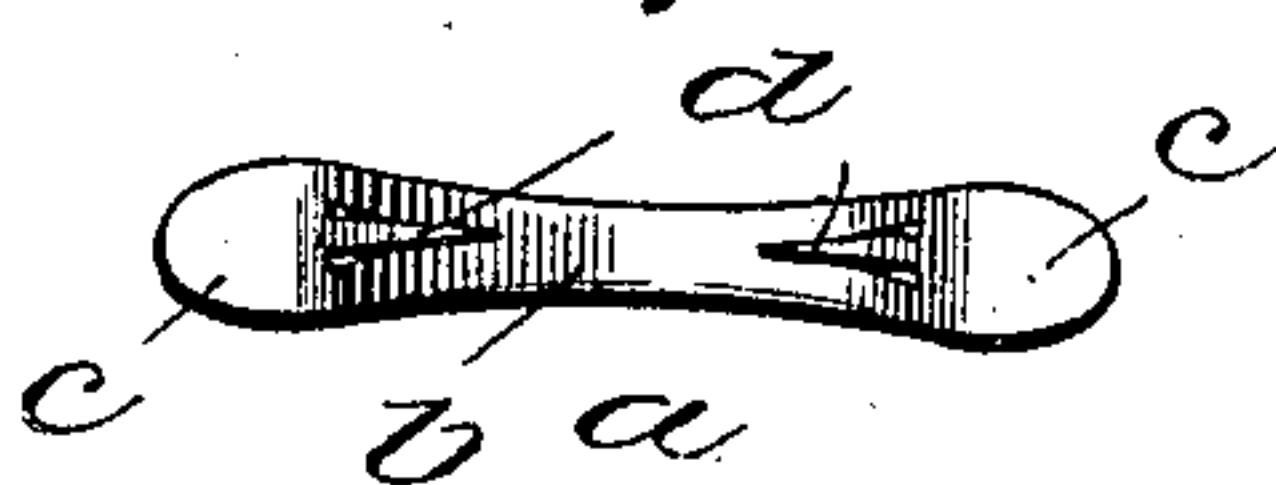


Fig. 4.



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## BUTTONHOLE-BOUQUET HOLDER.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 693,150, dated February 11, 1902.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CARROLL POTTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Buttonhole-Bouquet Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a simple, efficient, and inexpensive device whereby the bouquet can be effectually secured to place in the lapel of a coat or other garment and when so secured will present the pleasing and natural appearance of a bouquet or flower having its stem thrust through the buttonhole of the lapel.

A further object is to enhance this appearance by providing a securing device or holder of the character stated, which will be concealed from observation when applied.

The nature, characteristic features, and scope of the invention will be more clearly understood by reference to the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a coat or other garment with my improved holder applied to the lapel thereof. Fig. 2 is an inverted longitudinal sectional view of the holder, illustrating the manner in which it is secured to place on the under side of the lapel. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the holder detached, and Fig. 4 is an under side view thereof.

My improved holder comprises an elongated member *a*, of resilient and somewhat compressible or yielding material. Sheet metal offers the advantage of cheapness and the further advantage of being easily worked. The member *a* is provided with a raised or curved part *b* and with flattened ends *c*, and at the union of said raised or curved part *b* and the ends the member is served with inwardly-directed points or spurs *d*, which may be struck up from said member or otherwise formed or secured thereto. It is desirable that the points or spurs *d* be hardened or tempered in respect to the remainder, and where the member *a* and the spurs or points *d* form an integral part or entirety made of sheet metal the spurs or points only may be hardened, or the whole may be slightly tempered to impart spring qualities.

In applying the holder the stem of the flower or bouquet is inserted in the buttonhole in a perfectly free and natural manner and then passed through the holder, which is applied to the under side of the lapel, as shown inverted in Fig. 2. When thus arranged, the raised or curved part *b* of the holder is slightly flattened against the stem, and the points or spurs *d* stick into the cloth. It will be manifest that by this arrangement the bouquet will be effectually secured in a pleasing and perfectly-natural manner and with the desirable attribute that the holder will be concealed from observation.

It will be obvious to those skilled in the art to which the invention appertains that modifications may be made in details without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. Hence I do not limit myself to the precise construction and arrangement of parts hereinabove described, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings; but,

Having described the nature and objects of the invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A buttonhole-bouquet holder, comprising a member having a raised part of resilient material and having flattened ends, and provided at the union of said raised part and the ends with inwardly-directed points or spurs, substantially as described.

2. A buttonhole-bouquet holder, comprising a member having a raised part of resilient material and having flattened ends, and provided at the union of said raised part and the ends with inwardly-directed points or spurs, said points or spurs being hardened or tempered, substantially as described.

3. A buttonhole-bouquet holder, comprising a bowed member having its ends flattened and provided with points or spurs struck up from the bowed part and extending inwardly in respect to the latter, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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