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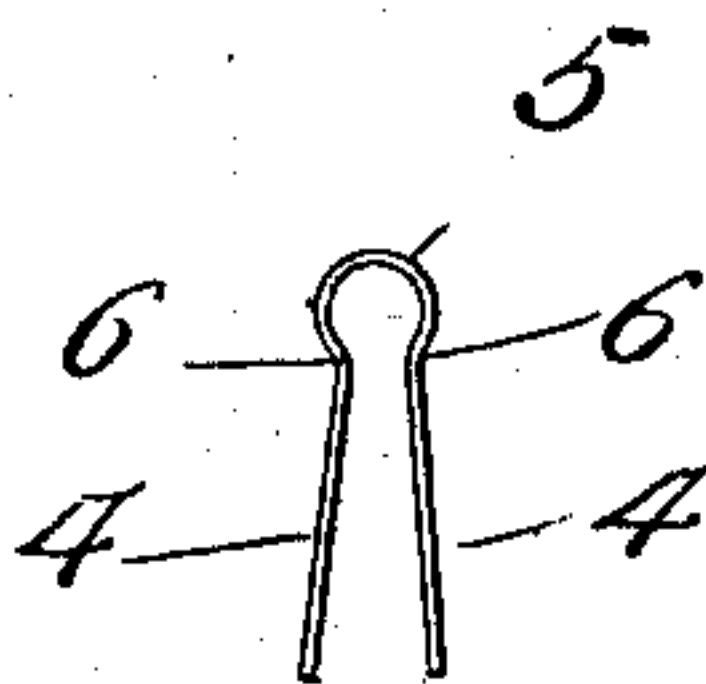
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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IRA L. PILLSBURY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Galesburg, in the county of Knox and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Devices for Repairing Flowers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices for repairing flowers and one of the principal objects of the same is to provide a slender metal device for holding together the calyx of a flower to prevent the petals from escaping and ruining the salability of the flower.

Certain flowers, and more particularly the carnation or pink are predisposed to split the calyx from the upper edge thereof towards the stalk thus permitting the petals to pass through the split portion of the calyx and to render the blossom unsymmetrical and as a consequence unsalable.

It is the purpose of my invention to provide a small slender staple for holding the portions of the calyx together to confine the petals of the flower within the same.

These and other objects may be attained by means of the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a carnation in which one of my devices is shown in place for connecting the calyx. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the device.

Referring to the drawing for a more specific description of my invention, the numeral 1 designates a carnation or pink and 2 is the calyx thereof. This calyx is liable to divide or split on the line 3 and permit the petals to escape from the calyx to injure the shape of the flower and render it unsalable.

The device consists of two slightly diverging legs 4 and a crown or head 5 having a contracted portion 6 intermediate the crown

and legs. This device is made of very slender inelastic flexible wire or other material and the legs 4 are passed through the calyx and through the petals with the crown 5 straddling the split portion 3 of the calyx. The crown of the device is practically invisible and hence does not detract from the general appearance of the flower.

From the foregoing it will be obvious that my invention can be manufactured at slight cost, can be easily applied, is practically invisible and is far superior to the unsightly rubber bands at present used for the same purpose.

It will be understood that the construction is such that the diverging legs are adapted to be spread when inserted through the calyx and petals of a flower to effectively hold the device against displacement.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, is:—

A device for repairing flowers formed from a single piece of inelastic flexible wire bent to form two diverging legs adapted to be spread when inserted through the calyx and petals of a flower, and a substantially circular head connecting the legs at one end, the head being of a radius substantially uniform with the outer surface of the calyx to lie firmly thereagainst and spanning the split portion of the same, said legs each having a portion adjacent to the head depressed to form a contracted neck for holding the device against displacement.

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

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