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Fig. 1.

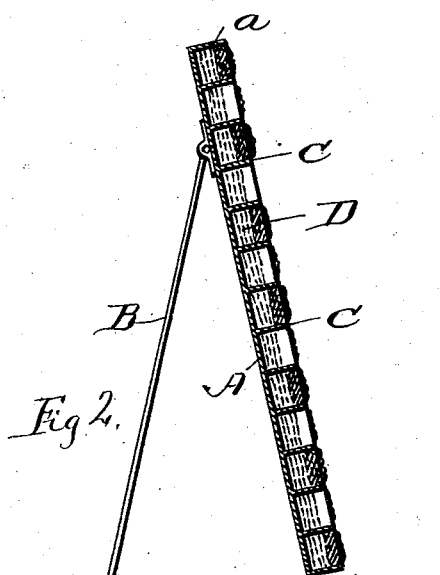
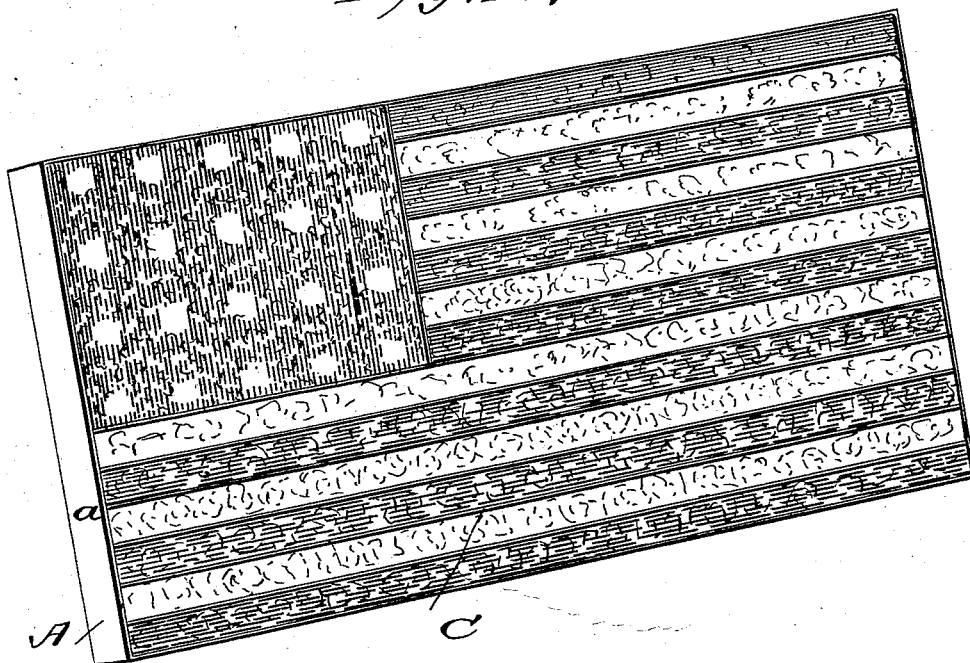


Fig. 2.

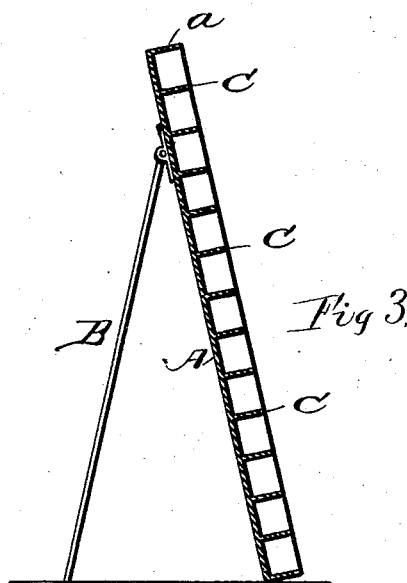


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SETH M. FLINT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Worcester, in the county of Otsego, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Flower-Holders for Florists' Use; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to an improved box or receptacle for florists' use, the object being to provide an improvement over the ordinary wire frame and produce a holder in which cut flowers can be arranged in any suitable design and kept fresh for a much longer time than they can be kept in the present appliances.

With these objects in view my invention consists in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved holder with the flowers arranged therein. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a sectional view with the flowers removed.

In carrying out my invention I employ a box or receptacle A preferably of thin light metal said box or holder having its sides *a* made a suitable depth (one, two or three inches).

The holder is usually supported in an oblique position by means of a bracket B, so that the design arranged within the holder will appear to better advantage.

The holder is intended to be made to receive different floral designs and in the drawings I have shown the representation of a flag constructed of flowers.

Whatever the design may be the box or holder is divided into a series of compartments by means of the partitions C said partitions being as deep as the sides of the box or holder and these are also constructed of metal. In the design shown I construct a

right angled partition to provide the field for the union and a series of longitudinal partitions to receive the stripes. Each compartment is shaped according to the part it is to form in the entire design. The compartments are all filled with moss or other suitable material D and this is usually well watered or moistened before any of the flowers are inserted therein. The holder and partitions being both of metal no leakage occurs and the moss will always remain damp and moist. The cut flowers with short stems are then inserted into the moss and being moist these flowers will remain fresh a much longer time than they do now in the usual wire frame.

In the illustration the compartments representing the union field and stripes are filled with moss, the field is then covered with blue flowers and here and there a white one is inserted to represent the stars. One of the stripe compartments is then filled with white flowers and the next one filled with red and so on. In this manner any suitable design can be formed and the flowers will keep much longer.

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

An improved holder for florists' use consisting of a metallic frame or box having a solid bottom or back, an angular partition arranged in one corner and a series of longitudinal partitions extending from said angular partition and also a series below the same, said partitions being also of metal thus dividing the frame or box into a series of compartments each capable of holding water, the filling inserted in said compartment to hold or absorb the moisture, and receive the stems of flowers, substantially as shown and described.

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

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