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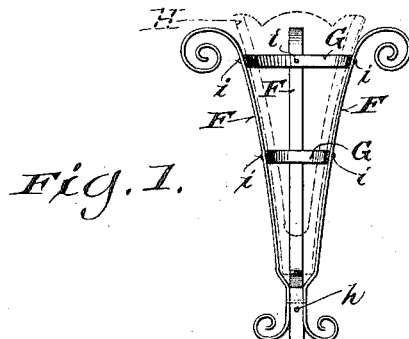


Fig. 1.

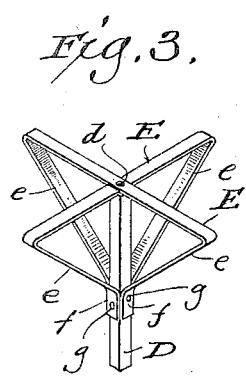


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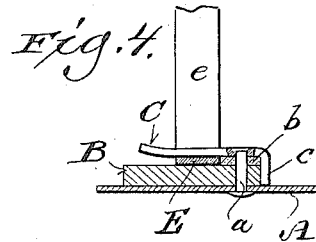


Fig. 4.

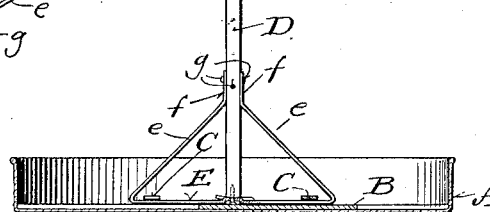
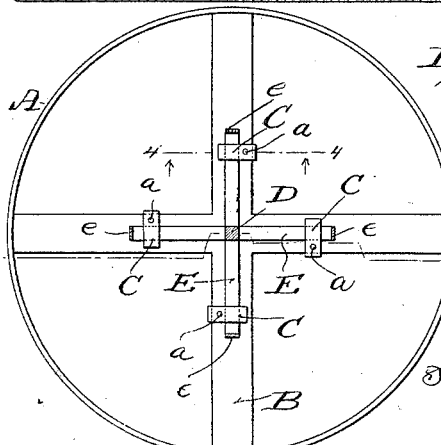


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER KLOKNER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Floral Stands; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention has especial reference to that style of floral stands particularly designed for table decorations at dinners, banquets, and the like; and it consists in certain peculiarities of construction and combination of parts, all as will be fully set forth hereinafter and subsequently claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a representation of my said device, in elevation and partly in section, on the line 1 1 of Fig. 2. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the lower part, showing also the base of the standard and illustrating the means of connecting said parts together. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the standard-base inverted. Fig. 4 is a detail sectional view taken on the line 4 4 of Fig. 2.

Heretofore with the large floral stands such as are usually furnished by florists and decorators for the banquet-table several objections have existed, which it is the design of my present invention to obviate, among them being the inconvenience of the article in storage or shipment, which I remedy by my peculiar construction, wherein the lower part and standard are made separable, and yet capable of instant assemblage without the use of tools or extraneous devices, and when so put together the parts will be as safely and firmly united as if the attachment was permanent; secondly, my present construction guards against injury or disfiguration of the table-linen by drip or overflow from the flower-holder, and, thirdly, the device is so constructed and proportioned that it does not offer any material obstruction to the vision of those seated about the table, which latter objection usually results in the removal of the floral decorations as they are ordinarily arranged.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the detachable lower part, the same consisting of a shallow round pan, preferably of sheet metal, with a cross B secured to the upper

surface of the bottom thereof, each arm of said cross having a spring-tongue C firmly secured thereto. In the preferred construction (shown best in Fig. 4) each of the said tongues C has a downturned flange *c* at one end thereof, resting on the upper surface of the pan A and bearing against the adjacent edge of the arm of the said cross B, and is secured in place by a rivet *a* passing through the pan A, cross B, and tongue C and also through a washer *b*, interposed between the upper surface of the cross-arm and the under surface of said tongue, the free end of the tongue C beyond the line of the washer *b* projecting horizontally for a certain distance and then being bent slightly upward, all as shown in said Fig. 4.

D represents the upright standard of my device, which may be made as ornamental as desired and which should be of such height as to rise considerably above the heads of the guests seated at the table.

E E represent the flat cross-strips forming the standard-base, each strip E having its ends bent upward and inward at an angle, as shown at *e e*, to meet the standard D, the extreme ends of the strips being then bent vertically, as shown at *f f*, and secured to said standard by rivets *g*, while the crossed flat strips E E are secured to the lower end of said standard D by a screw *d*.

F F represent a series of strips the lower ends of which are secured to the upper end of the standard D by rivets *h*, and these strips extend above the standard and are united together by a series of rings or bands G G, properly fastened to the strips by rivets *i i*, thus forming an open basket or receptacle for the support of a glass vase or other flower-holder, such a vase being indicated in position by dotted lines at H, and by preference the said strips F F should diverge outwardly, as shown, not only because this is more ornamental, but because the glass flower-holders or vases H usually taper; but the described divergence should be considerably within the vertical lines of the rim or edge of the pan A, so that any overflow, moisture, or drip from the flowers in the holder H will fall within the limits of the said pan or lower part of the device.

As will be plainly seen from an inspection

of Fig. 2 of the drawings, the open or free ends of the described spring-tongues C all extend radially in the same direction from the center of the pan A, and hence when it is desired to unite the separable parts of the device it will be only necessary to rest the base-strips E E on the cross B, with the standard D in line with the center of the pan A, and then by a turn of the wrist force the four ends of the said strips E simultaneously under the four spring-tongues C, whereupon the union is complete and the parts will be held firmly together while desired, their subsequent detachment for storage or shipment being similarly accomplished by a reverse wrist movement. In practice it is desirable to fill the pan A with short-stemmed flowers, ferns, and the like, while the long-stemmed or more showy flowers are placed in the holder H and the latter placed in the basket or receptacle F G, and, as heretofore indicated, the flowers in said holder H can be freely moistened, as all overflow or drip therefrom will fall upon the contents of the pan A without spotting or wetting the table-linen.

With my device all the hereinbefore-enumerated disadvantages of high table decorations are obviated and my floral-stands can remain on the table, adding thereby to the attractiveness thereof as long as the guests

remain and without subjecting the latter to any discomfort or inconvenience.

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

1. A floral stand, comprising a shallow base-pan, having securing devices on the upper surface thereof, a slender elongated standard provided with a base-piece for separable attachment to said base-pan, and a basket or receptacle, secured to the upper end of said standard, and of less diameter than the said base-pan.

2. The combination of a shallow base-pan, a series of radially-disposed spring-tongues secured to the upper surface thereof, a slender elongated standard, a base-piece formed of flat strips secured to the lower end of said standard and adapted for engagement with said spring-tongues, and a basket or receptacle secured to the upper end of said standard, and of less diameter than said base-pan.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand, at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, in the presence of two witnesses.

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