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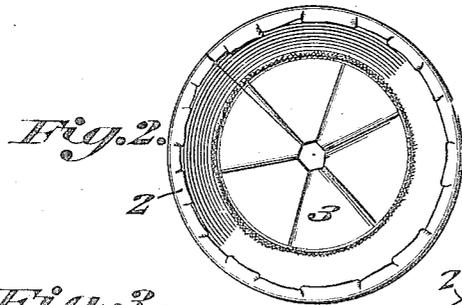
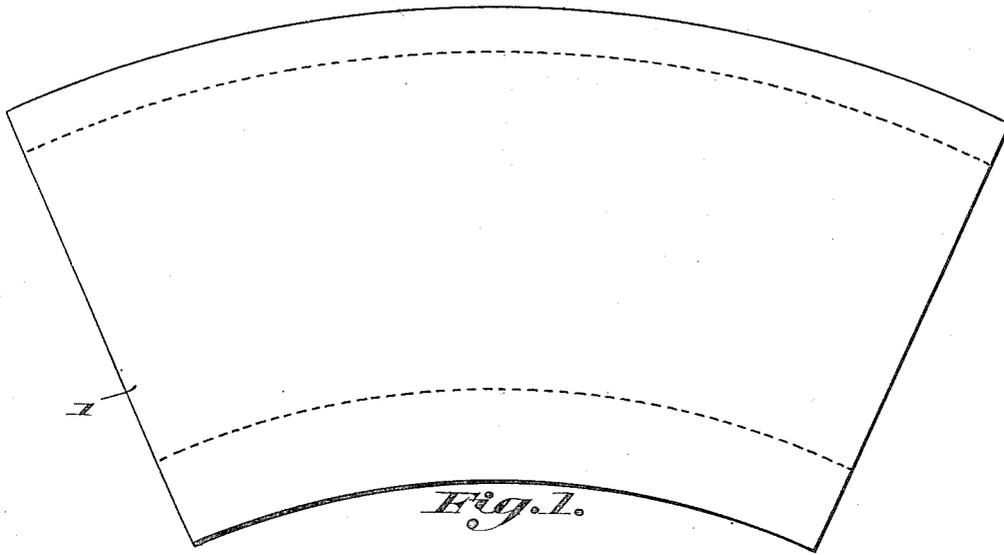
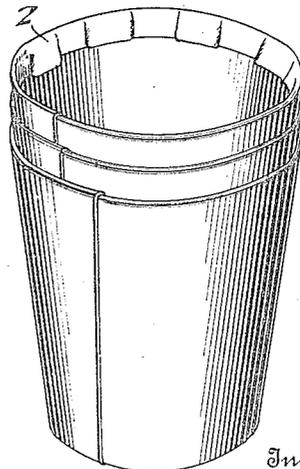
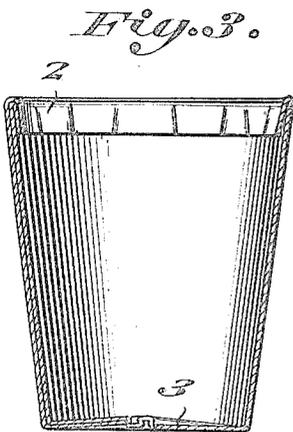


Fig. A.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. HUTCHINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lakewood, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Flower-Pots, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to flower pots and a particular object of the invention is to provide a simply constructed and cheap pot which may be nested with others so as to occupy small space in shipment or storage and which may be ready for use upon receipt of the same.

Another object of the invention is to provide a pot of this character constructed of a single piece of paper or similar material which has sufficient body to hold the earth and in which the plant may be left at the time of transplanting.

Further objects of the invention will appear as the following description is read in connection with the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this application, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the blank from which the pot is formed. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the completed pot ready for filling. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view. Fig. 4 shows a perspective view of a plurality of nested pots.

Referring to the drawing, and particularly to Fig. 1, the pot is constructed of a blank of paper 1 having its upper and lower edges constructed on concentric lines and its end edges formed on radial lines struck from the center employed in obtaining the arcs of the upper and lower side edges. The upper edge of the blank is folded back upon the body to form a retaining flange 2 and the lower edge is formed in a similar flange 3 which is considerably wider than the flange 2 and is adapted to produce a bottom for the pot when it is placed in operative position. The flanges also form guides which receive one end of the blank, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. When the ends of the blank are interengaged as shown the pot may be

folded to make a flat package or the bottom pushed out into operative position and the pot nested with other pots, as shown in Fig. 4. When the pots are shipped in folded position or in blank form with the flanges turned up thereon all that is necessary is to interengage the ends and to press out the flange 3 into bottom forming position.

When the flange 3 is turned down into bottom forming position it will be noticed that it is crimped.

It will be noticed that the cup is substantially frustoconical in shape and that when the earth becomes wedged in the cup that it does not place much strain on the bottom. At the same time the earth may be forced through the bottom, although holding firmly in position under ordinary circumstances.

The pot may be inserted into the ground at the time of transplanting and being constructed of paper will rot after a predetermined stay in the ground, thus causing no retarding of the growth of the plant.

What is claimed is:—

A flower pot made from a single strip of paper, said paper strip being sector shaped having a long and a short arcuate longitudinal edge, said strip of paper having its arcuate marginal portions bent back to form reinforcing portions, the reinforcing portion of the shorter marginal edge being wider than the other, said paper strip being rolled into tubular form, the shorter and wider reinforcing portion being adapted to extend in crimped relation to form a horizontal bottom for the pot the end edges and longer reinforcing marginal portion being telescoped and held against spreading and displacement by virtue of the crimped bottom, formed by the shorter marginal reinforcing portion of the pot.

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

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