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Fig. 1.

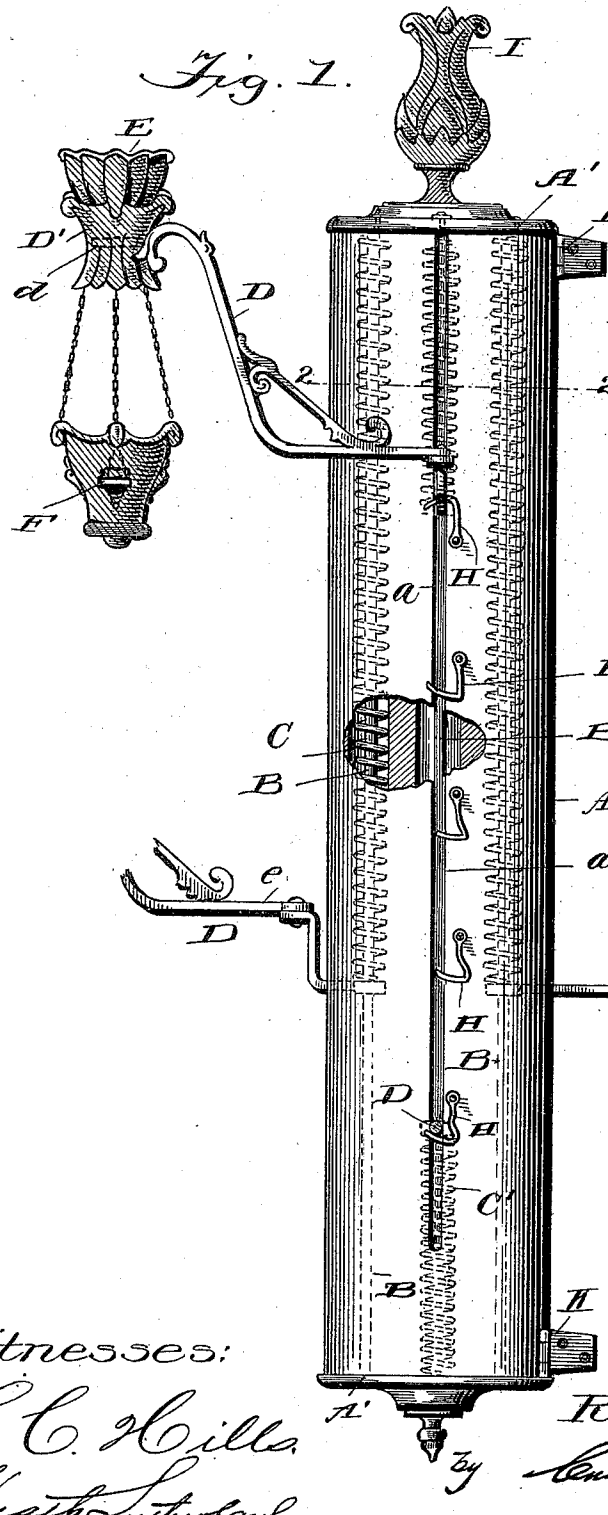
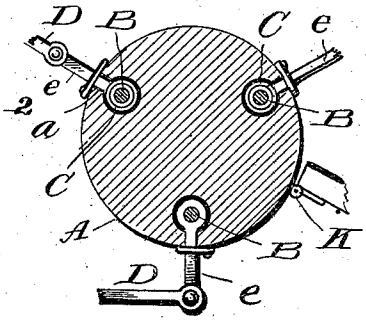


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUA E. BURKE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Spokane, in the county of Spokane and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Flower-Stands and Brackets Therefor; 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.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in flower-stands and brackets therefor; and it has for its main object the provision of means for adjustably supporting a number of swinging brackets from a suitable stand.

Referring to the drawings accompanying and forming part of this application, Figure 1 is a side elevation, partly in section, of a flower-stand constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the same, the section being taken in line 2 2, Fig. 1.

Like characters of reference designate like parts in both views.

A designates the body of the stand, which is preferably cylindrical in form and may be either solid or hollow and of any desired material, and rods, such as B, are shown as passed through the heads of this cylinder and held in place in a suitable manner. Heavy coiled springs are illustrated at C and C′ as mounted upon these rods and slidable freely thereon; but these springs are secured firmly at their outer ends to the heads A′ of the body A.

To the inner ends of the springs C C′ brackets, such as D, are secured. These brackets are laterally adjustable, and each is shown as having a pivotal connection with its respective spring by means of a suitable connecting-arm, the pivot being substantially in line with the peripheral edge of the corresponding longitudinal slot *a* in the body A, in which slot said arm works, the connecting-arm being rigidly secured to one end of its respective spring.

The brackets D may be fashioned in any desired artistic manner, so as to present an appearance pleasing to the eye, and have secured to their outer ends the annular supports D′, adapted to hold the flower-pots E.

It should be understood that the springs C and C′ are heavy compression-springs and that they are of such strength that when the flower-pots are in position they will not be effective to extend the springs C, for example, any farther, but, on the contrary, these springs will tend to raise the pots carried thereby away from their adjusted positions. Moreover, in the case of the spring C′ the weight of the flower-pot and the force of the spring would act in the same direction. Hence it is obvious that in order to maintain the flower-pots in their adjusted vertical positions some means must be employed for positively relieving them of the retractive pulls of their respective springs. In the present case hooks are illustrated at H as disposed at intervals along the slots *a*, these hooks being adapted to engage and hold the brackets in the respective vertical positions against the pull of the springs. It will be noticed that the bracket controlled by the spring C′ is engaged by a depending hook H, while those hooks H which engage brackets controlled by the springs C point upward when in use.

A band *d*, secured to each annular support D′, has suspended therefrom by small chains or similar means annular supports F, similar to the supports D′. These supports F are adapted to contain water-bowls for the purpose of catching drippings from the flower-pots E and for holding cut flowers. Hinges K K are also provided for securing the flower-stand to the window-casing or in any other desired position. The vase I, secured to the top of the stand, is adapted to contain a bouquet of cut flowers.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that I provide a flower-stand in which the means for supporting the flower-pots, &c., are vertically and laterally adjustable within wide limits, thus forming a stand simple in construction and capable of use in many places where the ordinary flower-stands would not be available.

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

A flower-stand comprising a body portion; longitudinal fixed guide-rods carried by said body portion; springs coiled around said guide-rods, and each fixed at its outer end relatively to its respective guide-rod; brackets slidable on said guide-rods, and secured to the free ends of said springs; and holding means for securing the brackets in their adjusted positions longitudinally of the guide-rods.

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

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