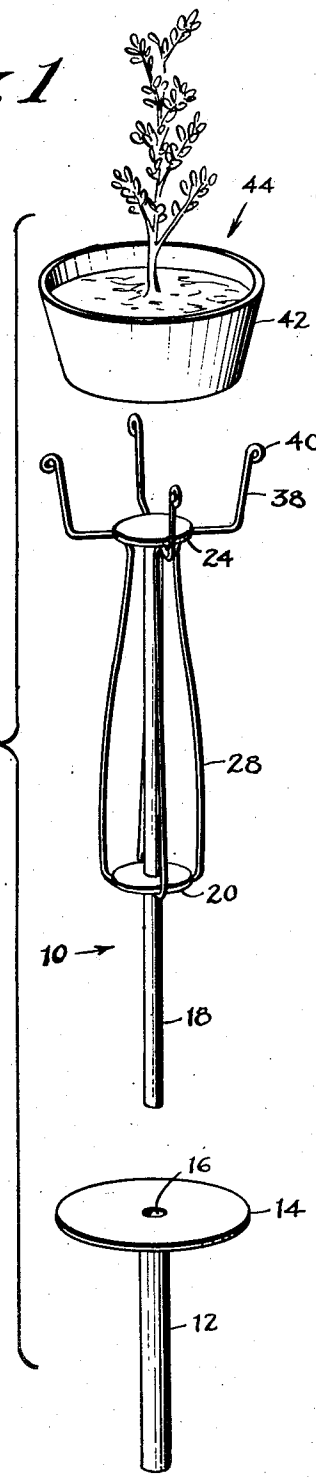
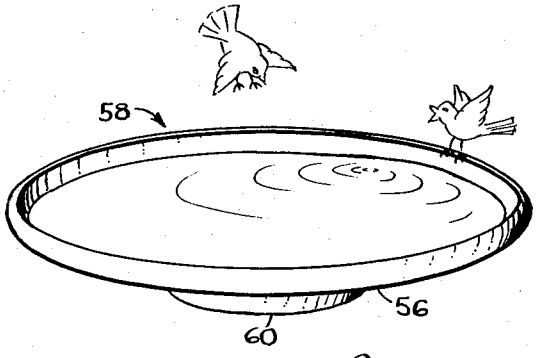
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Fig. 1





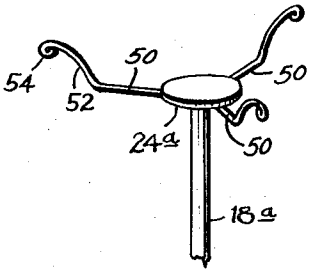


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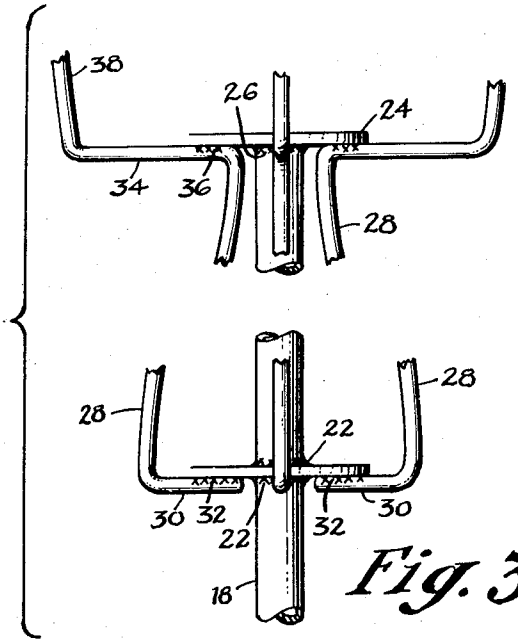


Fig. 3

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This invention relates to supporting devices and more specifically, to supporting devices for ornamental receptacles customarily displayed on lawns.

One of the primary objects of this invention is to provide support means for a vase, flower pot, bird baths or other types of utility and/or ornamental receptacles usually displayed on lawns.

Another primary object of this invention is to provide means of the type described which will permit a lawn mower or other grass trimming apparatus to be driven across the edge and outer portion of the base flange without removing the standard.

Another object of this invention is to provide means of the type to which reference has been made above with means for releasably securing in the ground a standard supporting the above-mentioned receptacle.

A still further object of this invention is to provide means for supporting a receptacle in elevated position relative to the ground, the means being inexpensive to manufacture, non-complex in construction and assembly, and durable in use.

Other and further objects and advantages of the present invention will become more evident from a consideration of the following specification when read in conjunction with the annexed drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is an exploded perspective view of one embodiment of this invention.

Figure 2 is an enlarged fragmentary perspective view of a second embodiment of this invention.

Figure 3 is an enlarged partial side elevational view of the embodiment of the invention illustrated in Figure 1.

Referring now more specifically to the drawing, reference numeral **10** designates, in general, a supporting device for vases, urns, flower pots, bird baths and other receptacles conventionally displayed on lawns or other grassy spots of land. In the first embodiment of this invention, the device **10** is seen to comprise an elongated substantially hollow cylindrical base member **12** having an enlarged plate **14** centrally apertured at **16** and integrally formed therewith or rigidly secured thereto at the upper end thereof.

An elongated substantially cylindrical standard **18** is provided with a radially extending base flange **20** fixedly secured thereto as by welding **22** intermediate the ends of the standard. A substantially circular disc **24** is rigidly secured to the upper end of the standard as by welding at **26**.

A plurality of circumferentially spaced radially extending reinforcing rods **28** have one of their respective

ends **30** bent laterally to converge inwardly toward each other, and the laterally bent portions are fixedly secured to the under side of the flange **20** as by welding **32**. The longitudinal axes of the rods **28** are substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of the standard, and the rods **28** have end portions **34** thereof bent radially outwardly and are welded or otherwise secured to the under side of the disc **24**. These laterally bent portions **36** project radially beyond the circumference of the disc **24** and are bent upwardly to provide a plurality of clamping fingers **38** which project beyond the upper side of the disc. The fingers **38** terminate in looped ends **40**, and the fingers are adapted to flexibly engage against the cylindrical side wall **42** of a flower pot **44** to support the flower pot on the disc **24**.

To utilize this apparatus, the cylindrical member **12** is inserted within the ground until the plate **14** is substantially flush with the ground line. Thereafter, the lower end of the standard **18** is then inserted through the plate **14** and into the cylindrical member **12** until the ends **30** of the rod **28** abut against the plate **14**. The flower pot **44** or other receptacle is then inserted between the fingers **38** to rest on the supporting disc **24**.

When it is desired to cut the grass adjacent to the plate **14**, the standard **18** does not have to be withdrawn from the cylindrical member **12** and the plate **14** to permit a mowing device to be passed over the edge and outer portion of the plate **14**.

The modification of this invention illustrated in Figure **3** is similar to the invention shown in Figures 1 and 2 and elements of the latter modification finding counterparts of the first embodiment are identified by identical reference numerals to which has been added the lower case letter "*a*."

In the invention illustrated in Figure 2, the rods **28** in the original form have been omitted and a plurality of rods **50** spaced substantially 120° apart have one of their respective ends fixedly secured by conventional means to the disc **24***a*. The rods **50** project beyond the circumference of the disc **24***a* and are formed with upwardly bent supporting fingers **52** which terminate in loped ends **54**. The fingers **52** are adapted to engage the side wall **56** of a bird bath **58** having a base **60** adapted to abut against and be supported by the disc **24***a*.

With the removal of the rods **28**, the flange **20** will directly engage the plate **14** to limit the downward movement of the standard within its base member.

Having described and illustrated two embodiments of this invention, it will be understood that the same are offered merely by way of example, and that the invention is to be limited only by the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A receptacle holder comprising a plate, a base member secured to said plate and extending perpendicularly thereto, said plate and said member having an axial bore extending therethrough, a standard telescopically carried in said bore and projecting upwardly therefrom, a radial flange secured to said standard intermediate its ends, a disc secured to the upper end of said standard, a plurality of reinforcing rods circumferentially spaced apart and radially spaced outwardly from said standard, an offset lower end portion on each of said rods extend-

ing radially inwardly and secured to said flange, a radially outwardly offset upper portion on each of said rods secured to said disc, and an upwardly offset end portion extending integrally from said outwardly offset portion on each of said rods, said rods having the portions thereof between said disc and said flange substantially spaced from said standard.

2. A device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said upwardly offset end portion of said rods extending from said radially outwardly offset portion are resilient and adapted to resiliently clamp a receptacle therebetween.

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