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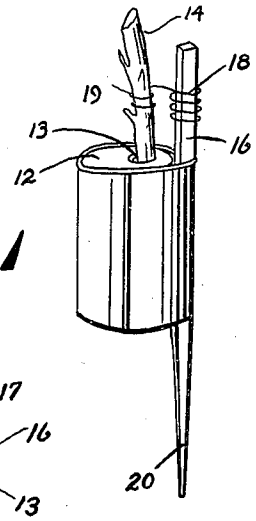


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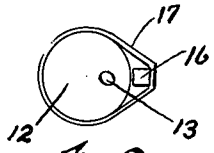


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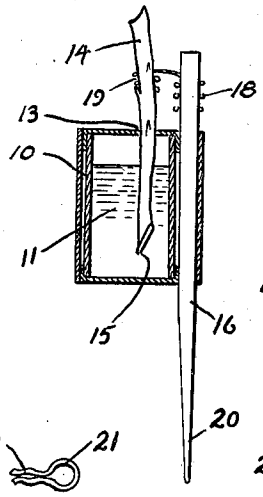


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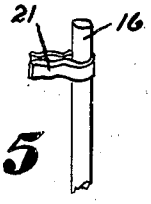


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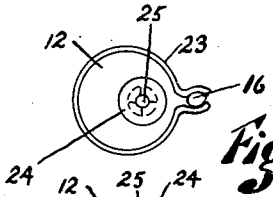


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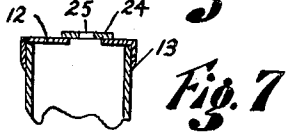


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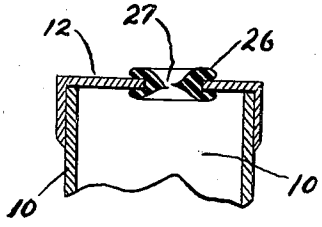


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1 Claim. (Cl. 47—41)

My invention relates to a water container for flowers in which the container is mounted to a floral pick to aid in the construction of floral designs and sprays.

It is manifest to anyone familiar with the art that cut flowers when assembled into a design or spray are securely attached by means of wood or metal picks fastened to the stem of the flower. This method has proven quite satisfactory to retain the cut flowers in position but it has been found necessary to provide a means to supply moisture to the bottom of the flower stem to prevent wilting. Various methods have been employed, the most popular of which is a rubber bag in the form of an inexpensive "balloon" in which the water was placed and the stem of the flower inserted into the opening of the "balloon."

The object of my invention is to provide a means of attaching the water container to the conventional pick and still provide a means of fastening the stem of the flower to the pick to prevent the flower from becoming disarranged and retaining it in position so that it will contact the water at all times.

Other and further objects of my invention will become more apparent as the description proceeds when taken in conjunction with the drawing in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device showing a water container attached to a pick at a point between its ends and employing a wire attached near the top of the pick for retaining the stem of the flower in position.

Figure 2 is a fragmentary cross-sectional view of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a top view of Figure 1 illustrating the manner in which the container is attached to the pick.

Figure 4 is a plan view of a flat metal fastener for clamping the stem of the flower to the pick.

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the clamp shown in Figure 4 attached to a pick having a round cross-section.

Figure 6 is a top view of the device showing the container equipped with a metal band around its circumferential area, the band formed into a clamp for attaching or detaching to a round pick and illustrating a sealing means in the form of a washer adherently attached over the aperture in the top of the container.

Figure 7 is a cross-sectional view of the upper part of the container shown in Figure 6 illustrating the washer arrangement and

Figure 8 is a sectional cross-section view of the upper end of the container wherein a rubber washer having feather edges inwardly disposed is used to seal the aperture at the top of the container so that the container will be sealed when the stem of a flower or the like is inserted into the rubber washer.

Similar characters of references indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views and referring now to the same the character 10 shows a container arranged for retaining a quantity of water 11. The upper end 12 of the container 10 is provided with an aperture 13 to permit inserting the stem 14 of a flower or the like. In this manner the stem 14 has its lower end 15 submerged in the water 11. The entire container 10 is attached to a pick 16 by means of the wrapper 17 encircling the container 10 and the pick 16. There is a wire 18 placed at the upper end of the pick 16. This wire 18 fastened to the pick 16 has its depending end wrapped around the stem 14 at 19. The lower end 20 of the pick 16 is tapered to a point.

The wire 18 may be replaced by a flat metallic clamp 21 as shown in Figures 4 and 5 as the two depending ends will support the stem 14 of the flower at 22. If desired the wrapper 17 may be replaced by the metal band 23 as shown in Figure 6 as this will enable the container 10 to be fastened to a pick 16 or be removed at will. In Figures 6 and 7 I also show a washer 24 adherently attached over the aperture 13. This washer 24 made of thin material has a port 25 smaller than the aperture 13 and permits the forcing of a stem 14 to pierce or tear the washer 24 so as to more closely adhere around the outer circumferential face of the stem 14. In Figure 8 the upper cover 12 of the container 10 is shown equipped with a rubber washer 26. This rubber washer 26 is provided with feather edges 27 inwardly disposed so as to permit forcing a stem 14 past the feather edges 27 thereby causing them to closely adhere to the stem 14 due to their elastic construction and preventing the water 11 from leaving the container 10 when the device is laid on its side.

In operation this device functions as a means for keeping the end 15 of a flower stem 14 submerged in water at all times and a container in which the water is placed is fastened securely to the conventional type of pick which is employed in the regular manner to build up and construct floral pieces and sprays.

I have entered into a detailed description of the construction and relative arrangement of parts embraced in the present preferred embodiment of my invention and its modifications, in

order to impart a full and clear understanding of the said embodiments, I do not desire to be understood, however, as confining myself to any of the specified instructions and relative arrangement of parts, inasmuch as in the future practice of the invention various changes and modifications may be made such as fall within the scope of the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent in the United States is:

A device of the character described comprising in combination a pick, pointed at its lower end, a closed waterproofed receptacle, said receptacle provided with an aperture in its upper end, said aperture provided with a pliable washer having feather edges inwardly disposed, means for attaching said receptacle to said pick at a point below its upper end, and a supporting means attached to the upper end of said pick to support the stem of a flower or the like inserted into the washer in the aperture of said receptacle.

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