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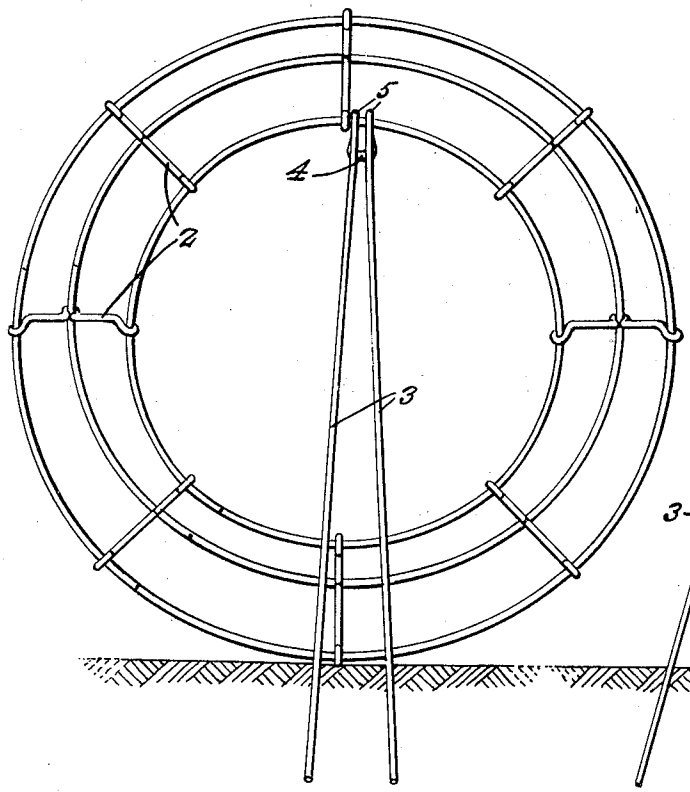

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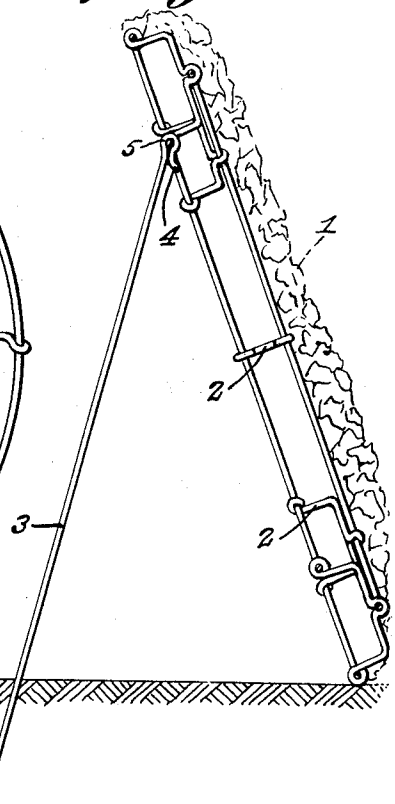

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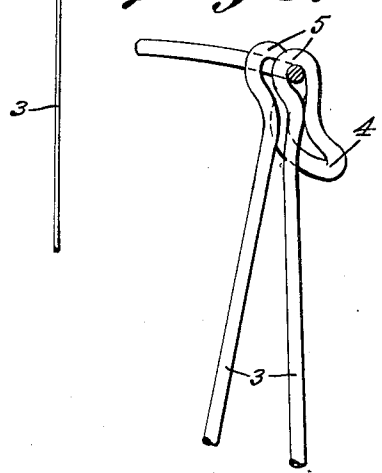

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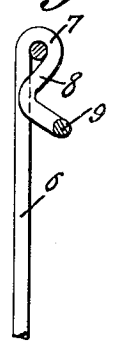

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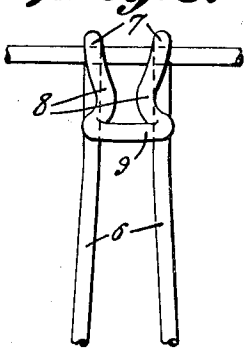

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This invention relates to supports, and its general object is to provide a support primarily designed for fixedly associating or anchoring wreaths in a flat position upon the ground or in an upright inclined position on any surface, but especially with respect to the ground or a grave in a manner whereby it will be held fixed and steady against the action of strong winds and other causes.

Another object of the invention is to provide an anchoring support for wreaths that can be detachably associated therewith, is simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture, easy to apply and extremely efficient in operation and service.

This invention also consists in certain other features of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts, to be hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and specifically pointed out in the appended claims.

In describing my invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawing wherein like characters denote like or corresponding parts throughout the several views, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a rear view illustrating one form of my invention secured to a wreath with the latter supported and anchored in an upright position.

Figure 2 is a sectional view taken through the wreath with my anchoring support in elevation.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary enlarged perspective view illustrating the hook of my anchoring support and its application to the frame of a wreath.

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken through a modified form of my invention.

Figure 5 is a front view thereof.

Figure 6 is a view illustrating my anchoring support in use for anchoring a wreath flat upon the ground.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the reference numeral 1 indicates a wreath which includes rings held in concentric relation with respect to each other through the instrumentality of wire fastening means 2 which are secured about the rings as clearly shown in Figures 1 and 2. While I have illustrated my anchoring support associated with a wreath of the type as shown, I want it understood that it can be associated with any type of floral piece, ornament, or the like and is preferably formed from a single strand of wire looped upon itself to provide diverging limbs 3.

In the form as shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3, the loop is bent downwardly to provide a clamping hook including an outwardly directed tongue 4 of substantially U-shape configuration and the tongue 4 has its arms disposed in contacting engagement with the limbs 3 below the curved upper ends 5 of the tongue as best shown in Figure 3. The curved upper ends provide spaced parallel eyes to accommodate a portion of the wreath, and in the type of wreath illustrated, the device is shown detachably secured to the innermost ring, as will be noted upon inspection of Figures 1 and 2. Below the points of connection of the arms of the tongue 4 with the limbs, it will be noted that the tongue is spaced a considerable distance from the limbs, and the arms of the tongue engage the forward side of the limbs as clearly shown in Figure 3 to set up a clamping engagement.

In the form as shown in Figures 4 and 5, the limbs are indicated by the reference numeral 6 and the looped end is likewise curved downwardly upon itself to provide a clamping hook including eyes 7 to receive a wire member of the wreath, and from the curved upper ends, the loop is directed inwardly and thence outwardly to provide substantially V-shaped arms 8 that have their apex portions disposed between the limbs for engagement with the opposed inner sides thereof, and thence the arms merge into a horizontal cross piece 9 that is disposed in spaced relation with respect to the limbs to provide a guide in applying the support to a wreath as will be apparent upon inspection of Figures 4 and 5.

In both forms of my invention, the support is formed from substantially rigid resilient wire and due to the inherent resiliency thereof, it will be apparent that the supports can be readily applied and removed with respect to a wreath merely by forcing the looped portions on and off the wreath, but when applied thereto, casual separation is practically impossible.

While my anchoring support will hold a wreath or the like in an upright position upon any surface, it is primarily designed for anchoring the wreath either flat upon the ground as shown in Figure 6 or at an inclination with respect to the ground as shown in Figures 1 and 2, in that the limbs 3 are adapted to penetrate or be inserted in the ground, with the result the wreath is held fixed and against the action of strong winds and other causes.

It is though from the foregoing description that the advantages and novel features of my invention will be readily apparent.

I desire it to be understood that I may make changes in the construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts, provided that such changes fall within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:—

1. An anchoring support formed from a single strand of wire looped upon itself to provide diverging limbs, a clamping hook formed at the looped portion and being directed downwardly and outwardly to provide eyes at the upper end of the loop, and guide means disposed in spaced relation with respect to the limbs at the lower end thereof.

2. An anchoring support for wreaths and being formed from a single strand of resilient wire looped upon itself to provide diverging limbs, a clamping hook formed with the upper ends of the limbs and being curved upon itself to provide spaced parallel eyes at the upper ends thereof, the intermediate portions of said hook being disposed in contacting engagement with the limbs and the lower portion thereof being arranged in spaced relation with respect to the limbs to provide a guiding means.

3. An anchoring support for wreaths and being formed from a single strand of resilient wire looped upon itself to provide diverging limbs adapted to be inserted in the ground, a clamping hook formed with the upper end of said limbs and being curved at its upper end to provide spaced parallel eyes, inwardly directed intermediate portions included in said hook and being engageable with the opposed inner sides of the limbs, and an outwardly directed portion formed with the lower end of the hook to provide guiding means.

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