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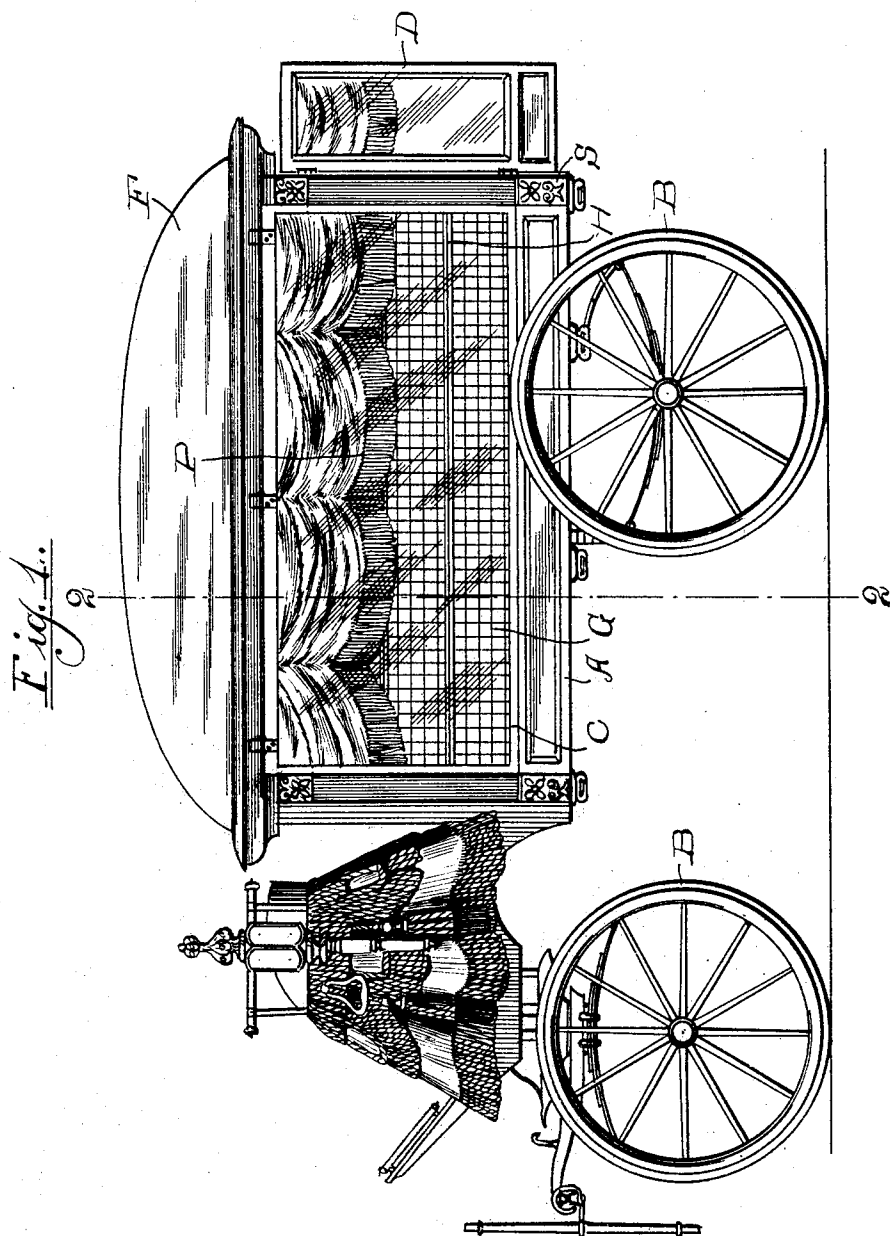
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Fig. 2.

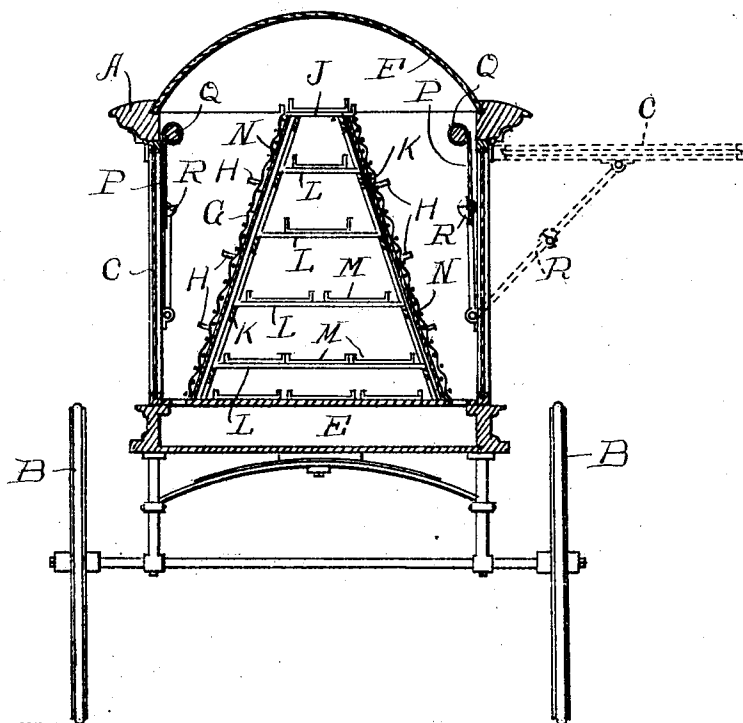


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, FRANK BUBLITZ and WILLIAM SCHEEL, citizens of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Flower-Bearing Vehicles; and we 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.

Our invention relates to a novel construction in a flower-bearing vehicle particularly designed for use in funerals to bear the floral offerings, which are usually carried in ordinary carriages, the object being to provide a vehicle which will display such floral offerings advantageously and will carry a large number of same and in which they are protected against frost in winter and against overheating in summer; and it consists in the features of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, illustrating our invention, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a vehicle constructed in accordance with our invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section of same on the line 2-2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of a hook used in connection with our invention.

Our said vehicle comprises a body portion A, supported in the usual manner upon wheels B, said body portion being rectangular in shape and having its two sides and rear end open and adapted to be closed by the glass doors C and D. The lower portion of said body consists of a flat receptacle E, which is adapted to contain a heating or cooling agent, and the roof of said body consists, preferably, of a concavo-convex glass F. Mounted within said body and extending longitudinally thereof is an inverted substantially V-shaped display-rack G, made of wire-netting of large mesh, the inclined sides of which are provided with longitudinally-disposed shelves H, upon which the floral pieces are adapted to be supported. At its upper end and between its side walls said rack is provided with a shelf J, upon which floral pieces are adapted to be received. Within said rack G is a second rack

K of the same general shape, which carries a plurality of shelves L, upon which frames or trays M of artificial flowers are adapted to be supported, such trays or frames being adapted to be mounted between the shelves H of said rack G to fill up vacant spaces in the event that the floral offerings shall be insufficient to completely cover such rack. Between the side walls of said racks G and K we stretch curtains N, which yield readily to pressure and serve to enable the stems of flowers and bouquets to be inserted through the wire-netting. Such netting has also the advantage to afford ample facilities for securing floral pieces by means of hooks O and is very light. Should the floral offerings be of small number, so as to fill up only the lower portion of the rack G, the upper portion thereof may be hidden by partly drawing down the curtains P, which are hung on the rollers Q at each side of said body and on the rear doors. The side doors of said body are hinged thereto at their upper ends and are adapted to be supported in their raised positions by means of the knuckle-joint braces R in an obvious manner, as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 2. The rear doors are hinged to the corner-posts S of said body and are designed to permit the removal and insertion of the artificial flowers and of the heating and cooling agent adapted to be inserted in the lower portion of said body.

Our said vehicle is preferably rendered highly ornamental, and the body thereof is so supported upon springs as to cushion the same to the greatest possible extent.

We claim as our invention—

1. A vehicle comprising a body portion mounted upon wheels and comprising a hollow base portion, a frame supported thereon, drop-doors hinged at their upper ends on said frame, knuckle-joint braces interposed between said drop-doors and said frame, an arched glass top and hinged rear doors, an inverted substantially V-shaped rack mounted in said body and provided on its side walls with shelves adapted to support floral pieces, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. A vehicle comprising a body portion mounted upon wheels and comprising a hollow

base portion, a frame supported thereon, drop-
doors hinged at their upper ends on said frame,
knuckle-joint braces interposed between said
drop-doors and said frame, an arched glass
5 top and hinged rear doors, an inverted sub-
stantially **V**-shaped rack mounted in said body
and provided on its side walls with shelves
adapted to support floral pieces, shelves be-
tween said side walls of said rack and trays
10 containing artificial flowers adapted to be sup-
ported on said shelves, there being openings
establishing communication between the hol-
low base portion and the body of said vehicle,
substantially as and for the purpose specified.
15 3. In a vehicle of the kind specified, the
combination with the body provided with side
and rear doors, of an inverted-**V**-shaped rack
within said body having foraminated sides,
and provided with shelves at regular inter-

vals, and curtains within said rack extending 20
parallel with the sides thereof.

4. In a vehicle of the kind specified, the
combination with the body provided with side
and rear doors, of an inverted-**V**-shaped rack
within said body having foraminated sides, 25
and provided with shelves at regular inter-
vals and curtains within said rack extending
parallel with the sides thereof, and a second
inverted-**V**-shaped rack within said curtains
and having a plurality of shelves. 30

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures
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