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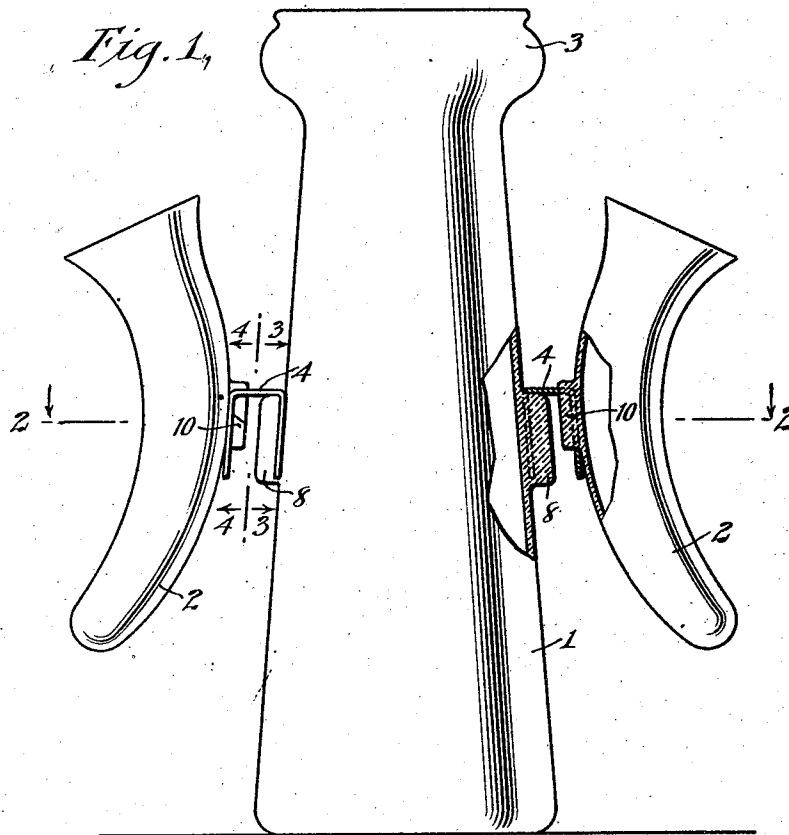


Fig. 2,

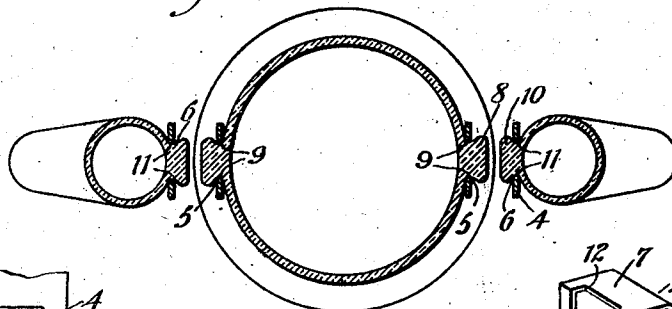
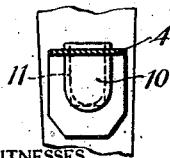


Fig. 4,



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Fig. 3,

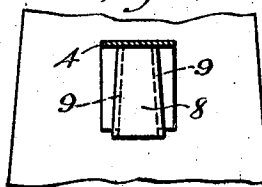
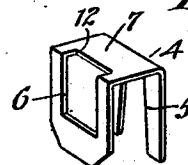


Fig. 5,



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This invention relates to vases, an object of the invention being to provide a vase comprising a main receptacle and a plurality of auxiliary receptacles removably connected to and supported by the main receptacle and forming in conjunction therewith an ornamental and attractive vase adapted to support cut flowers, ferns, leaves or other articles in the forming of an attractive assemblage or bouquet.

A further object is to provide an improved coupling means between the main receptacle and the auxiliary receptacles which enable the ready separation of the several receptacles for packing, storing, cleaning or for any other purpose.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations and arrangements of parts which will be more fully hereinafter described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings—

Figure 1 is a view, mainly in side elevation but partly in section, illustrating my improved vase;

Figure 2 is a view in transverse section on the line 2—2 of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a fragmentary view in vertical section on the line 3—3 of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a fragmentary view in section on the line 4—4 of Figure 1 but looking in the opposite direction to Figure 3;

Figure 5 is a perspective view of one of my improved couplings.

My improved vase includes a main receptacle 1 and any desired number of auxiliary receptacles 2. I have illustrated two of these auxiliary receptacles and it is preferable to have a plurality of these receptacles oppositely disposed, or in other words located at opposite sides of the main receptacle to give an ornamental and attractive appearance as well as for utilitarian purposes.

I would have it distinctly understood that I do not limit myself to the specific shape of the several receptacles as this is capable of a wide range of modification, but I have illustrated a main receptacle 1 which tapers inwardly from its lower end to a point adjacent its upper end and is then enlarged as shown at 3. The auxiliary receptacles 2 are curved longitudinally and taper from their

upper open ends to their lower closed ends although, as above stated, the particular shape may be varied to suit the trade.

These several receptacles may be made of glass or any other suitable material, and may be ornamented in any desired manner.

My invention resides more particularly in the means for coupling the several receptacles. With this end in view I provide couplings 4 which are preferably of sheet metal, one of which is illustrated in perspective in Figure 5.

These couplings are formed in one end with a tapering recess 5 and in the other end with an opening 6, the latter widest at its upper end and tapering or reducing in transverse dimension toward its lower end. The two ends 5 and 6 of the coupling 4 are connected at their ends by an integral member 7 so that the particular form of coupling illustrated is of somewhat rectangular shape or inverted U-shape in end elevation, although it is to be distinctly understood that I do not limit myself to the particular shape of this coupling, the primary object of which is to so construct the same that one end of the coupling will engage the main receptacle and the other an auxiliary receptacle so as to couple the receptacles together.

In the particular form illustrated, the main receptacle 1 is provided at its opposite sides with integral enlargements 8. These enlargements are tapering in form from their upper to their lower ends and are recessed or grooved in opposite sides adjacent the wall of the receptacle, as shown at 9, to receive the recessed portion 5 of one end of the coupling 4 and securely engage the enlargement.

The auxiliary receptacles 2 are provided with integral enlargements 10 of a shape to fit within the openings 6 of couplings 4, and these enlargements 10 are grooved or recessed adjacent the body of the auxiliary receptacles, as shown at 11, so that the walls of the openings 6 engage in said grooves and securely couple the auxiliary receptacles to the main receptacle.

It will be noticed particularly by reference to Figure 5, that the upper end of each coupling has an opening 12 therein communicating with the opening 6 so that the enlargements 10 can be positioned through this upper opening 12 and moved downwardly

into engagement with the tapering side walls of the opening 6. Hence in coupling the parts together the recessed ends 5 are first positioned over the enlargements 8 and then the enlargements 10 of the auxiliary receptacles 2 are moved into the opening 6 of said couplings and are securely held, preferably in the spaced relationship indicated in Figure 1.

With a vase of this character, flowers and other decorative articles may be supported in the main receptacle 1, and other flowers or articles in the auxiliary receptacles 2 so as to give the desired spread to the bouquet as a whole, and all of said receptacles are capable of containing water or other fluid to sustain the life of the bouquet.

Various slight changes and alterations might be made in the general form of the parts described without departing from my invention, and hence I do not limit myself to the precise details set forth but consider myself at liberty to make such slight changes and alterations as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A vase including a main receptacle, an auxiliary receptacle, enlargements on said receptacles, and a coupling device having an opening therein adapted to receive one of said enlargements and support the latter, and having a recess in its other end adapted to engage the enlargement of the other receptacle and supported thereby, both of said enlargements being widest at their outer portions whereby the walls of the recess and the opening are accommodated back of the outer faces of said enlargements.

2. A vase, comprising a main receptacle, dovetail enlargements at opposite sides of the main receptacle, a pair of auxiliary receptacles, enlargements on said auxiliary receptacles, and inverted U-shaped coupling members connecting said receptacles, said coupling members having openings receiving the enlargements of the auxiliary receptacles and having recessed or beveled portions straddling the enlargements of the main receptacle.

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