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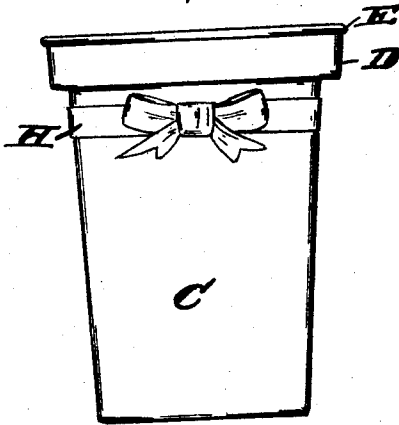


Fig. 2.

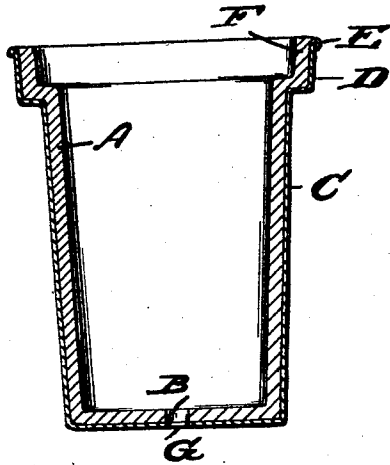
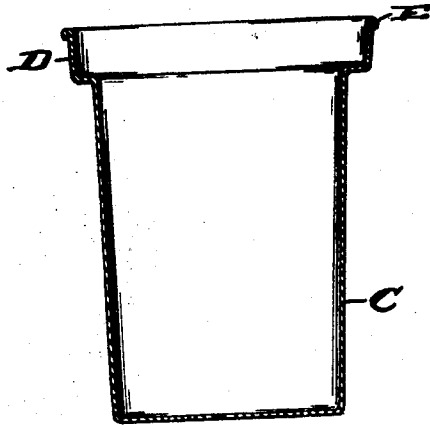


Fig. 3.

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My invention relates to a paper flower pot or container to be employed by florists for concealing the unsightly appearance of the usual earthenware flower pots, that the potted plants may be supplied with a more attractive setting.

It is however adapted to receive potted plants direct and may also be employed by florists when transferring the ball of earth from the usual earthen pot for shipment to customers, thereby eliminating that item of expense in the cost of the plants.

If desired, the paper pot or container may be embossed or otherwise ornamented to add to its attractive appearance.

A further object of the invention is to provide the paper pot or container with a drainage hole in the bottom adapted to register with the drainage hole in the earthen flower pot that moisture from the latter may be discharged through the bottom of the paper container or pot without softening or otherwise damaging the latter, as might result if water remained in the paper container or pot.

One feature of the invention consists in either making the container or paper flower pot of waterproof material, or to coat the same with paraffin or other waterproof compound.

It is the purpose of this invention to make the paper containers or pots in standard sizes adapted to receive the usual commercial sizes of earthenware flower pots, the construction being such that no fastening device is required to clip or secure the paper container or pot to the earthen flower pot.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention further resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction herein-after described and claimed, it being understood that changes may be made in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed without departing from the spirit of the same.

In the drawings accompanying this specification:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the paper container or flower pot.

Figure 2 is a cross-sectional view of the paper container or flower pot.

Figure 3 is a similar cross-sectional view through an earthen flower pot housed within the paper pot or container.

Referring now to the letters of reference placed upon the drawings:

A denotes an earthen flower pot of usual construction, and B the drainage hole through the bottom of the latter. C denotes a paper container or flower pot constructed with a smooth flat bottom covering the underside of the earthen flower pot, that it may protect the highly polished surface of a table from injury through contact with the earthen pot or the rough crepe or creased paper covering usually employed by florists to conceal the earthen pot. D is a horizontal flange with an upwardly directed outer rim terminating in an outwardly rolled beaded reinforcing edge E, at the top of the paper container or pot,—to receive the corresponding rim-flange F, of an earthen pot. The bottom of the paper container or pot is provided with a drainage hole G registering with the drainage hole B of the earthen flower pot. A ribbon H may be tied around the paper container or pot for ornamental purposes and to serve as a support for the wall of the paper container or pot that it may maintain its proper shape when filled directly with soil.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. In combination with an earthen flower pot provided at its bottom with a drainage hole; a paper container therefor consisting of a smooth uncreased and undivided annular paper shell having a drainage hole at the bottom of the shell registering with the drainage hole of the earthen flower pot, said paper shell near its upper edge having an outwardly projecting horizontal flange with an upwardly directed outer rim complementary to the shape of the earthen pot and terminating in an outwardly rolled beaded reinforcing edge, substantially flush with the upper edge of said earthen flower pot, said

beaded reinforcing edge being adapted to guide the entry of the earthen pot into the container.

2. A paper container comprising a smooth, uncreased, undivided annular paper shell, with a drainage hole through the bottom of the shell; an outwardly extending horizontal flange, having an upwardly projecting outer rim; and a reinforcing stiffening band of ribbon encircling the paper shell, with the ends of the ribbon tied together forming an ornamental knot directly beneath the outwardly projecting flange, whereby said reinforcing band and ornamental knot may be protected from accidental dislodgement and injury.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification.

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