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Fig. 1.

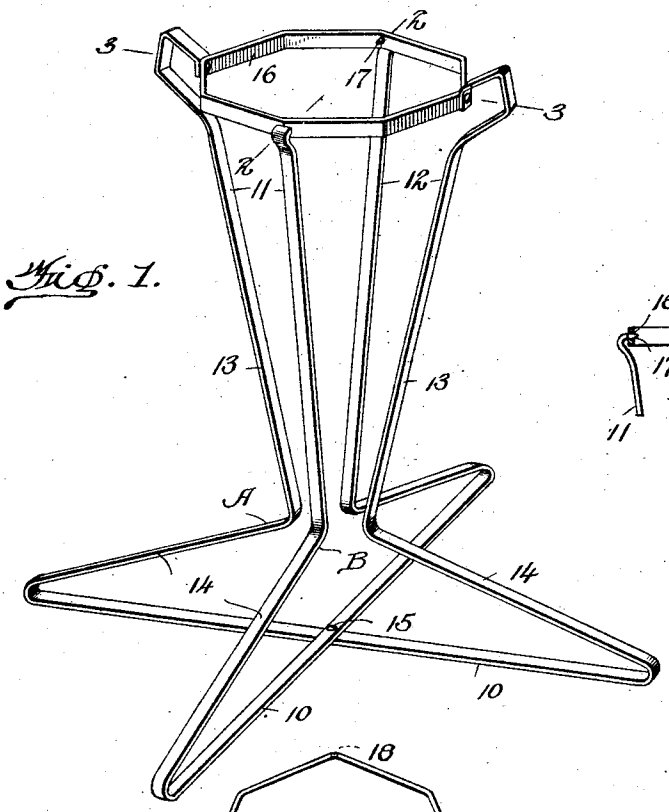


Fig. 2.

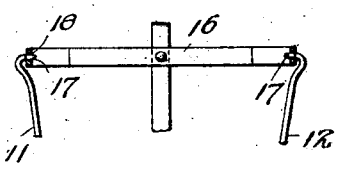


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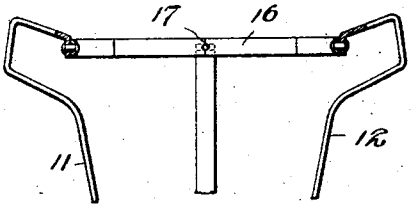
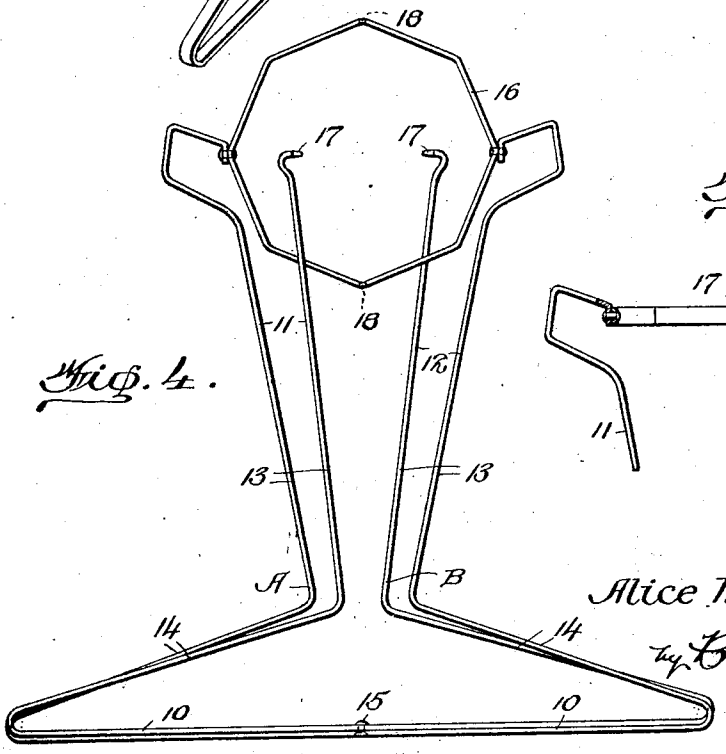


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALICE M. RICHARDS, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Oshkosh, in the county of Winnebago, and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Vase Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to vase holders particularly adapted for supporting in a stable manner collapsible paper vases of the type shown in U. S. Letters Patent 1,490,026 granted to me April 8, 1924, although my invention is in no way limited to such particular use.

The purposes of my invention are to provide a vase holder of the type specified which will be exceedingly simple in construction, cheap to manufacture, easily collapsed and set up and, which in the latter status, will afford a firm and staunch support for the desired vase.

It is also the purpose of my invention to provide a vase holder which in addition to possessing the advantages heretofore set forth will have the ornamental appearance essential to devices of this character.

I will describe my invention in the best form known to me at present, but it will be apparent that the same is susceptible to changes in form and proportions, and to desirable additions, with the exercise of only ordinary mechanical skill and without departing from the scope of the appended claims.

In the drawings chosen for purposes of illustration

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved vase holder set up;

Figure 2, a section on the line 2—2 of Figure 1;

Figure 3, a section on line 3—3 of Figure 1; and

Figure 4, a plan view of my improved vase holder collapsed.

In the drawings my invention is shown as comprising skeleton members A and B. Each of these members embodies a base 10 and corresponding side portions 11 and 12 connected at their lower ends by the base. Each of the side portions 11 and 12 embody inwardly converging sections 13 and 14 and, as will be obvious upon an inspection of Figure 1, the sections 13 form substantially, when the holder is set up, a conical seat for the reception of a conical vase of the type illustrated in my aforesaid patent. In order that the members A and B may be moved from the position shown in Figure 1 to the position shown in Figure 4 in collapsing the holder, I pivotally connect the bases 10 centrally as at 15. I form the top of the holder with an endless element 16 which is pivoted to and between the free ends of the side portions of the member A, while the free ends of the side portions of the member B are provided with formations 17 detachably engageable respectively in recesses 18 formed in the element 16 and whereby said element may be secured, when the holder is set up, in a plane parallel to the bases 10.

To collapse the holder it is only necessary to disengage the formations 17 from the recesses 18, which the resiliency of the material will readily permit, pivot the element 16 so as to lie in the plane of the member A and then pivot the members A and B until they lie substantially in the same plane, all as clearly shown in Figure 4.

I claim:

1. A vase holder comprising a pair of skeleton members each including side portions and a base connecting the lower ends of said side portions, a pivotal connection between the bases of said members, an endless top element pivoted to and between the free ends of one member, and means for detachably connecting the free ends of the side portions of the other member with the endless top element when the latter is in a plane substantially parallel to the bases of said members, the distance between the side portions of the last named member when the latter is disconnected from the top element being less than the distance between the side portions of the first named member whereby said last named member can be moved to a position to dispose its side portions substantially between the side portions of the first named member.

2. A vase holder comprising a pair of skeleton members each including side portions and a base connecting the lower ends of said side portions, a pivotal connection between the bases of said members, an endless top element pivoted to and between the free ends of one member, and formations on the free ends of the side portions of the other member detachably engageable respectively in recesses formed in the endless top element when the latter is in a plane

substantially parallel to the bases of the members, the distance between the side portions of the last named member when the latter is disconnected from the top element being less than the distance between the side portion of the first named member whereby the last named member may be moved to a position to dispose the side portions thereof substantially between the side portions of the first named member.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

ALICE M. RICHARDS.