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Fig. 1.

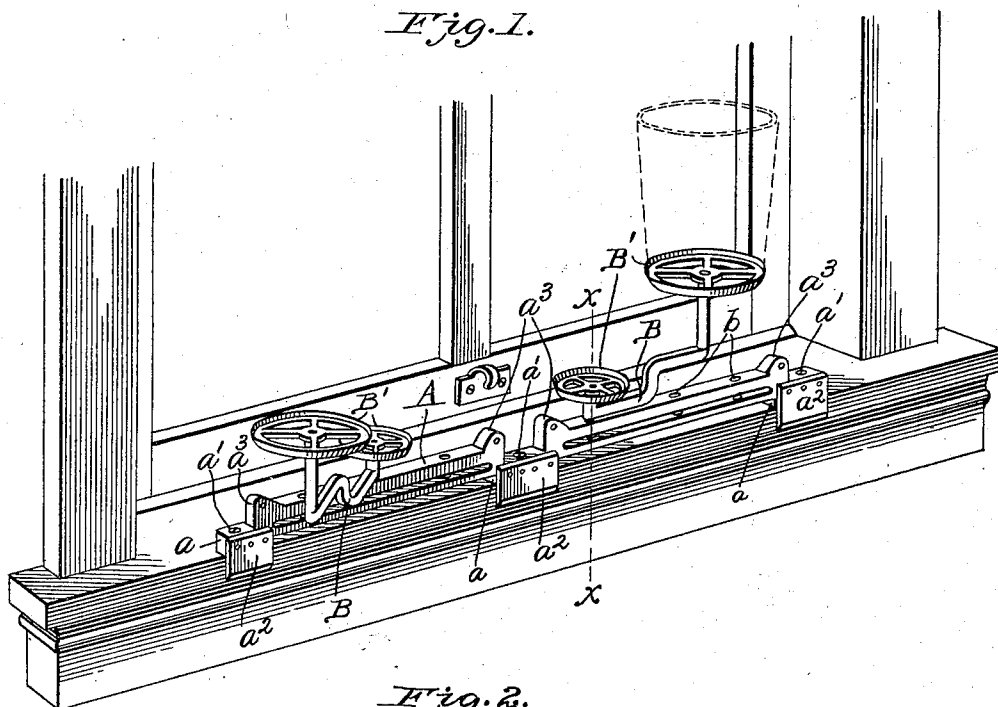
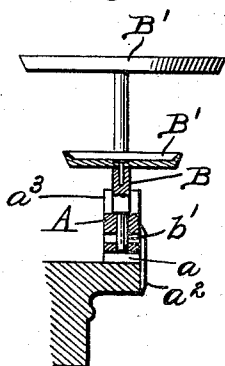


Fig. 2.



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FLOWER-POT HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, VIRGINIUS I. MERTON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Norfolk, in the county of Norfolk and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Flower-Pot Holders; and I do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a perspective view of the invention as in application. Fig. 2 is a central vertical section through the lower flower-pot holder and girder.

This invention is designed to provide a flower-pot holder for windows or other places of novel and useful character and of neat appearance; and it consists in the novel construction and combination of parts, all as hereinafter described, and pointed out in the appended claims.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, the letter A designates an extended bar or girder formed, preferably, in two horizontally-separated portions, as shown, each of said portions being divided into two vertically-separated portions by a narrow slot therein. This bar or girder is formed at its end and central portions with downwardly-offset portions or lugs *a*, which are designed to rest on a window sill or ledge or other support to which the device may be secured, said portions being provided with vertical screw-seats or perforations *a'*. To each of the portions *a* is secured a downwardly-extending lug or flange *a''* to fit against the vertical face of the window ledge or casing. These lugs or flanges may, however, be omitted. The bar or girder may also be provided with vertical lugs or offsets *a''*, perforated horizontally to provide screw-seats, whereby the device may be secured to the vertical face of a suitable support. The bar or girder is also formed at intervals with vertical holes *b*, which are designed to receive horizontally-extending detachably-mounted flower-pot-supporting arms or brackets B. These holes extend through the narrow slots of the bar or girder, the lower

part of the bar forming an extended or bracing bearing for the journal *b'* of the arm or bracket. Each of said arms or brackets is shown as having rotatably secured to upwardly-extending portions thereof two flanged cups or seats *B'* for a flower-pot. Said arms may have, however, one or more than two of such cups or seats. The arms or brackets can be turned to any position within the limit of their radii. The downward-seating extensions *a* serve to raise the bar or girder sufficiently above the level of the window-sill or other support to permit water or dirt to be removed or cleaned therefrom and to permit the lower extremity of the bracket-journal *b'* to rotate freely.

When not required for use, the arms or brackets may be removed and the bar or girder allowed to remain in place, as it forms but a slight obstruction.

It will be noted that the means for securing the bar or girder to its support are located below the horizontally-extending portions of the flower-pot-supporting brackets, in order that said brackets may rotate freely in either direction.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The herein-described flower-pot holder, consisting of the extended bar or girder, one or more horizontally-extending flower-pot-supporting arms or brackets having vertical journal portions rotatably engaging bearings in said bar or girder, flanged cups or seats for the flower-pots rotatably secured to said arms or brackets, and means located below the horizontally-extending portions of said arms or brackets for rigidly securing the bar or girder to a suitable support, substantially as specified.

2. The herein-described flower-pot holder, consisting of the bar or girder, the downwardly-offset girder-elevating lugs thereof, the flower-pot-supporting arms or brackets having journal portions engaging bearings in said bar, the flanged cups or seats, and means for rigidly securing said bar or girder to a suitable support, substantially as specified.

3. The herein-described flower-pot holder, consisting of the extended bar or girder, one

or more horizontally-extending flower-pot-supporting brackets having vertical journal portions rotatably engaging bearings in said bar, flanged cups or seats upon upwardly-extending arms of said brackets, and means below the horizontally-extending portions of said brackets for rigidly securing said bar or girder to a suitable support, substantially as specified.

10 4. The herein-described flower-pot holder, consisting of the bar or girder formed in two horizontally-separated portions, the narrow

slot in each of said portions, the downwardly-offset girder-elevating lugs, the flower-pot-supporting brackets rotatably engaging bearings in said bar, and the cups or seats, substantially as specified. 15

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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