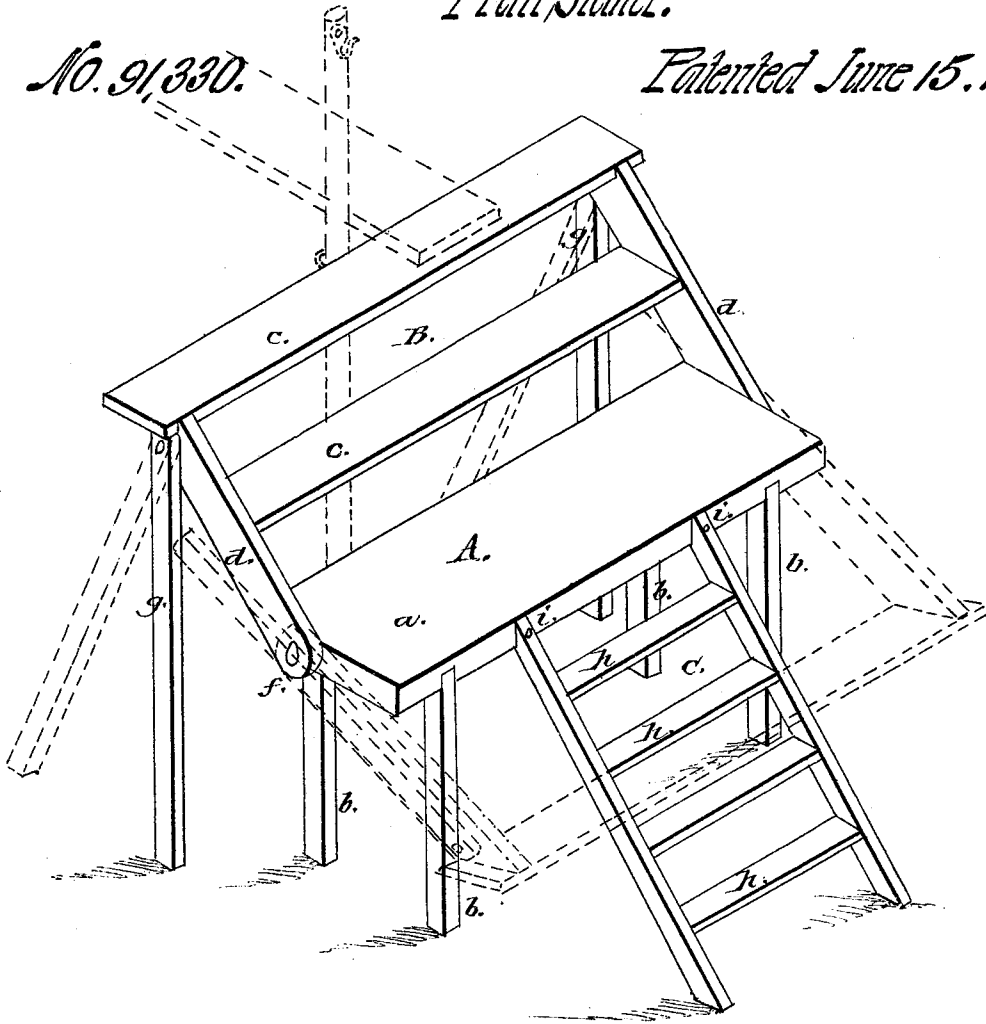


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IMPROVED FRUIT-STAND.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR GREENMAN, of East Kendall, in the State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Stands for Gathering Fruit, for painters' use, and for other purposes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which the figure represents a perspective view of my improved stand.

My invention consists in the special construction and arrangement of the stand, as hereinafter set forth, whereby the same is adapted to picking fruit and similar purposes, by presenting a broad and elevated platform, that can be adjusted at pleasure.

The stand is composed of three principal parts, viz, a stationary platform, A, an adjustable step-frame, B, and a ladder, C.

The platform consists simply of a firm plank, *a*, supported by legs *b b b b*.

The step-frame consists of several steps, *c c c*, secured to side-pieces *d d*, jointed at *f* to the platform, and sustained in the rear by hinged braces, *g g*.

The ladder is simply of usual form, with three or four steps, or rounds, *h h*, and it connects loosely with the front of the platform by pins, *i i*, or equivalent, so as to be detached at pleasure.

I make the device of considerable length, say five or six feet, so that the person standing thereon can have considerable scope of movement.

In use under fruit-trees, I usually employ two of these stands, placed at suitable distances apart, with a board or plank laid on top loosely, extending from one to the other, as shown in red lines.

If desired, a post having a hook may be employed, resting on the ground, and extending a suitable distance up, for receiving and holding a basket under the limbs.

This device is intended more especially for taking the place of the ordinary step-ladder, now in use for picking fruit. In the old form, no scope of action is given to the operator, but he is confined to one spot, and his position, standing upon narrow rounds, or steps, is painful and irksome. I furnish a device of such capacity or extent, that the operator not only stands firmly upon a flat surface, but he can move from one end to the other freely; thereby insuring ease and comfort. By this means, also, it is not necessary to often change the position of the stand.

One of the most important advantages is, that the device presents a series of broad, ascending platforms, capable of securing the basket, or other receptacle, and adjustable to any angle, by simply throwing out or in the braces *g g*, and also capable of turning down entirely out of the way, as indicated by the dotted lines. By this means the fruit may be gradually picked, from the lower limbs to the higher, and, in transportation or storage, the whole device may be put into a close and compact form, the ladder disconnecting from the platform for the purpose.

This arrangement I believe to be new.

This stand will be found useful for many purposes besides picking fruit; such, for instance, as in painting houses, in washing windows, &c.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The improved stand, composed of the parts A B C, constructed and arranged as described, and operating in the manner and for the purpose specified.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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