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Fig. 1.

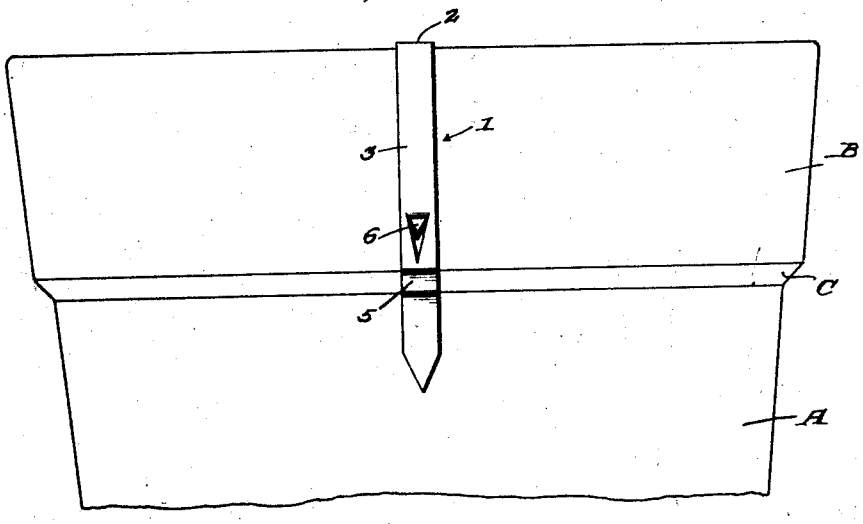
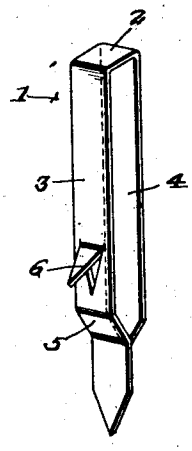


Fig. 2.



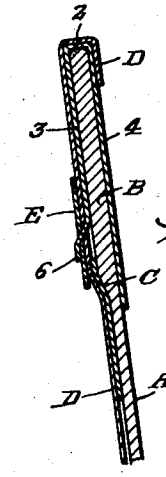


Fig. 3.

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The present invention relates to improvements in clamps, and has reference more particularly to a device for association with a flower pot whereby the usual crepe paper covering and the ribbon which extends around the covering may be properly held in position on the flower pot by said clamp.

One of the important objects of the present invention is to provide a clamp of the above mentioned character which is simple in construction, inexpensive, strong and durable and further well adapted to the purposes for which it is designed.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawing forming a part of the application, and in which like numerals indicate like parts throughout the same:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the clamp embodying my invention showing the manner in which the same is arranged on a flower pot, the paper covering and ribbon not being shown.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the clamp per se, and

Figure 3 is a sectional view showing the manner in which the clamp fits over the edge of the flower pot and secures the paper covering and ribbon in proper position.

In the drawing wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown the preferred embodiment of my invention, the numeral 1 designates generally my improved clamp, the same being formed from an elongated strip of flat metal which is bent intermediate its ends as at 2 to provide a pair of substantially parallel spaced arms 3 and 4, respectively, the arm 3 being of greater length than the arm 4 for a purpose hereinafter to be more fully described.

As is clearly shown in the drawing, the free ends of the arms are pointed and the portion of the longer arm 3 which is disposed adjacent the pointed end of the shorter arm 4 is directed inwardly toward the pointed end of the shorter arm as at 5, the inwardly directed portion terminating in close proximity to the free end of the shorter arm and the free end of the longer arm is then disposed downwardly in substantially parallel relation with respect to the major portion of the longer arm as is obvious from the drawing.

A spur 6 is struck out from the longer arm 3 at a point adjacent the inwardly directed portion 5 and the purpose of this spur will also presently be apparent.

In use, the clamp 1 is disposed over the upper edge of the flower pot A and the shorter arm 4 will be disposed against the inner side of the pot while the longer arm will extend along the outer face of the thickened upper edge portion B of the flower pot, the portion 2 of the strip bridging the upper edge of the pot as clearly disclosed in Figure 3. The inwardly directed portion 5 of the longer arm 3 will engage the shoulder C formed at the juncture of the thickened upper edge portion B with the flower pot A and due to the resiliency of this clamp, the same will snugly fit over the upper edge of the flower pot and will not accidentally become disengaged therefrom.

The clamp is placed on the flower pot prior to the placing of the decorative crepe paper covering over the outer side of the flower pot and after the clamp is properly positioned on the pot the spur 6 is swung upwardly for disposition in an outward direction so that when the paper covering D is placed around the pot, the spur will pierce the covering and will also pierce the ribbon E which is tied around the paper covering D in any appropriate manner. After the spur has pierced both the paper covering D and the ribbon E, the spur is then bent downwardly for positively securing the covering and the ribbon in position against movement or displacement from the pot.

The provision of a clamp of this character will not distract from the appearance of a flower pot which is covered with crepe paper or any other ornamental covering provided for display purposes. Furthermore, this clamp will at all times be positive and efficient in holding the covering and ribbon in proper position around the flower pot, and due to its simplicity, the clamp can be manufactured at a very low cost and can also be readily and easily manipulated for applying or removing the same with respect to the flower pot.

While I have shown the preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood

that various changes in the size, shape and arrangement of parts may be resorted to, without departing from the spirit of the invention and the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new is:—

1. A clamp of the class described comprising an elongated flat strip of metal bent intermediate its ends to provide a pair of spaced arms, one arm being of greater length than the other arm, said clamp adapted to snugly fit over the upper edge of the flower pot, the longer arm being disposed on the outside of the flower pot, and a spur struck out from the intermediate portion of the longer arm of the clamp for securing a decorative covering in position on the outside of the flower pot.

2. In a means for securing a decorative covering on the outside of a flower pot wherein the upper edge portion of the flower pot is enlarged and formed with a shoulder, a clamp formed from a single strip of flat metal bent intermediate its ends to provide a pair of arms, one of the arms being of greater length than the other, said clamp fitting snugly over the upper edge of the flower pot, the longer arm which is disposed on the outside of the flower pot having a portion thereof directed inwardly for snug engagement against the shoulder formed by the enlarged upper edge portion of the flower pot, and a spur struck out from the longer arm and adapted to pierce the decorative covering.

3. In a device for securing a paper covering and a ribbon that extends around the covering on the outside of a flower pot, a clamp detachably engaged over the upper edge of the flower pot, and a spur struck out from the portion of the clamp that extends along the outside of the pot, said spur adapted to pierce the covering and the ribbon.

4. A clamp of the class described comprising an elongated strip of flat metal bent intermediate its ends to provide a pair of arms adapted to frictionally engage over the upper edge of a flower pot, and a spur struck out from the intermediate portion of the arm which is disposed against the outside of the flower pot, said spur adapted to pierce a decorative covering on the outside of the flower pot to secure the same in position.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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