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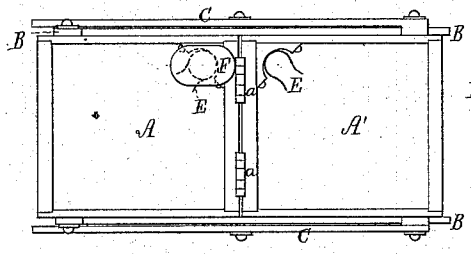


Fig. 1.

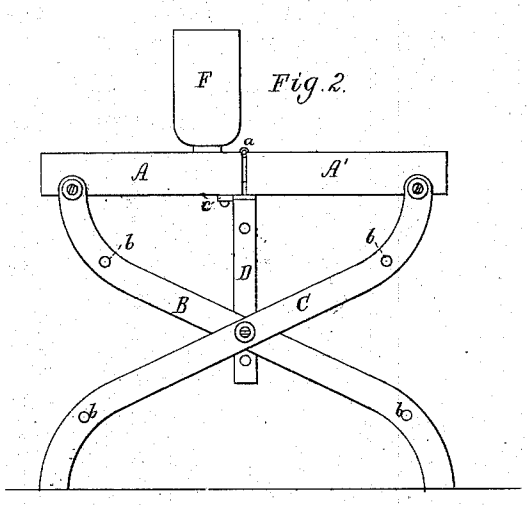


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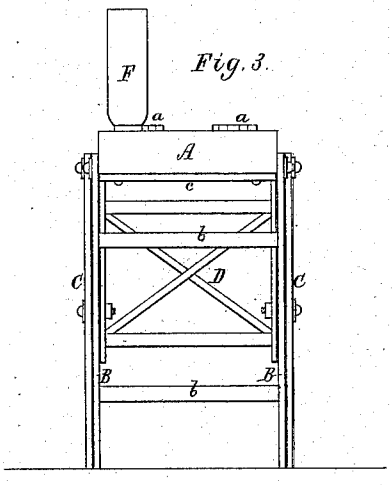


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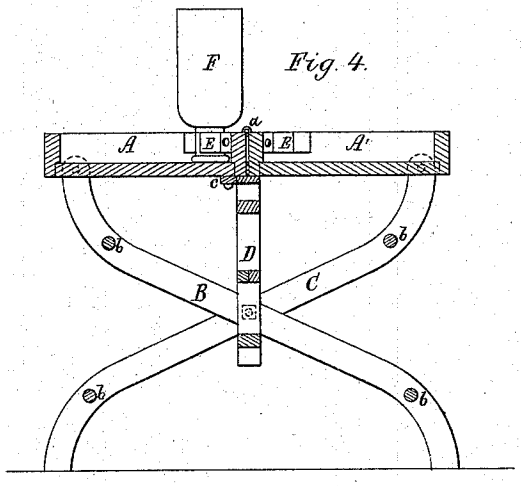
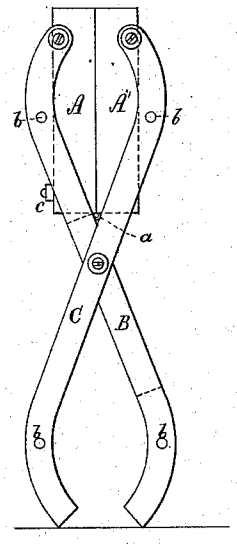


Fig. 4.

Fig. 5



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FOLDING TABLE OR FLOWER-POT STAND.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BRADFORD STETSON, of Uxbridge, in the county of Worcester, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Folding Tables or Flower-Pot Stands; and I do hereby declare the same to be described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a top view, Fig. 2 a side elevation, Fig. 3 an end view, and Fig. 4 a longigitudinal section, of one of my improved stands in an unfolded state. Fig. 5 is a side view of it as folded.

The nature of my invention is duly set forth in the claim hereinafter presented.

In such drawings, A and A′ denote two square or rectangular platforms or trays, connected at one side of each by hinges *a a*. Each of such trays is arranged between and pivoted to one of two folding sets, B C, of legs, there being to each set two of such legs, which are connected by two rungs, *b b*. One set is arranged within and crosses the other, and is pivoted thereto. Between the two sets, and adapted to turn on their pivots, is what may be termed the "supporter" D, which, as shown, is a rectangular frame provided with diagonal braces, arranged within it as represented. This supporter, when in a vertical position and having the two platforms or trays resting on it, abuts against a cleat, *c*, extending across the bottom or under side of one of the trays. Fixed in the corner of each tray is a U-shaped spring, E, for holding and supporting a glass bottle, F, by its neck when such bottle is inverted and has its mouth within the tray. In the drawings one tray is represented as provided with such a bottle and the other as without a bottle, but with the holding-spring therefor. On turning down the supporter the platforms or trays and the two sets of legs may be folded together in manner as shown in Fig. 5.

In the place of trays, single platforms may be used, in order to make with the supporter and two sets of folding legs an ironing or folding table. The trays, however, with the bottles or necked fountains and the supports of the latter, enable the table to be used for holding either earth or flower-pots provided therewith, and with plants therein. Each tray having been supplied with water to cover its bottom to a sufficient depth, and each bottle having been filled with water, a small card or piece of paper is to be laid upon the mouth of such bottle, after which the bottle is to be inverted or turned bottom upward, and its neck is to be placed within the U or bowed spring and pressed down therein to the level of the surface of water in the tray. The card is next to be drawn away from the bottle. If, now, we suppose earth containing plants to be placed in the trays, or, instead of such earth, flower-pots charged with plants to be set in them, water from each tray will be supplied to the roots of the plants, and as the water may be taken up air will pass up into the bottle or bottles and displace the water thereof, which, flowing out of the bottles, will keep up the supply in the tray or trays.

From the above it will be seen that a plant or flower pot holder can easily be made of a tray, and a bottle, and a means, as described, for supporting the bottle in an inverted position in the tray.

I do not claim a folding table constructed as represented in either of the United States Patents numbered 150,531, 158,336, and 218,852, in neither of which is found a supporter, as hereinbefore described, arranged between the legs of the inner set and adapted to turn on the pivots of the two sets of legs and up against the two trays, and a cleat fastened to one of them.

I claim—

The folding flower-pot stand, substantially as described, consisting of the two sets of legs, the two trays, the supporter, and the bottle-holders or U-shaped springs, arranged and adapted essentially and to operate as set forth.

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