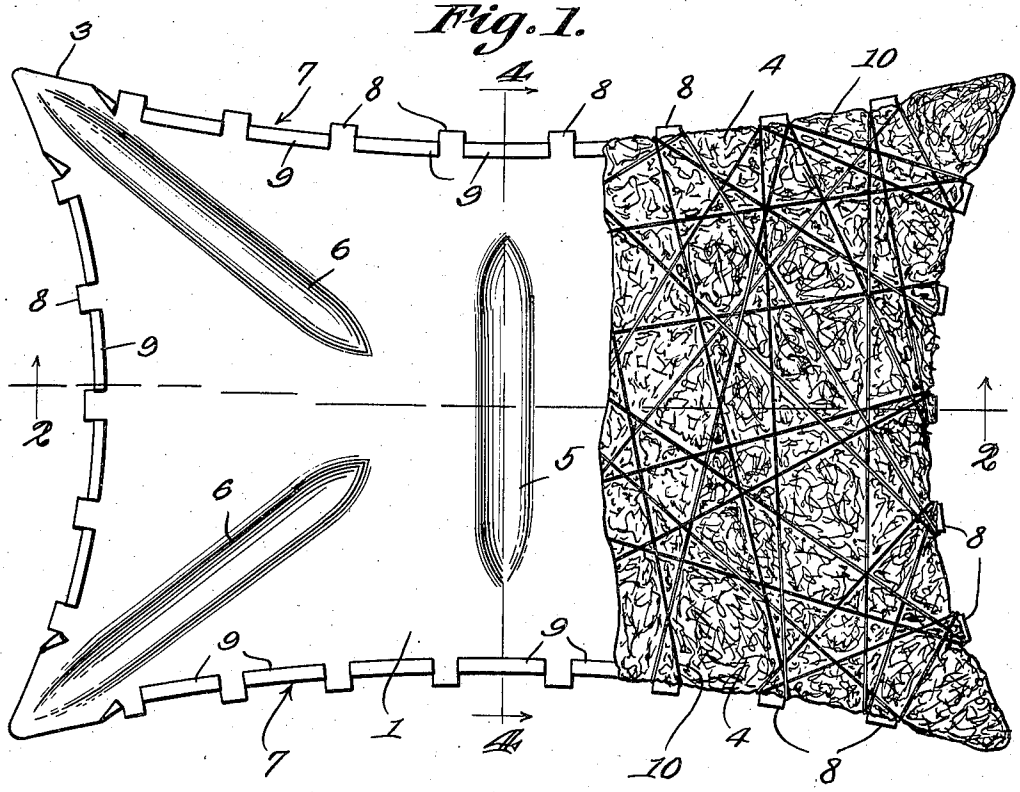
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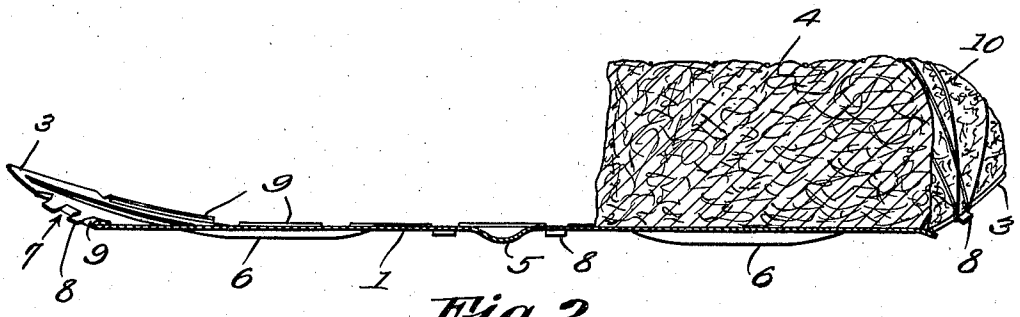


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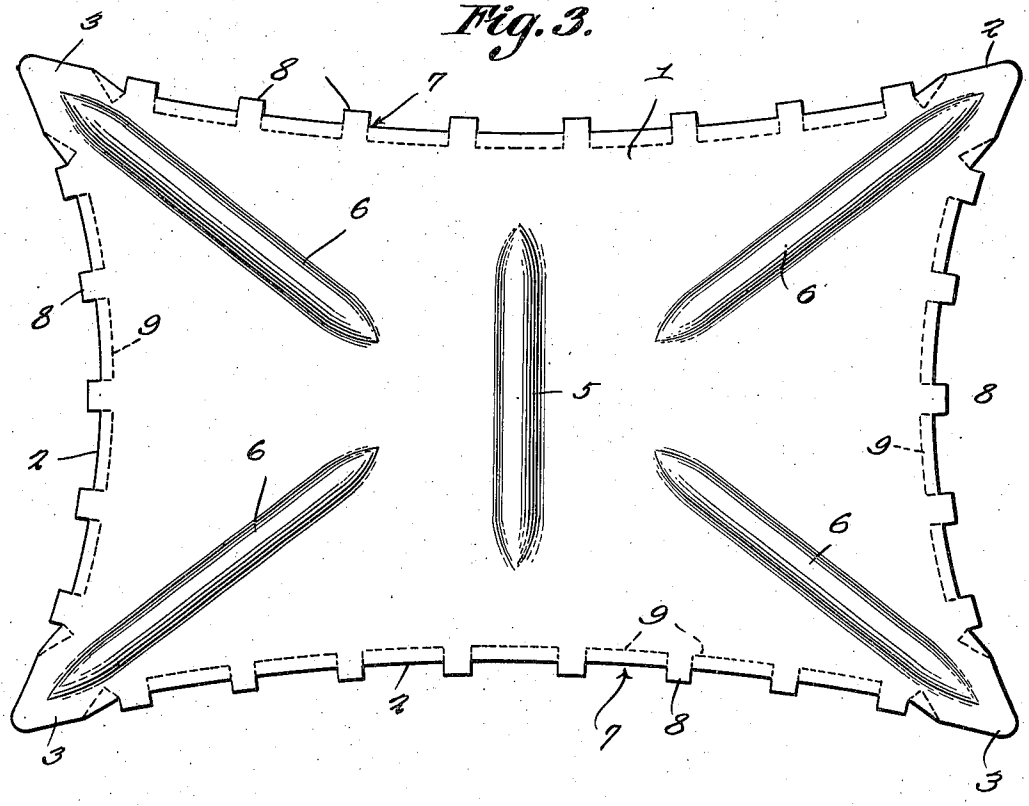
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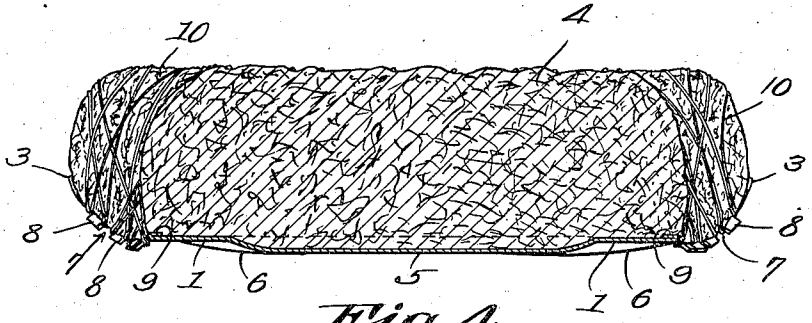


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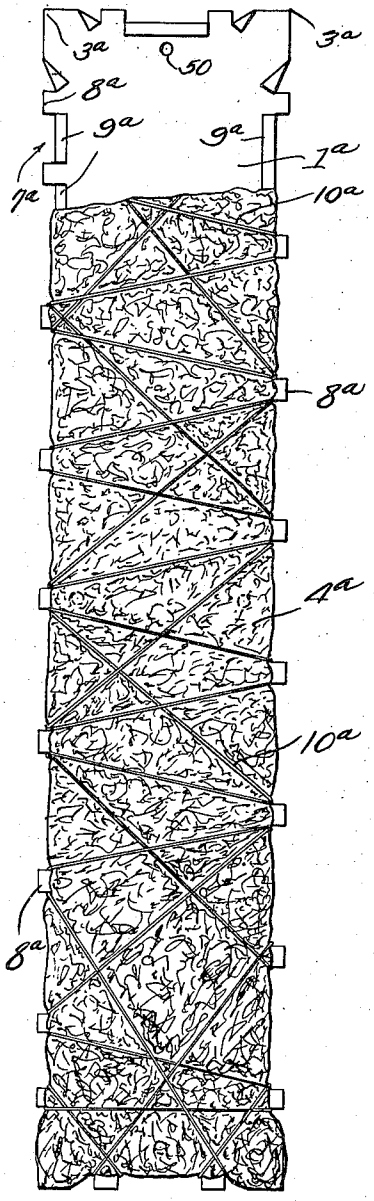


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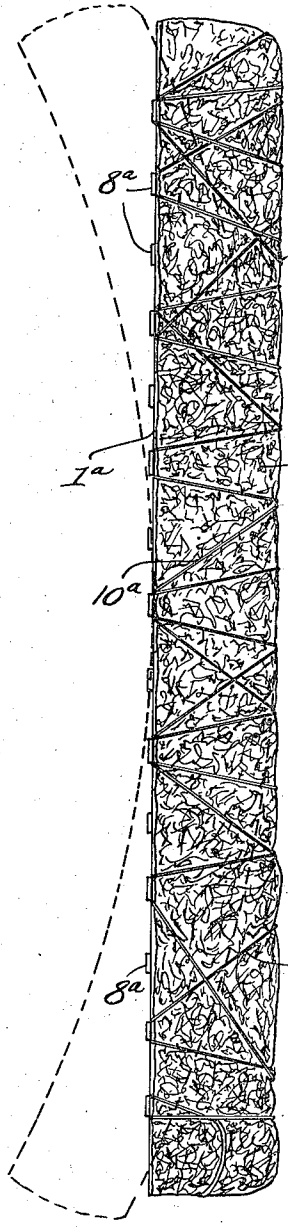


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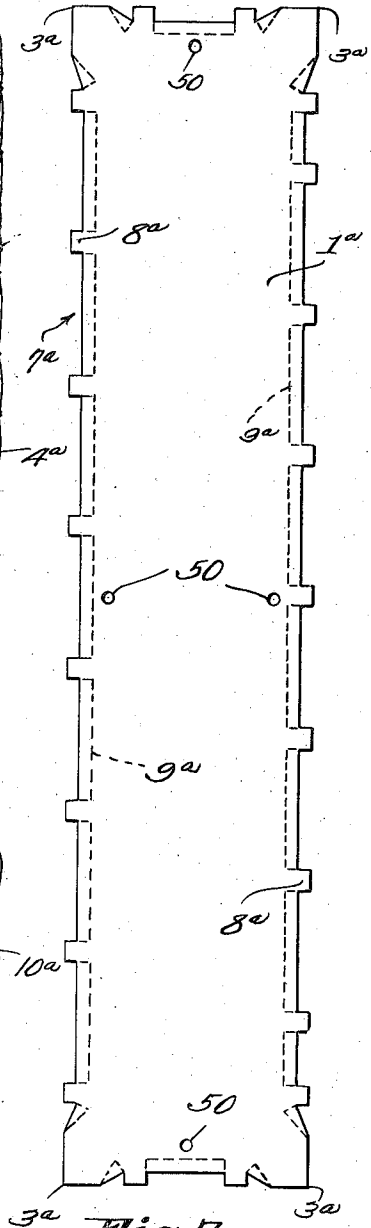


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A florist's pack comprises a mass of soft material, usually spagnum moss, mounted upon and supported by a frame, which frequently is made of wire. A wrapping of cord is passed around both the moss and the frame, in many convolutions, to hold the moss on the frame. For the sake of appearance, the back of the frame is covered and hidden by crepe paper or the like, and more cord is wrapped, in a plurality of convolutions, about the paper, the frame and the moss, with a view to holding the paper in place. The process and the resulting structure are not satisfactory. Work is required to do the last mentioned winding, and the cord which passes across the paper covering detracts from the ornamental appearance which the paper is intended to produce.

The foregoing being understood, it may be stated that one object of the present invention is to provide a means whereby the crepe paper covering for the frame may be omitted without detracting from the appearance of the floral design. Another object of the invention is to dispense with the second specified cord wrapping, a simple but effective means being provided whereby that may be done. Another object of the invention is to strengthen and improve the member which serves as a support for the moss body into which the flowers are introduced.

It is within the province of the disclosure to improve generally and to enhance the utility of devices of that type to which the present invention appertains.

With the above and other objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed, may be made within the scope of what is claimed, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings:

Fig. 1 shows in top plan, a florist pack constructed in accordance with the invention, part of the moss being broken away;

Fig. 2 is a cross section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a rear elevation; and

Fig. 4 is a transverse section taken through the completed pack.

Fig. 5 is a top plan showing a modification;

Fig. 6 is a side elevation of the structure shown in Fig. 5;

Fig. 7 is a rear elevation of the plate used in the form shown in Figs. 5 and 6.

In carrying out the invention, there is provided a plate 1, made of any suitable material, such as metal. The rear surface of the plate 1 is painted, enameled, or colored otherwise, to give it an ornamental appearance, the use of a crepe paper backing, therefore, being unnecessary. The shape of the plate 1 will be determined by the outline of the floral piece that is to be produced. The plate 1, as illustrated, but not of necessity, is four-sided. Its edges 2 may be convexed inwardly, to define somewhat prominent corners 3. The corners 3 are inclined forwardly, as shown in Fig. 2, to aid in holding the moss cushion 4 in place and, further, in order to avoid the plainness incident to the use of a flat plate. The plate may be strengthened by corrugations, located as desired. There may be a transverse corrugation 5, located about midway between the ends of the plate 1, and diagonal corrugations 6 extended toward and upon the corners 3 of the plate. The corrugations 5 and 6 are dished backwardly, and, therefore, they not only reenforce the plate 1, but also form ribs for supporting the complete article.

Notches 7 are formed in the edges of the plate, around its entire periphery. The notches 7 form spaced projections 8 around the periphery of the plate which may be bent or angled rearwardly toward the back of the plate to better retain a wrapping cord or wire. The material freed in the formation of the notches 7 is turned down tightly against the forward surface of the plate 1, to form reenforcing elements 9 located between the projections 8, and extending from projection to projection.

A moss cushion 4 is placed against the forward surface of the plate 1, and is held thereon by a wrapping of cord, small wire or the like, marked by the numeral 10. This wrapping 10 is looped around the projections 8.

The construction is such that the plate need not be backed by ornamental paper or the like, there is no cord or other wrapping showing on the rear surface of the plate, and but a single wrapping is required in order to hold the cushion 4 upon the plate.

In Figs. 5, 6, and 7, parts hereinbefore described have been designated by numerals already used, with the suffix "a". In this form of the invention, the plate 1a is of elongated form, and of greater length than width. Moreover, the plate 1a is readily flexible, whereas the plate 1

need not necessarily be flexible and, preferably, is rigid.

The construction is such that the complete article may be flexed in various ways, as indicated, for instance, by dash lines in Fig. 6. The result is that the appearance of a spray of flowers can be produced, without using long stemmed flowers. If desired, the plate *1a* may be provided with openings **50**, located at the ends of the plate and midway between the ends of the plate, or elsewhere. The openings **50** are useful in mounting the plate. When the plate *1a* is laden with the moss *4a* and the flowers, the weight of the structure superposed on the plate will be sufficient to cause it to droop naturally into a graceful curve. The flexibility of the article shown in Figs. 5, 6 and 7 is enhanced, further, by reason of the fact that the binder *10a* does not pass across the back of the plate.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

1. A device for holding flowers, foliage and the like, including a base or foundation plate having upwardly directed corner areas, the sides of said plate being provided with spaced reenforcing notches between said corner areas, and downwardly angled cord engaging fingers on the sides of said plate between said reenforcing notches.

2. A device for holding flowers, foliage and the like, including a base or foundation plate having upwardly directed corner areas, reenforcing corrugations formed in said plate, the sides of said plate being provided with spaced reenforcing notches between said corner areas, and downwardly angled cord engaging fingers on the sides of said plate between said reenforcing notches.

3. A device for holding flowers, foliage and the like, including a base or foundation plate having shapeable corners, spaced reenforcing fingers formed about the edges of said plate, the sides of said plate being further provided with spaced reenforcing notches formed by bending the material between said fingers back on said plate and in contact with the rear surface thereof.

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