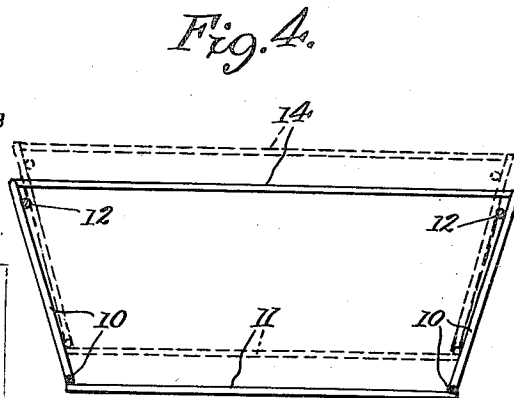
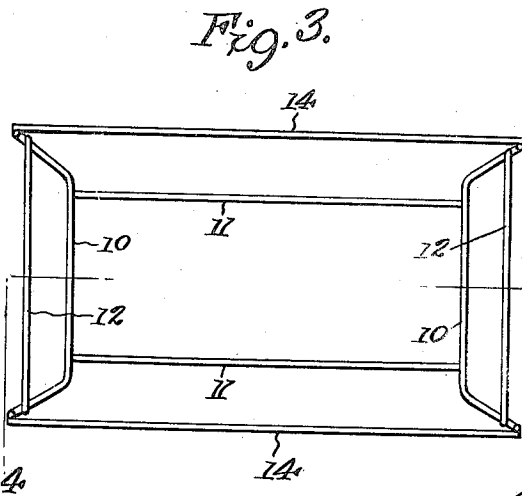
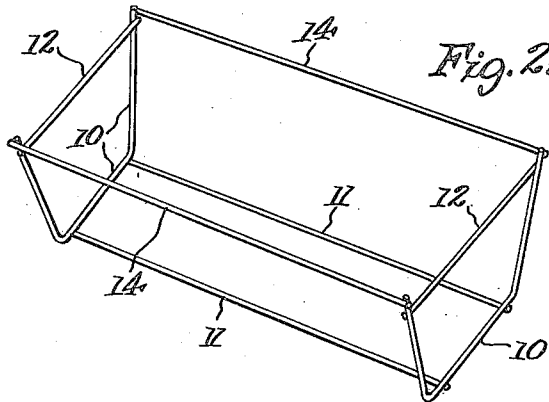
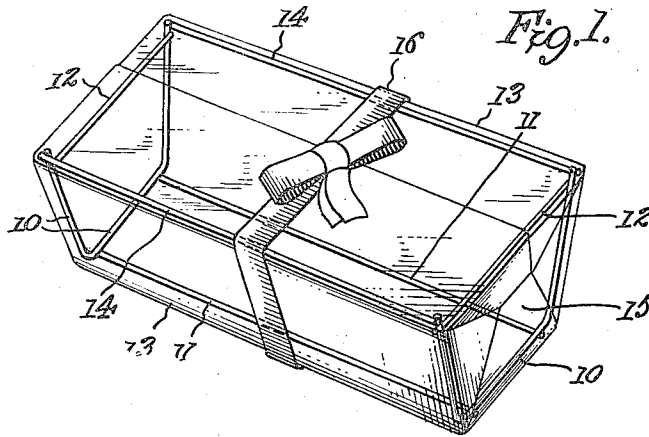


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The present invention relates to a special package for use by florists and others, and has for an object to wrap flowers and the like in a package of desired size and shape and prevent crushing of the flowers, and at the same time admit free viewing of the flowers without opening or removal of the package.

Another object is to provide a skeleton frame for the package which may be of any suitable material, shape, size or construction for holding the finished package with the transparent covering in the desired form or shape and which will not interfere with the substantially full view of the enclosed flowers when the transparent covering is applied and secured in place.

A further object of the invention is to provide a transparent package for flowers and the like wherein the flowers may be arranged as loose or cut flowers, bouquets, corsages, and flower designs of all kinds; as funeral designs, wreaths, hearts, pillows and the like, and which has an enclosing covering of a suitable colorless or tinted transparent material, such as "Cellophane", so that the flowers may not only be seen in the package but will be protected to a large extent from being frost-bitten and frozen and from wilting.

Another object of the invention is to provide a transparent package with a skeleton frame which may be a part of or attached to the usual floral design frames so as to hold the transparent covering of the package from crushing and injuring the enclosed flowers in whatever form or design they may be desired.

A still further object is to provide a transparent package for flowers and the like which presents an attractive appearance and which may be colored or tinted to blend or harmonize with the character and coloring of the flowers and which may be held closed by a band of ribbon or the like also harmonizing with the general color scheme of the contents of the package.

It is another object of the invention to produce a package in which the flowers will retain their freshness for a longer period of time, much longer than they do in any other method of packing and therefore the package is particularly adaptable for florists to display their flowers in. Florists may make up flowers in these packages and display their flowers about their shops and in their show windows and the flowers will keep practically as well, or maybe even better, and for a longer length of time than they would if their stems were placed in water and the flowers were placed in the florists' ice-box.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention will be more fully described hereinafter, and will be more particularly pointed out in the claims appended hereto.

In the drawing, wherein like symbols refer to like or corresponding parts throughout the several views,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a transparent package constructed according to the present invention.

Figure 2 is a detail perspective view of the skeleton frame of the package of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a top plan view of the skeleton frame, and

Figure 4 is a longitudinal section taken through the same on the line 4-4 of Figure 3.

Referring now to the drawing which shows one form of the package, the skeleton frame comprises end pieces 10 which may be of substantially U-shape with straight lower bars and upwardly extending arms which slightly diverge and provide corner pieces or bars for the frame. The lower bars of the end pieces are connected together by bottom bars 11 which are preferably set in from the lower corners of the end pieces 10 to support the contents of the package.

The end pieces 10 have upper end bars 12 which extend across the upper open ends thereof and are preferably spaced a short distance below the upper free ends of the corner bars or arms of the end pieces 10 to facilitate construction of the frame, handling and folding of the ends of the transparent covering 13.

The upper side bars 14 of the frame extend lengthwise of the frame between the upper ends of the corner bars of the end pieces 10 and are preferably secured to the same at points above the end bars 12. The result is that when the flexible transparent covering 13 is wrapped about the frame the covering 13 is held to the general configuration of the frame but the lower longitudinal and upper transverse edges of the covering 13 may not be creased on sharp lines and the covering 13 may slightly bulge along such edges to accommodate the articles or flowers deposited in the skeleton frame.

Of course the skeleton frame may be of any desired dimensions and may be given any other shape than the box-like shape herein described and shown in the accompanying drawing, and the frame may be constructed of wire soldered at the joints or of any other suitable material outlining the desired form of the package.

The covering 13 comprises a sheet of trans-

parent flexible material which may be wrapped about the skeleton frame and folded in at the ends as shown at 15 in Figure 1, and the application of the covering 13 may be varied as found convenient and to harmonize with the general shape of the package. The covering 13 may be clear or colorless or may be tinted as desired to harmonize with the flowers or other articles enclosed.

10 A band 16 of ribbon may be placed around the covering 13 to hold the same closed and to set off the package and the flowers enclosed.

An advantage in flaring the skeleton frames from the bottom upward is shown in Figure 4 15 wherein is shown the nesting of the frames so that a number of the frames may be stacked for shipment, storage and the like and they will occupy but relatively small space when not in use.

20 In making up the package, the flowers are suitably arranged within the skeleton frame, the covering 13 in sheet form being first spread beneath the frame if desired, and then the covering 13 is folded or wrapped about the frame, engaging the side, end and bottom bars thereof so 25 that the covering 13 assumes the general configuration of the skeleton frame.

The frame is so constructed as to admit of an uninterrupted view of the flowers through the transparent covering 13. The ribbon 16 is now 30 applied and tied into a suitable decorative knot as shown in Figure 1.

The flowers are thus protected from crushing and from contact with the hot and cold air to 35 which they are usually subjected so that the flowers remain for a relatively long period of time intact and in their original fresh condition.

It is apparent that the covering 13 may be in the form of a bag of desired size and shape such 40 that the skeleton frame containing the flowers, floral design or the like may be placed into the

open end of the envelope and the latter then be closed in any suitable manner. The envelope will assume the general configuration of the skeleton frame and be held thereby from crushing or injuring the flowers or the floral design. The open end of the envelope may be sealed or clipped together for protection of the contents of the package and such structure provides a relatively easy device for packaging flowers and at the same time reserves the transparency desired for viewing the flowers without removing them from or opening the package. 5 10

It is obvious that various changes and modifications may be made in the details of construction and design of the above specifically described embodiment of this invention without departing from the spirit thereof, such changes and modifications being restricted only by the scope of the following claims. 15

What is claimed is:—

1. A display package comprising a skeleton frame and a transparent covering about the frame, the contents of the package being visible through every wall of the package, said frame comprising closed U-shaped end members, bottom bars connecting the lower portions of the end members together, and top bars connecting the top portions of the end members together to form a relatively rigid frame, said frame preventing crushing of articles disposed therein. 20 25 30

2. A display package comprising a skeleton frame and a transparent covering about the frame, the contents of the package being visible through every wall of the package, said frame comprising end members constructed of wire formed into a closed loop, and bottom and top bars connecting the end members together and being disposed adjacent each side of the end members, said frame preventing crushing of articles disposed therein. 35 40

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