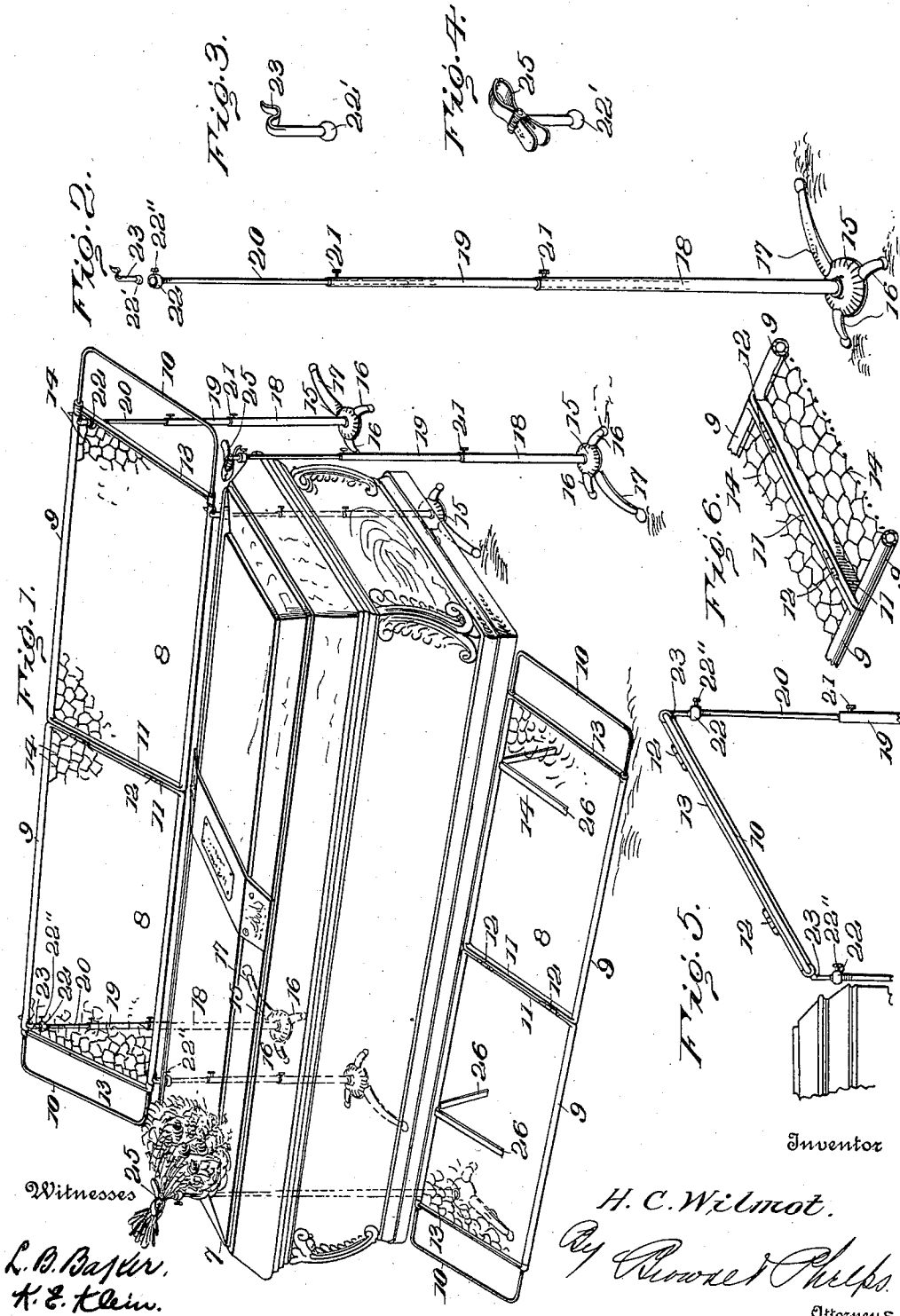


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY C. WILMOT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pekin, in the county of Tazewell and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Flower-Racks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a flower rack and is more especially directed to the production of a rack which may be supplied by a funeral director, and adapted to support flowers in proximity to a burial casket, whereby such flowers, either in loose bunches, or in the conventional designs in which flowers are grouped for this purpose, may be artistically and gracefully displayed adjacent such casket.

A further object of my invention is the construction of a rack for the above described purpose which while light and comparatively inexpensive is capable of being readily set up or taken apart, and one which can be folded into small compass.

For the above described purposes my invention consists in the details of construction and arrangement of parts as hereinafter described and claimed and as illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a burial casket showing my improved flower racks adjacent thereto; Fig. 2 a similar view of one of the standards by which the rack is supported; Fig. 3 is a detached view of the rack engaging means; Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a form of flower supporting means adapted to be secured to the top of a standard; Fig. 5 an end view partly broken away of the rack and its supports, and Fig. 6 a perspective partly broken view of the hinged sections of the rack.

7 designates a burial casket. 8 the flower rack which, as will be seen, is placed at one side of such casket and upwardly inclined therefrom, whereby the flowers are banked on a rising incline from the top or lid of the casket. The frame of the rack is preferably composed of half inch tubing 9, open at its ends for the insertion of the ends of U-shaped sections 10, 10, preferably made from solid rods and which extensions can be employed when it is desired to lengthen the rack to conform to the length of the casket, or to afford an enlarged supporting surface for the flowers.

11, 11 designate narrow flat metal strips

each attached to one of the sections 8 and hinged together at 12, so that the said sections may be folded together when the rack is not in use. Similar strips 13 extend across the ends of the rack.

The entire surface of the two folding sections 8, 8, is covered with wire netting 14, the same forming a supporting surface on which the flowers are laid.

15 designates the rack supporting standards, the same consisting of a base provided with two short side legs 16 extending therefrom, and a longer leg 17 extending from the rear of the base. Rising from the base 15 is a tubular section 18 into which telescopes a second section 19, a similar section 20 telescoping into the upper end of the section 19. Set screws 21, 21 are provided for securing the telescoping sections in their adjusted position. On the upper end of the section 20 I provide means by which the standard is removably secured to the rack 8, the same consisting of a ball socket 22 adapted to receive a ball 22' carrying a rack supporting hook 23. To hold the ball 22' at any desired angle in the socket 22 I provide a set-screw 22".

When it is desired to support a floral emblem of conventional design, such as a wreath or the like, separate from the rack, I may provide a ball 22' with a spring clip 25 as illustrated in Fig. 4, so that such clip may be inserted in a standard 15 and the wreath engaged by such clip. Where it is also desired to bank flowers at the foot of the casket, as illustrated in Fig. 1, one of my racks may be used as shown and supported by arms 26, 26, one of said arms being placed beneath the under surface of the wire netting 14 and the end of the other resting on the floor, whereby the rack is supported in inclined relation to the front side of the casket.

In order to erect the flower rack at the rear side of the casket and in inclined relation upwardly therefrom two of the standards 15 are adjusted to the lower edge of the rack sections, one of said standards being telescoped within the other to reduce the height of such standards as a whole. Two additional standards are adjusted to the rear or upper edge of the rack, the sections of these standards being extended, whereby such standards are higher than those supporting the lower edge of the rack, and the rack is thus supported in an upwardly in-

clined position, and when the flowers are placed thereon they incline rearwardly, thus giving them a "banked" appearance.

When it is desired to remove the rack
5 from place and fold the same for transportation the sections 10, 10 may be either withdrawn from within the tubing 9, or pushed therein, and the hooks 23 removed from the edges of the rack and then loosening the
10 set screws with which the standards are provided the sections thereof may then be telescoped one within the other. The rack sections 8, 8, are then folded upon each other when the structure is in compact and convenient form for transportation. The front
15 rack 8, or that at the lower side or front of the casket is similarly taken down by the removal of its end extensions 10, or the pressing thereof within the tubular frame 9, and
20 the supporting legs 26 are then folded back when the two sections of said rack may be folded upon each other on their hinged connection, as in the case of the upper rack.

Having thus described my invention what
25 I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A collapsible flower rack comprising
tubular rectangular sections foldably connected at their adjoining ends, and col-
30 lapsible members adapted to support said

rack in inclined position, for the purpose set forth.

2. A collapsible flower rack comprising tubular rectangular sections foldably connected at their adjoining ends, standards for
35 said rack comprising telescoping sections provided with means at their upper ends for engaging the edges of said rack, and means for adjustably connecting said rack engaging means and said standards, whereby said
40 rack may be supported at varying angles, for the purpose set forth.

3. A collapsible flower rack comprising tubular rectangular sections foldably connected at their adjoining ends, standards
45 for said rack comprising telescoping sections provided with means at their upper ends for engaging the edges of said rack, and means for adjustably connecting said rack engaging means and said standards,
50 whereby said rack may be supported at varying angles, and extension pieces adapted to be connected with the ends of said rack, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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