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Fig. 1.

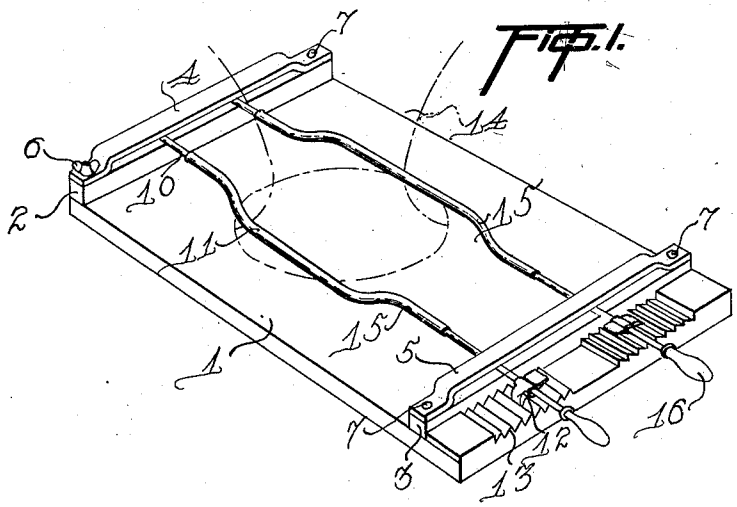


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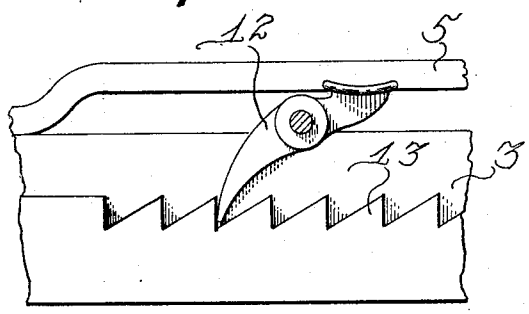
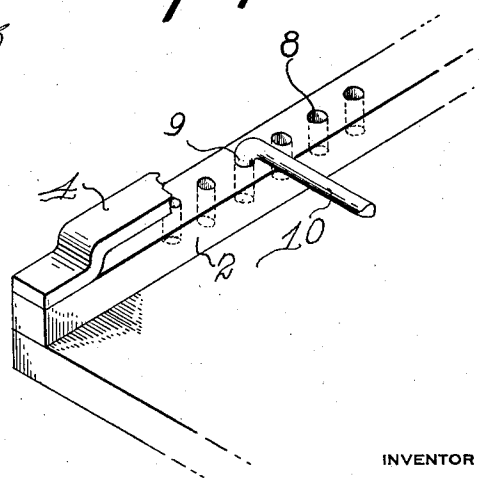


Fig. 3.



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The present invention pertains to a novel receptacle holder, particularly referring to a flower basket holder adapted to support the flower basket during transit.

In transporting filled flower baskets difficulty is experienced in keeping them from tipping over and the present invention has as a primary object to devise a holder which will efficiently prevent overturning of the basket. In accomplishing this object the present invention provides an enlarged base board which may be made in standard sizes to fit racks mounted in the transporting vehicle. Upon the base board there is provided resilient retaining members which are adjustably mounted in a manner whereby they may be readily utilized to hold varying sizes of flower baskets.

Another object of the present invention is to devise a novel receptacle holder which is provided with an enlarged flat base having adjustable resilient retaining members mounted thereon in a manner whereby the device may be utilized to support any receptacle or similar article in a manner to hold it in an upright position.

With the above and other ends in view the invention consists in the matters hereinafter set forth and more particularly pointed out in the appended claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the present basket support;

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary end view, partly in cross section, illustrating the adjusting mechanism, and

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary perspective view illustrating the manner in which the retaining members are supported upon the base.

Like characters are employed throughout to designate the corresponding parts.

The numeral 1 indicates an enlarged base board which may be made of standard sizes to fit racks mounted in the transporting vehicle for conveniently loading the same. Slats or bars 2 and 3 are mounted upon the upper surface of the base board to extend across the same adjacent the respective ends thereof. Guide straps 4 and 5 are mounted upon the bars 2 and 3 respectively, the strap 4 having one end secured by a wing nut 6 so that the strap may be pivotally swung on the bolt 7 which secures it to the bar 2 at its opposite end. The strap 5 is secured at both ends to the bar 3 by bolts similar to the bolts 7.

The bar 2 is provided with a series of holes 8 to receive the pivot pins 9 mounted or formed upon the rods 10, a pair of which are provided, so that they may be spaced any suitable distance apart by selecting the proper holes to insert the pivot pins 9 in. The opposite ends of the rods 10 pass beneath the strap 5 and swing in the slot formed by said strap and the bar 3, the rods 10 being formed as at 11, intermediate their ends to encircle a flower basket.

The ends of the rods which extend outwardly from the strap 5 are each provided with a pivoted pawl 12 to engage ratchet teeth 13 mounted upon the base board adjacent the bar 3.

In operation the flower basket 14 is placed upon the base board so that the shaped portion 11, which is covered by suitable padding material 15 such as rubber, encircles the same. The pins 9 are inserted in selected holes so that the rods may engage the sides of the flower basket and the opposite ends are forced towards each other by means of the handles 16 until the rods are tight in engagement with the basket. When the rods engage the basket they will flex a little and the rods are secured in a slightly flexed position by the pawls 12 and ratchet teeth 13, in which position the basket is securely held in a vertical position.

Although a specific embodiment of the present invention has been illustrated and described it is understood that various changes may be made in the details of construction without departing from the spirit of the invention as set forth in the appended claims, and such changes are contemplated.

What we claim is:

1. A receptacle support comprising a base board, receptacle engaging rods having one end pivoted relative to said board, a pawl carried by the opposite ends of said rods, and ratchet teeth mounted upon the opposite end

of said board and adapted to be engaged by the pawl upon the rods to secure the rods in an adjusted position.

2. A receptacle support comprising a base board, receptacle engaging rods having one end received in certain of a plurality of holes formed in a bar secured adjacent the end of said base board, pawls mounted upon the opposite ends of said rods, and means mounted upon the opposite end of said base board and adapted to cooperate with said pawl whereby said rods may be maintained in an adjusted position.

3. A receptacle support comprising a base board, receptacle engaging rods having one end received in certain of a plurality of holes formed in a bar secured adjacent the end of said base board, pawls mounted upon the opposite ends of said rods, and ratchet teeth mounted upon the opposite ends of said board and adapted to be engaged by the pawl upon the rods to secure the latter in an adjusted position.

4. A receptacle support comprising a base board, bars secured adjacent the ends of said boards, rods pivotally mounted at one end in holes formed in one of said bars, straps mounted upon said bars to guide the pivotal movement of said rods, receptacle engaging portions formed on said rods, ratchet teeth mounted upon the opposite end of the base board to which the rods are pivoted, and pawls mounted upon said rods and adapted to engage said ratchet teeth to secure said rods in an adjusted position with the receptacle engaging portions maintaining a receptacle in an upright position.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures.

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