

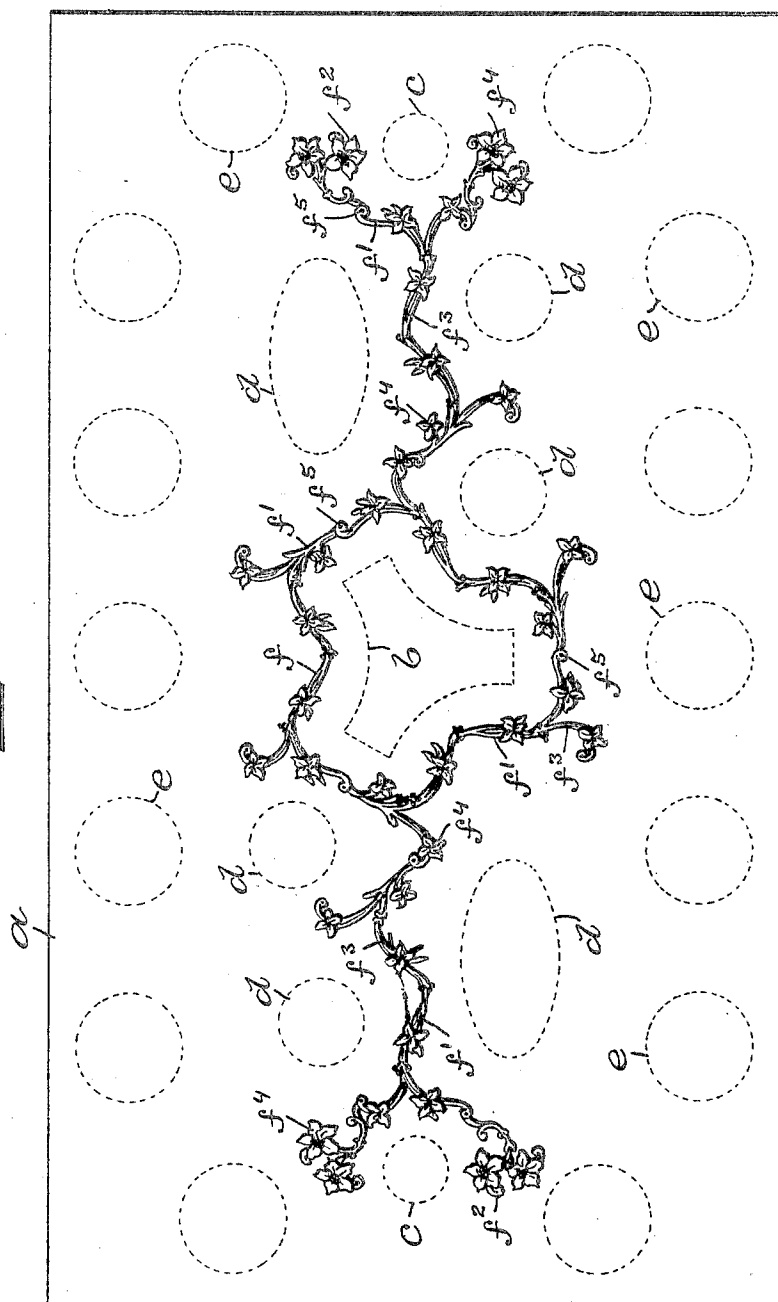
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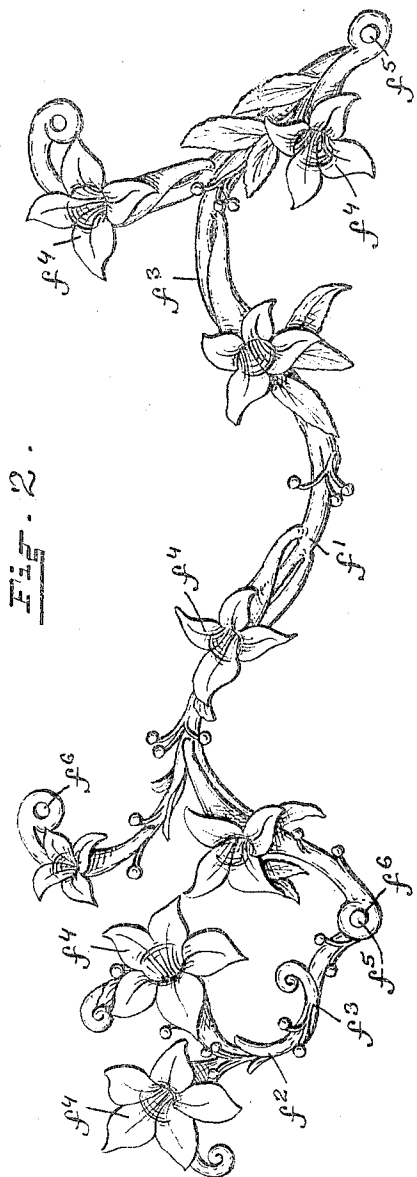


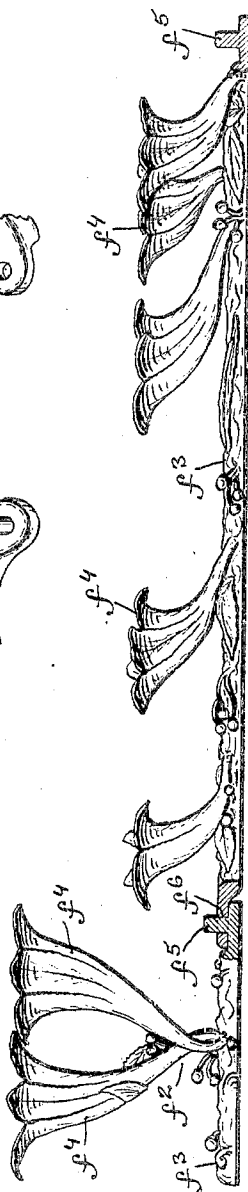
Fig. 5.



Fig. 4.



Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. CODMAN, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at Providence, in the county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Table Decorations, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has reference to an improvement in table decorations or ornaments used for embellishing and beautifying banquet-tables.

Table ornaments or decorations as heretofore constructed and used on dining-tables are in separate pieces and have no connection with each other or means of connecting the separate pieces together to form a continuous whole, said pieces usually consisting of an ornamental centerpiece, vases, statuettes, or similar articles.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and novel table decoration constructed from a plurality of separate pieces having interlocking ends, whereby the pieces in the form of a spray or branch having leaves and floral ornamentations are arranged on a banquet-table in the form of a vine entwined around the centerpiece and between the vases, statuettes, or dishes on the table, the interlocking ends holding the pieces together to form a continuous design of the decoration and preventing subsequent misplacement of the pieces.

My invention consists in the peculiar and novel construction of a large table ornament or decoration formed from a plurality of small interlocking pieces, each constructed to have a base in the form of a spray or branch on which are raised floral ornaments in the form of leaves and flowers adapted to hold cut flowers in water or electric lights and means for holding the pieces together to form a continuous design consisting of a pin in one end adapted to enter a hole in the end of the adjoining piece, whereby a plurality of pieces are formed into a large ornament or decoration for banquet-tables, the design of which may be changed indefinitely. The pieces forming the decoration may be quickly separated and require only a small space for packing or other purposes, as will be more fully set forth hereinafter.

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a banquet-table, showing the application of my invention,

the separate ornaments, dishes, and plates being shown in broken lines. Fig. 2 is an enlarged top plan view of one of the floral pieces interlocked with a floral final used as a finish to the design formed from a plurality of pieces. Fig. 3 is a side view of Fig. 2, showing the interlocking ends in section. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of an end having a locking-pin, and Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of an end having a hole for a locking-pin.

In the drawings, *a* indicates a banquet-table; *b*, an ornamental centerpiece; *cc*, vases; *d d*, dishes; *ee*, plates, and *f f* my improved floral table decoration. The centerpiece *b*, the vases *cc*, the dishes *d d*, and the plates *ee* are shown in broken lines.

My improved floral table decoration *f* is formed from a plurality of the interlocking pieces *f'* *f'* and the finals *f''* *f''*, which are constructed from metal or other material to represent a branch with leaves and extending upward from which are representations of flowers. Each piece consists of the base *f''*, representing the branch and leaves, and the upwardly-extending hollow cups *f'* *f'*, representing the flowers. The cups *f'* *f'* are used for holding natural flowers in water, for holding candles, or they may form the sockets for incandescent electric lights. At one end of the base *f''* is formed the upwardly-extending locking-pin *f''*, and in the opposite end of the base is formed the locking-hole *f''*, the pieces *f'* *f'* and the finals *f''* *f''* being interlocked together by placing the pin *f''* through the hole *f''* in the end of the adjoining piece, as shown in Fig. 3.

In the use of my improved floral table decoration the pieces *f'* *f'* are arranged to form a continuous design by entwining them around and between the separate table ornaments and dishes. The pieces may be locked together as the design is formed or at the completion of the design, thus forming a large table ornament or decoration from a plurality of small pieces interlocked to form one design and prevent misplacement of the pieces.

By the use of the interlocking pieces forming my improved table decoration the design forming the decoration may be continued indefinitely and an infinite variety of designs constructed at will.

It is evident that the pieces *f'* *f'* and the finals *f''* *f''* could have any design or configuration desired and that any means could be

used for locking the adjoining ends of the pieces and finals together without materially affecting the spirit of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, I claim
5 as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent —

1. In a table decoration or ornament, the combination of a plurality of pieces each consisting of a base having upwardly-extending cups, and means for holding the pieces together to form a continuous design, consisting of pins and holes in the pieces, as described.
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2. In a table ornament or decoration, the combination of a plurality of the pieces f' f'' and the finals f^2 f^3 , each having the base f^3 , 15 the cups f^4 f^5 , the pin f^6 , and the hole f^6 , as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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