

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

EDWIN LYNCH, OF PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

IMPROVEMENT IN FLOWER-POT HOLDERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **151,112**, dated May 19, 1874; application filed March 9, 1874.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN LYNCH, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented a Flower-Pot Holder, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is a cheap and ornamental holder for flower-pots containing growing plants which it is desired to keep indoors, the said holder consisting of a base, A, a drip-catcher, B, a sheet-metal frame, D, adapted to the reception and retention of ornamented sides E, and a top plate, F, having a central opening, *x*, for the flower-pot, and from which the latter is suspended, as shown in the perspective view, Figure 1, and sectional elevation, Fig. 2, of the accompanying drawing.

The base A of the holder may be of wood or metal, and is provided with feet *a*, which raise it a short distance above the shelf or window-ledge on which the holder is placed, and thus afford sufficient space for the drip-catcher B, which consists of a sheet-metal pan open at the top, and rendered detachable from the said base. The body of the holder consists of an open sheet-metal frame, D, similar to that of a lantern, and furnished with internal projections *b*, to which the ornamented sides E are attached, the latter consisting in the present instance of transparent glass plates *d*, backed by paper pictures *c*, which are

covered at the back and protected from the effects of dampness by tin-foil *f*. A pleasing effect can thus be produced at a comparatively small cost; but the ornamented sides can be otherwise constructed, if desired. The top plate F of the holder may be secured to or simply rest upon the frame D. It has a central flanged opening, *x*, of a proper size for receiving the flower-pot, which is simply lowered through the said opening until it is suspended from the plate F by its bead *i*, as shown in the drawing.

While the holder, constructed as above described, is cheap and highly ornamental, it is as strong and durable as the more expensive holders of the ordinary construction.

I claim as my invention—

A flower-pot holder in which are combined a base, A, a drip-catcher, B, a sheet-metal frame, D, adapted to the reception and retention of ornamented sides E, and a top plate, F, having a central opening, *x*, for the flower-pot, and from which the latter is suspended, all as set forth.

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

Witnesses: EDWIN LYNCH.
WM. A. STEEL,
HARRY SMITH.