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FLORIST'S FORM.

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Fig. 1.

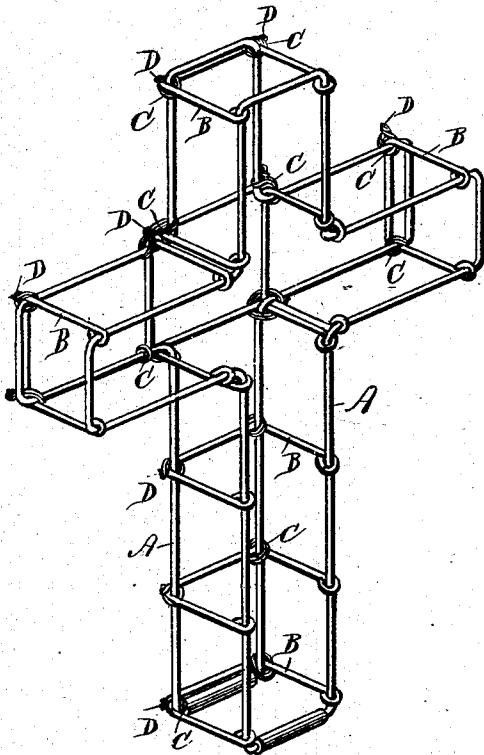


Fig. 2.

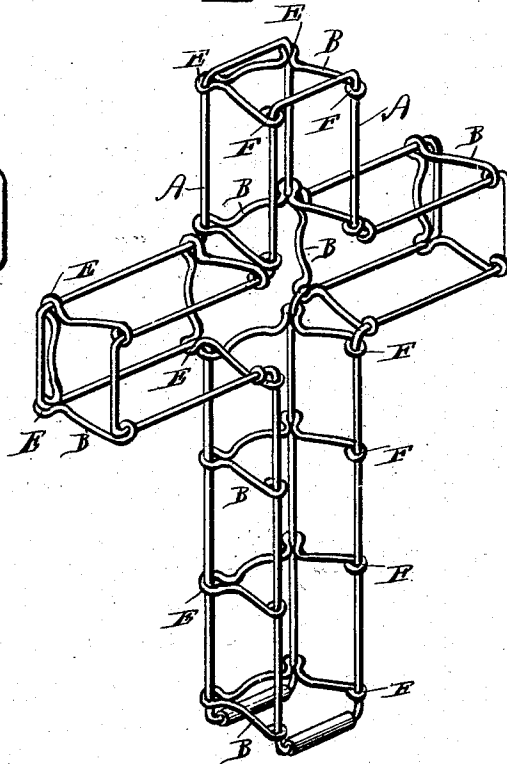


Fig. 3.

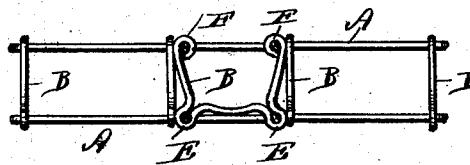
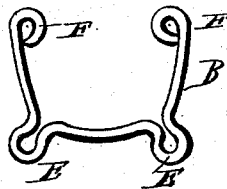


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. KUEHN, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Florist's Form, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to articles manufactured of wire, and especially to forms or baskets such as are used for floral designs; and it consists in certain improvements in the construction of the same, whereby the use of fine-wire bindings is avoided, and a strong, durable, and in every way superior article is produced at a reduced cost, as will be hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings hereto annexed, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a "form" as now ordinarily constructed. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a form embodying my improvement. Fig. 3 is a transverse vertical sectional view of the latter, and Fig. 4 is a detail view of one of the clamps or braces detached.

The same letters refer to the same parts in all the figures.

Heretofore, as will be seen by reference to Fig. 1 of the drawings, florists' forms have been constructed mainly of outline-wires A A, connected by clamps or braces B B, extended under the lower outline-wire, and connected to the same by bindings C, of fine wire, and looped or hooked over the upper outline-wire, as shown. By this construction the ends or points D of the binding-wires have been left exposed, making it impossible to cover the form neatly with tin-foil, as is usually done. Besides, the exposed points will scratch the hands of those handling the device, and mar the polished surfaces of tables, &c., upon which it may be placed.

To avoid these objections it is my purpose to dispense entirely with the wire bindings, which I accomplish by constructing the clamps or braces B with loops E at their angles, as shown in Figs. 2, 3, and 4 of the drawings. These loops are fitted over the lower outline-wire A, and clinched or compressed, while loops F, formed at the upper ends of the braces, are likewise clinched over the upper outline-wire, thus connecting the parts firmly and making a neat and durable article. By this construction, as will be seen in Fig. 3, the central portions of the braces are raised between the sides of the bottom wire, thus making the device much neater and more presentable when finished and covered.

I claim as my invention—

1. In florists' forms, the combination, with the outline-wires, of braces or clamps provided at their angles with loops clinched over said outline-wires, as set forth.

2. In florists' forms, the herein-described clamps or braces, constructed with eyes at their ends and loops at their angles, adapted to be clinched over the outline-wires, as set forth.

3. As an improvement in florists' forms, the combination, with the outline-wires, of clamps or braces having eyes at their ends and loops at their angles, clinched over said outline-wires, and having their central portions raised between the sides of the lower outline-wire, as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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