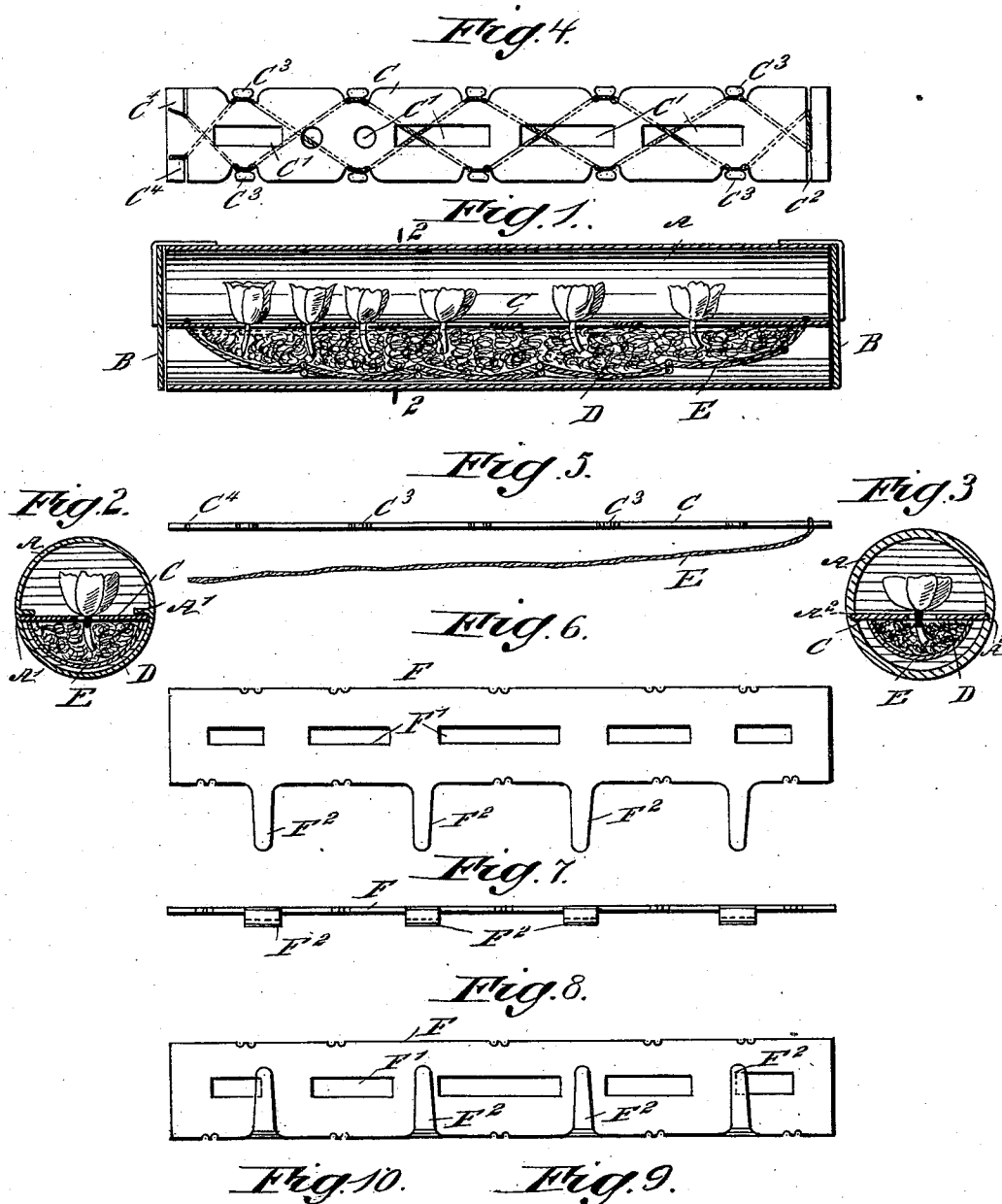


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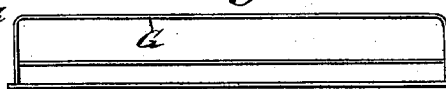
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HUBERT BAILEY, of Brewster, in the county of Putnam and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Flower-Package, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved flower package or box for conveniently packing and shipping flowers, blossoms and similar articles without the least danger of injury, at the same time keeping the flowers or blossoms in a healthy condition during transportation.

The invention consists principally of a casing, and a plate removably connected with the said casing and adapted to carry the article. The invention further consists of an apertured plate for holding the flowers, and means for attaching a moisture-carrying material in which the flower stems are embedded, to the said plate.

The invention also consists in certain parts and details, and combinations of the same, as will be hereinafter fully described and then pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a sectional side elevation of the improvement. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the same, on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a similar view of the same, showing a modified form of the casing. Fig. 4 is plan view of the plate and string for holding the moisture-carrying material. Fig. 5 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 6 is a plan view of a modified form of the plate. Fig. 7 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 8 is an inverted plan view of the same. Fig. 9 is a side elevation of a modified form of holder for holding the plate in position in the casing; and Fig. 10 is an end view of the same as applied.

The improved flower package is provided with a casing A, preferably made in tubular cylindrical form, and adapted to be closed at its ends by suitable lids or covers B, hinged or otherwise connected with the cylinder A. In the cylinder A is adapted to be placed a

plate C, formed with openings C' for the passage of the stems of the flowers or blossoms to be shipped, the said openings being each sufficiently large to admit the stem, but preventing the flower body from passing through the openings. The stems projecting below the plate C are embedded in a moisture-carrying material D, held in position by a string E, fastened at one end in a slot C² of the plate C, to be then laced to projections C³ formed on opposite edges of the plate, the string being passed under the moisture-carrying material crosswise, to securely hold the said material to the plate. The plate C is first loaded with the flowers, and the moistened material is attached to the plate before the latter with its load is passed into the casing A, through one end thereof.

In order to hold the plate C in position within the casing, I provide the latter with longitudinally-extending ribs A', arranged on opposite sides, as indicated in Fig. 2, or the interior of the said casing may be formed with longitudinal grooves A², forming guides for the edges of the plate C, to hold the latter in position, as illustrated in Fig. 3.

As shown in Fig. 9, the plate C may be held in place by a longitudinal guide formed of a wire G, bent to form a bow abutting at its transverse or bow portion on the inner surface of the casing A, and at its ends resting on top of the plate C. Fig. 10 shows on a reduced scale an end view of this construction.

I do not limit myself to the special means for holding the moisture-carrying material in position on the under side of the plate C, as above described, as the said means may be varied, for instance, as shown in Figs. 6, 7 and 8. The flower-carrying plate F, provided with the openings F', may also be provided with prongs F², bent under the plate, as illustrated in the drawings, to form supports for the moisture-carrying material. In this case the string E may be entirely dispensed with and the prongs alone serve to hold the moisture-carrying material in place.

When a plate is filled with flowers and inserted in the cylinder A, then the ends B are closed and locked in place in any suitable manner. The package is now ready for shipping.

ment by mail, express, or other means of transportation.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, a casing having an open end, a plate provided with means for attaching flowers thereto and adapted to be inserted at the open end of the
10 casing, a guide adapted to hold the plate in position when inserted in the casing, and means for attaching moisture-carrying material to said plate in position to moisten the flowers carried thereby, substantially as set
15 forth.

2. A packing case for flowers, comprising a cylindrical casing formed with guideways at its inside, an apertured plate adapted to be inserted on the said guideways and arranged
20 to hold the flowers, a moisture-carrying material, and a string for holding the said material in place, on the under side of the said

plate, to embed the stems therein, substantially as shown and described.

3. In a flower package, a flower holding
25 plate having openings for the passage of the flower stems and provided along its opposite edges with string seats, and a string attached to said plate and arranged to be caught into the edge seats of the plate, substantially as
30 set forth.

4. As an improved article of manufacture, a packing case for flowers comprising a casing, a flower carrier fitted removably therein and having openings for the flower stems and
35 absorbent material forming a bed for the flower stems and held to and movable with the carrier into and out of the casing, substantially as set forth.

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