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COMBINED VASE AND LAMP STAND.

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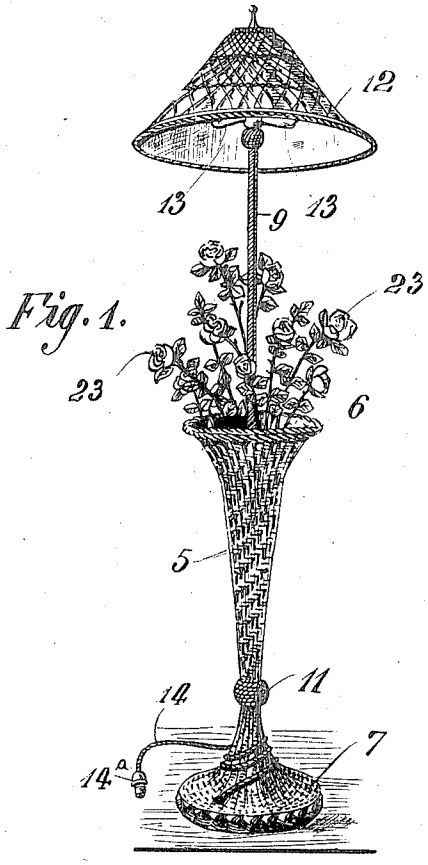


Fig. 1.

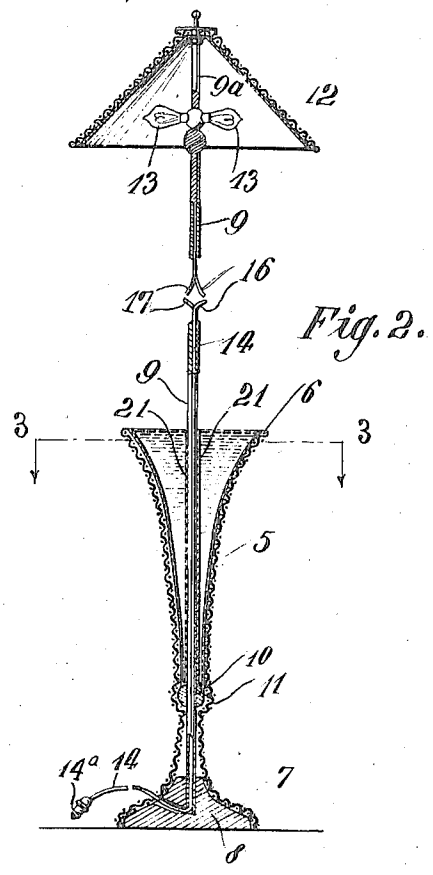


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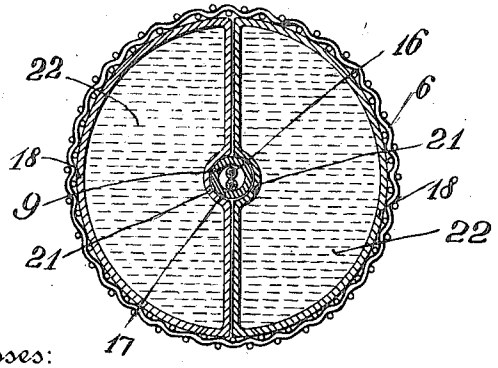


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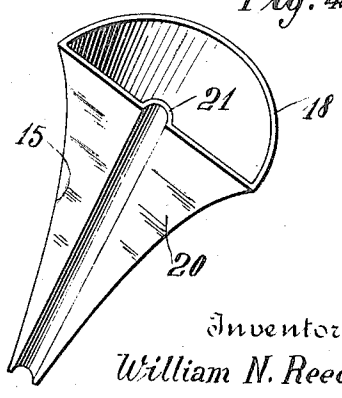


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM N. REED, a citizen of the United States, residing in Hackensack, county of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Combined Vase and Lamp Stands, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to flower vases and lamps combined therewith for the double purpose of illuminating the flowers supported by the stand and of shedding light for general use.

More particularly stated, I seek to produce an ornamental vase suitable for holding flowers and provided with improved tanks for holding water in which the stems of the flowers are to be placed—the vase being further provided with lamps disposed in a position favorable for illuminating the flowers and vase, and for shedding light upon surrounding objects.

I also make provision for supplying electric current to the lamps, through wires extending thereto through a tubular stem; and also for fitting the water tanks around this stem in such manner as to facilitate the removal and replacement of the tanks independently of each other—the stem being braced by the tanks and serving to protect the wires against injury and also against the deleterious effects of moisture from the tanks.

My invention can be embodied in different forms but in order to avoid prolixity I will describe only a single form which is representative of the others.

Reference is made to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, and in which like letters indicate like parts.

Figure 1 is a perspective of my device complete. Fig. 2 is a substantially central vertical section through the same. Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, looking in the direction indicated by the arrows. Fig. 4 is a perspective of one of the water tanks.

A wickerwork jacket 5, having the general appearance of an ornamental vase, is provided at its upper end with a flaring portion 6, and at its lower end with another flaring portion 7. A base plate 8, made conveniently of a block of wood, is disposed within the flaring portion 7. A tubular stem 9 of metal is at its lower end fitted into a hole in this base plate, and extends upwardly some distance from the base plate. Mounted upon the tubular stem 9 is a metallic ring 10 of small diameter, and fitting neatly around this ring is a rotund portion 11 of the wickerwork jacket.

The stem 9 is provided at its upper end with a portion 9^a of reduced diameter, which supports a lamp shade 12. A number of incandescent lamps (in this instance two) are shown at 13 and are supported by the stem 9.

A lamp cord is shown at 14, and is provided with a plug 14^a for connecting the cord with a source of electric supply. The lamp cord comprises two wires or strands 16, 17, and extends through the tubular stem 9, to the lamps 13.

A number of water tanks, in this instance two, are shown at 18. Each tank is provided with an outer surface 15, which has a curvature like that of a bell, and is further provided with a flat face 20, and with a portion 21 having the general form of a semi-tube, but integral with the tank, as may be understood from Figs. 3 and 4.

When the tanks are in position, as indicated in Figs. 2 and 3, the semi-tubular portions 21 are fitted neatly around the stem 9, so as to completely encircle the same, and thus virtually form a tube. Each tank normally contains a body of water 22, and the two tanks may be removed, refilled with water, and replaced independently of each other. The tanks, while in position, serve as braces for the tubular stem 9 and parts supported thereby, and also to supply water for the flowers, which are shown at 23. The tubular stem 9 protects the lamp cord not only from injury but from water accidentally splashed from the tanks, and from moisture arising from the tanks or leaving the same on account of capillarity. The lower ends of the tanks 18 rest upon the ring 10 so that the weight of the tanks is supported independently of the wickerwork jacket.

Speaking generally, the device may be regarded as a vase made in parts and surmounted by a small electrolier. It presents a neat and attractive appearance, very pleasing to the eye. It may be picked up and moved by hand from one point to another, after the manner of either a lamp or a vase. By day the shade 12 serves as a canopy for the flowers, and by night the flowers and the vase enhance the appearance of the electrolier.

The flowers 23 here shown are natural flowers. If desired, however, artificial flowers may be employed instead. In this event the water is omitted, the tanks being filled with earth, sand or gravel, or even left empty.

I do not limit myself to the exact construction shown, as variations may be made therefrom without departing from my invention, the spirit of which is commensurate with my claims.

I claim:—

1. The combination of a jacket having the general form of a vase, a stem extending through said jacket, a lamp mounted upon said stem and located above said vase in order to illuminate surrounding objects, and a water tank fitted into said jacket and engaging said stem, said tank being removable from said jacket independently of the presence of said stem and said lamp.

2. The combination of a jacket having the general form of a vase, a tubular stem extending through said jacket, an electric lamp carried by said stem and located above the top of said vase in order to illuminate surrounding objects, electrical conductors extending through said stem to said lamp, and a water tank fitted into said tank and engaging said stem so as to brace the same, said tank being removable from said jacket independently of the presence of said stem and said lamp.

3. A combined vase and lamp stand comprising a wickerwork jacket, a pair of water tanks mated to each other and fitted into said jacket, said water tanks having abutting faces provided with semi-tubular portions, a tubular stem extending through said wickerwork jacket and between said tanks so as to fit into said semi-tubular portions, electric lamps carried by said stem, and electrical conductors extending through said tubular stem to said lamps, for supplying current thereto.

4. A combined vase and lamp stand, comprising a wickerwork jacket provided with a flaring portion of substantially bell-form, a plurality of water tanks fitting together and having together a portion of substantially bell-form, said water tanks fitting neatly into the flaring portion of said wickerwork jacket and being provided with flat abutting faces and with a plurality of portions which, when said tanks are assembled, virtually form a tube, a tubular stem fitting said tube and extending from said tanks, an electric lamp carried by said stem, and electrical conductors extending through said stem to said lamp.

5. A combined vase and lamp stand, comprising a jacket having the general outward form of a vase, a plurality of tanks removably fitted into said jacket and provided severally with portions which fit together and collectively form a virtual tube, said tanks being adapted to hold water and support flowers, a stem extending through said jacket and supported independently of said tanks but braced by said tube when said tanks are in position within said jacket, and a lamp carried by said stem.

Signed in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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