

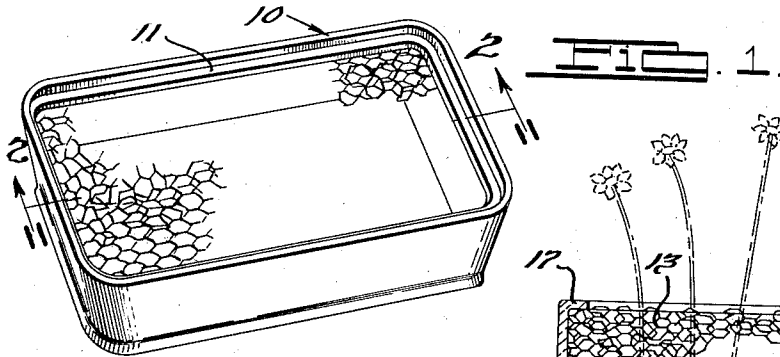
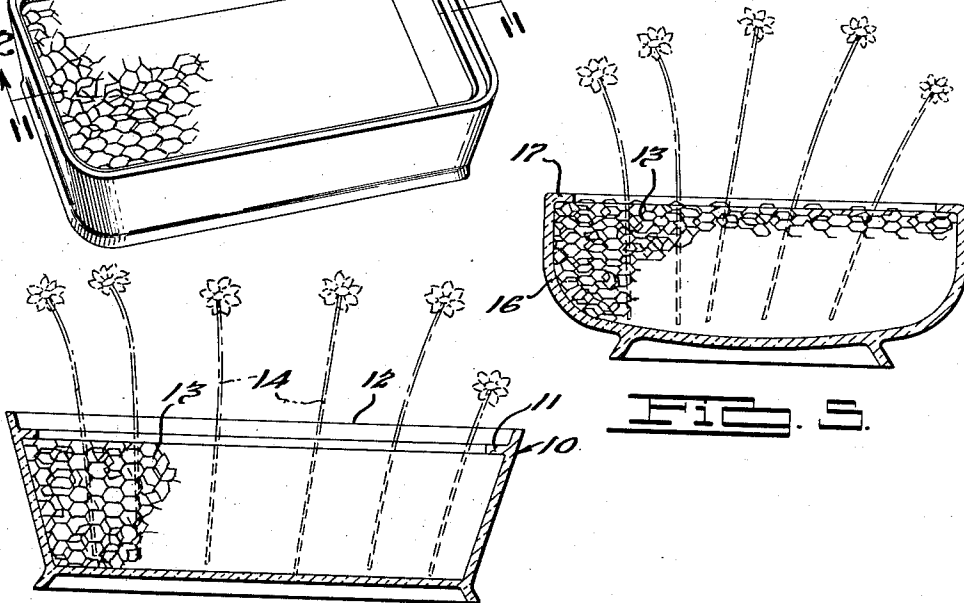
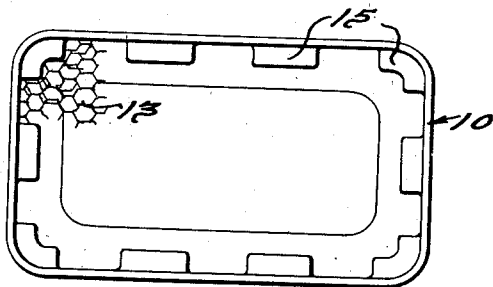
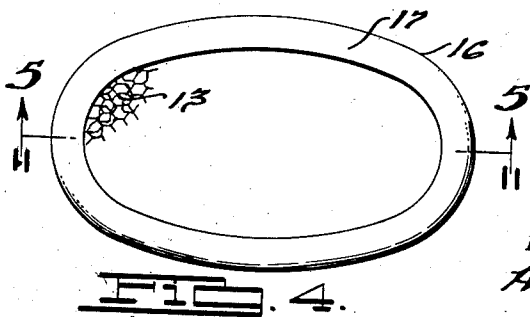
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My invention relates to ceramic containers and methods, and particularly to a ceramic container having a lipped edge for receiving and anchoring crushed screening wire which is employed for positioning the stems of flowers therein.

Containers of the open type, employed for holding cut flowers, become practical only when some form of supporting means is disposed therein for anchoring the stems of the flowers. While various forms of supporting devices have been constructed and provided, none have proven as satisfactory as an irregular ball of crushed screen such as chicken wire. The irregular disposition of the wires permit the stems of the flowers to be worked therethrough to be anchored and prevented from working therefrom. The difficulty experienced with this type of holding means was that of having the balled wire retain its form and remain concealed within the container. I have provided a particular type of pot having tongues or a continuous lip at the top, or adjacent thereto, for the purpose of anchoring the crushed wire within the container. The lip is also useful in preventing the swashing of the water from over the top of the container when moved. The pot may be molded from glass, clay or other formable materials.

Accordingly, the main objects of my invention are to provide spaced tongues or a continuous lip on the inner edge of a ceramic receptacle for retaining a crushed wire screen therebelow; to provide a continuous lip about the upper inner edge of a ceramic receptacle for receiving the balled screen element which supports the stems of flowers and which prevents the water from splashing out from the receptacle; to mold a continuous lip below the upper edge of a ceramic receptacle for receiving the support for stems of flowers; and in general, to provide a receptacle with spaced tongues or a continuous lip for holding the stem supporting element therein, which is simple in construction and economical of manufacture.

Other objects and features of novelty of my invention will be either specifically pointed out or will become apparent when referring, for a better understanding of my invention, to the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a ceramic receptacle embodying features of my invention;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged sectional view of the structure illustrated in Fig. 1, taken on the line 2—2 thereof;

Fig. 3 is a plan view of structure, similar to that

illustrated in Fig. 1, showing a modified form thereof;

Fig. 4 is a view of structure, similar to that illustrated in Fig. 3, showing a further form which my invention may assume;

Fig. 5 is a sectional view of the structure illustrated in Fig. 4, taken on the line 5—5 thereof.

In Figs. 1 and 2, I have illustrated a container 10 having a continuous lip 11 projecting from the inner surface some distance below the top edge 12 thereof. The lip 11 forms an anchoring means for a ball 13 of crushed screening wire which is disposed in the container 10 below the lip 11 thereof. The stems 14 of the flowers are worked down through the balled wire 13 where they will be securely anchored. The container 10 may be made of any suitable material such as clay, glass, metal or any well known plastic substance. The lip 11 is also available to prevent the swashing of the water in the receptacle over the edge 12 thereof.

In Fig. 3, I have illustrated the container 10 provided with a plurality of spaced tongues 15 which are similar in section to the lip 11. The tongues 15 function to anchor the crushed wire in the lower portion of the receptacle and provide a greater area for receiving the stems of the flowers because of the spacing of the tongues.

In Figs. 4 and 5, I have illustrated a further form of receptacle 16 having a lip 17 at its upper edge which functions in the same manner as the lip 11 and the tongues 15 of the receptacle illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3, respectively. That is to say, the projection 17 may either be a continuous lip or may be spaced tongues. The lip or tongues provide an anchor for the crushed screening wire 13 as explained hereinabove, and is also valuable for preventing the swashing of the water from the receptacle.

It will be understood that various shapes of receptacles may be molded in any manner known in the art, constructed from any workable material such as metal, glass, clay, and organic resins. The receptacle formed in accordance with my invention has a continuous lip or spaced tongues projecting from the upper inner surface to act as a means for anchoring the balled screening wire or other element employed to receive and anchor the stems of flowers. When a continuous lip is employed adjacent the top of the receptacle, water is prevented from swashing over its edge which adds further novelty to the invention. In employing the tongues, a greater number of stems may be inserted in the receptacle although the value of the feature of preventing the swashing of the water is reduced.

While I have described and illustrated several embodiments of my invention, it will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various change, omission, additions and substitutions may be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention, as set forth in the accompanying claims.

What I claim is:

1. A receptacle having spaced tongues projecting inwardly at the top of the receptacle, and crushed mesh screen which holds the stems of cut flowers anchored by said tongues.

2. A receptacle having at the top edge thereof a continuous lip, and crushed screening wire within said receptacle retained by said lip.

3. A receptacle having at the top edge thereof a continuous lip, and a flower retaining element secured in said receptacle when held against the bottom and wall of said receptacle by said lip.

4. A receptacle having near the top edge spaced tongues, and a flower retaining element in said receptacle held against the bottom and wall thereof by said tongues.

5. A receptacle having means projecting inwardly of the top edge thereof, and a retaining element for flowers disposed in said receptacle and retained against the wall and bottom of said receptacle by said projecting means.

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