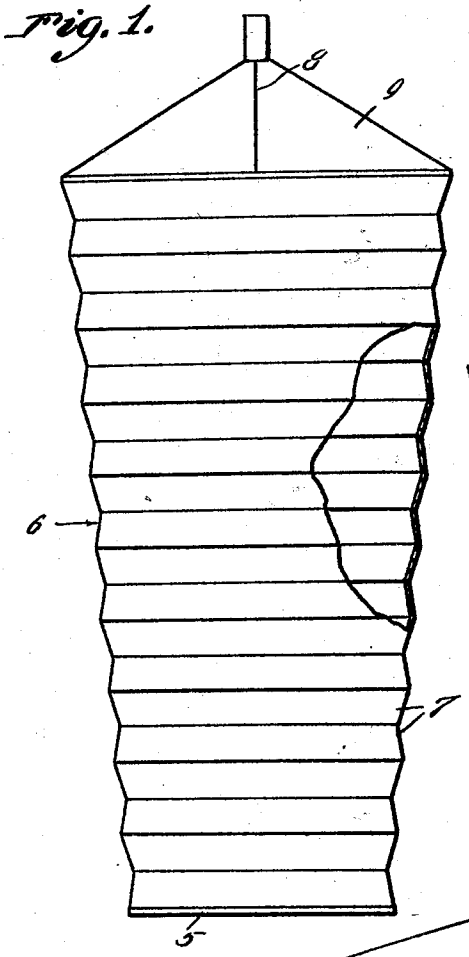
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Fig. 1.



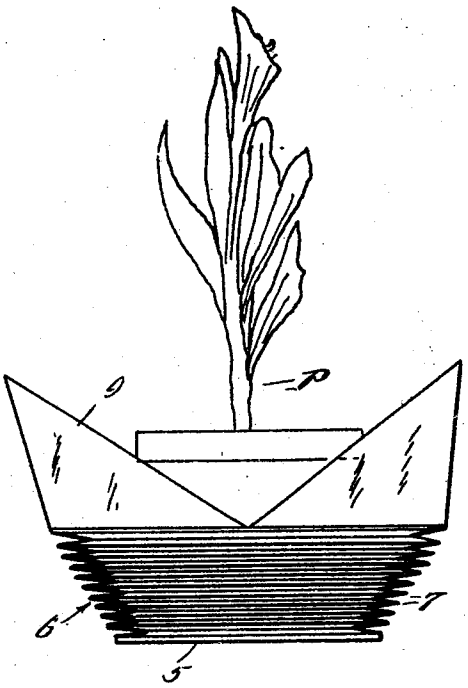


Fig. 3.

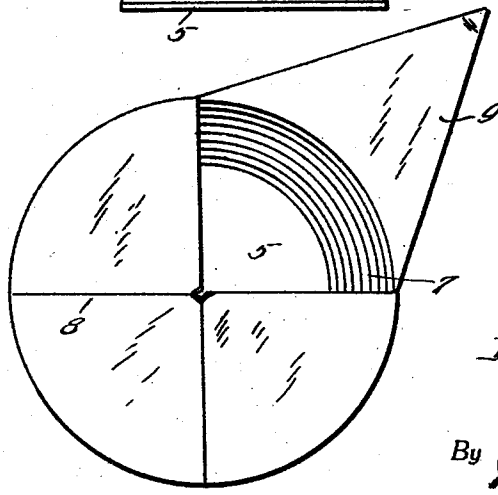


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to receptacles, and has more particular reference to a collapsible receptacle adapted to receive a potted plant.

A primary object of this invention is to provide a collapsible receptacle wherein a potted plant to be transported may be conveniently placed therein to be entirely received within the bag when the bag is in an extended position thus protecting fully the potted plant.

A still further object of the invention is to provide certain new and useful improvements in bags for dropping potted plants, and further to provide such a bag which will facilitate the wrapping of potted plants, the object being to provide such a collapsible bag preferably of bellows construction whereby the bag may be first placed on a counter in its collapsed form thus permitting the plant to be set in the center of the bag and the body of the bag then pulled up over the plant to an extended position for completely receiving the plant.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent during a study of the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings wherein:

Figure 1 is an elevational view of the improved bag shown in extended position,

Figure 2 is a top plan view thereof showing one of the flaps folded back for exposing the interior of the bag,

Figure 3 is an elevational view showing the bag in collapsed form and illustrative of the manner of initially placing the potted plant in the bag.

With reference more in detail to the drawings, it will be seen that my improved collapsible bag comprising a substantially rigid bottom 5 from which rises the cylindrical body 6, which body 6 is in the form of an inverted frustum of a cone, and further as shown is of the bellows construction being provided with a plurality of superimposed folds 7 whereby the bag may be readily collapsed to assume that position shown in Figure 3 or extended to assume that position in Figure 1.

At its upper edge the bottom 6 is notched or slit as at 8 to provide a plurality of substantially triangular shaped flaps 9 adapted to be folded inwardly toward one another to provide a substantially conical closure for the opened upper end of the bag or receptacle.

As shown to advantage in Figure 3 when using the bag, the bag may be first collapsed and placed upon a counter or any other suitable surface after which the potted plant designated generally by the reference character P may be inserted in the collapsed bag so that the pot of the plant may rest centrally on the bottom 5. The bag is then extended, the body 6 being drawn upwardly to completely receive the plant P, and the flap 9 then folded inwardly as clearly suggested in Figures 1 and 2 for completely closing the opened top of the bag, the flap, as before intimated forming a conical closure so as to not unnecessarily crush the head or top of the plant.

It is thought that from the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, it will be readily appreciated that I have evolved a simple, yet thoroughly practical and reliable receptacle or bag within which may be placed a potted plant for transportation.

Even though I have herein shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that the same is susceptible to changes comprehended by the spirit of the invention as herein described and the scope of the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is:

A receptacle for a potted plant comprising a substantially rigid bottom of circular shape, an upwardly tapered body of circular shape in cross section having its lower end connected with the bottom, said body being formed with a plurality of superimposed folds, a number of flaps, each of triangular shape in cross section having their bases connected with the top of the body and adapted to be folded inwardly to provide a conical closure for the top of the receptacle.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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