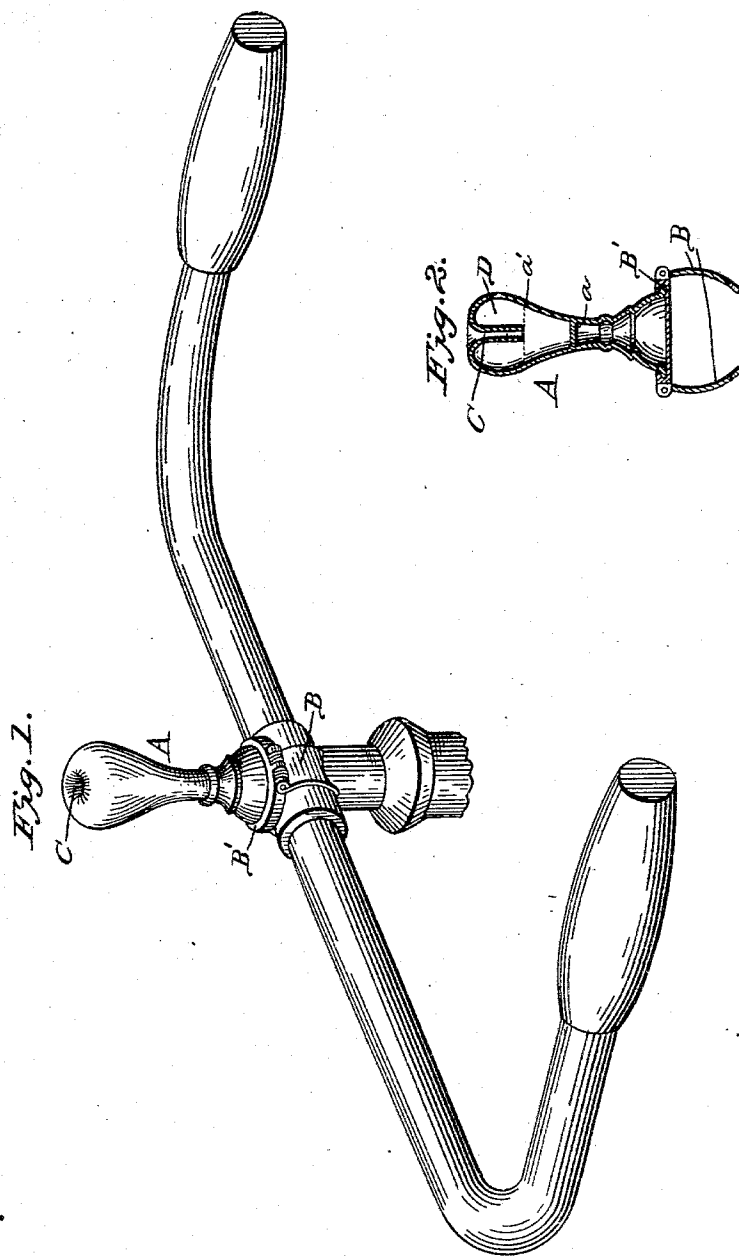


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADONIRAM BIRD COUGH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Tremont, in the county of Hancock and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Flower-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to an improved flower-holder to be attached to bicycles, carriages and vehicles in general.

The object of the invention is to provide a holder which shall keep the flowers moist, one that will securely hold the flowers against displacement, and one which will prevent the water held within the holder being spilled by jarring or turning over.

With these objects in view my invention consists in the details of construction and combination of parts, all of which will be fully described and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a view showing the holder attached to a bicycle handle-bar. Fig. 2 is a sectional view.

In carrying out my invention I employ a receptacle A-shaped in the form of a vase, and made of glass or rubber, preferably the latter, to avoid breakage. The receptacle is closed at the bottom *a*, and is made solid for some distance below said bottom to afford a convenient hold for the spring-clamps B, by means of which said holder is attached to the handle-bar of a bicycle or the dash of a vehicle. If desired a socket B' could be clasped to the handle-bar or dash and the receptacle seated therein.

The receptacle A is bulged at the top and

the mouth or entrance C is turned inward in tubular form, thus providing an annular chamber D surrounding the inwardly-extending tubular neck C. This construction of neck will securely hold the flowers against displacement.

In operation the holder is filled with water to the line marked *a'*, and this volume is less than the volume of one side, and it will thus be seen that as the holder leans to one side or the other the water will flow up into the annular chamber, which being so much larger than the lower portion of holder will readily accommodate said water and prevent spilling.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new is—

1. The combination with a flower-holder having a closed bottom, and a bulged top with a depressed opening terminating in an inwardly-extending tubular neck, of a socket in which the bottom of said holder is held, and spring-clamps pivotally connected with said socket, substantially as shown and described.

2. A flower-holder having a closed bottom and a bulged top with a depressed opening terminating in an inwardly-extending tubular neck, a socket in which the bottom of said holder is held, and spring-clamps pivotally connected with said socket, the said socket being provided with an annular, outwardly-extending flange fitted in said groove, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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