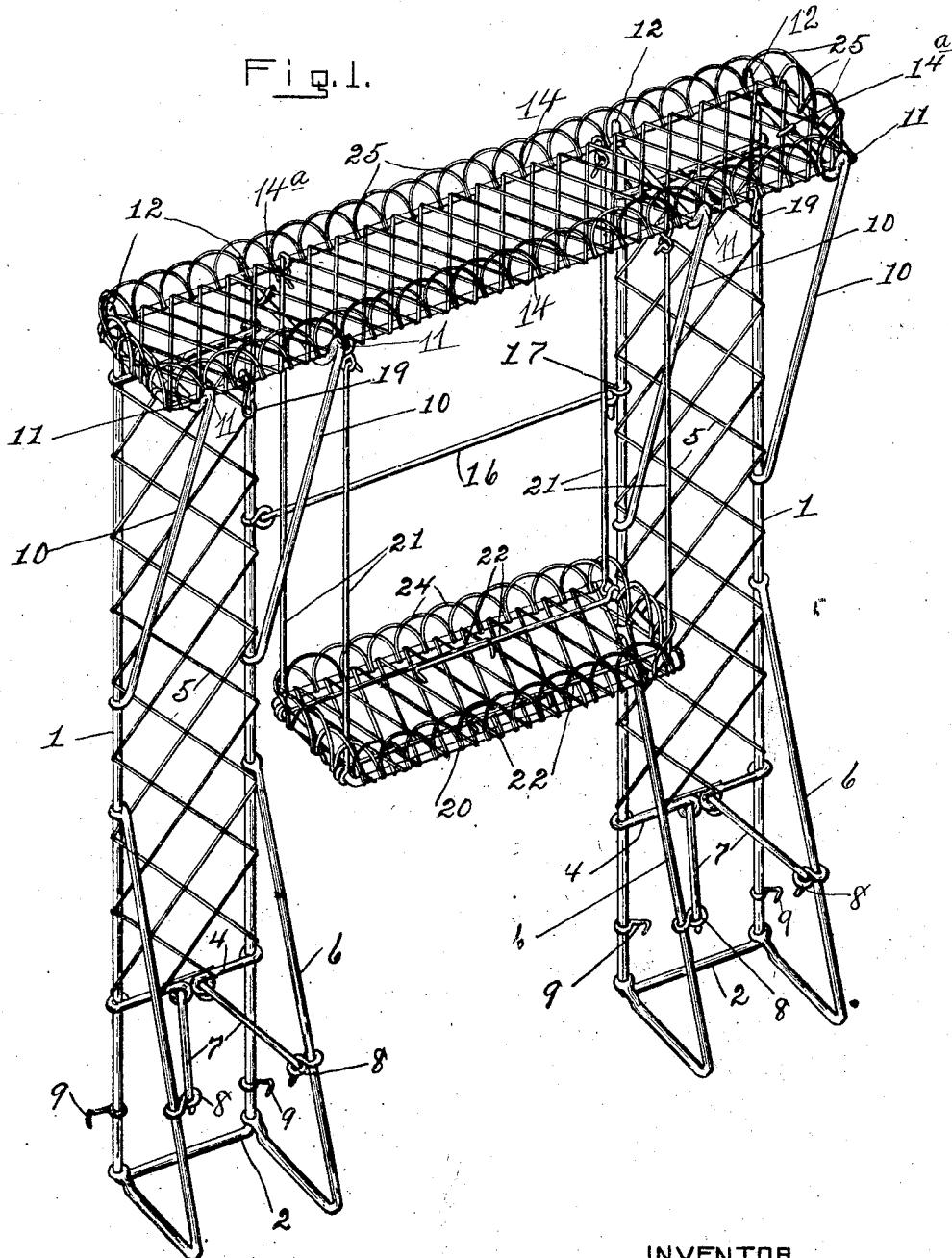


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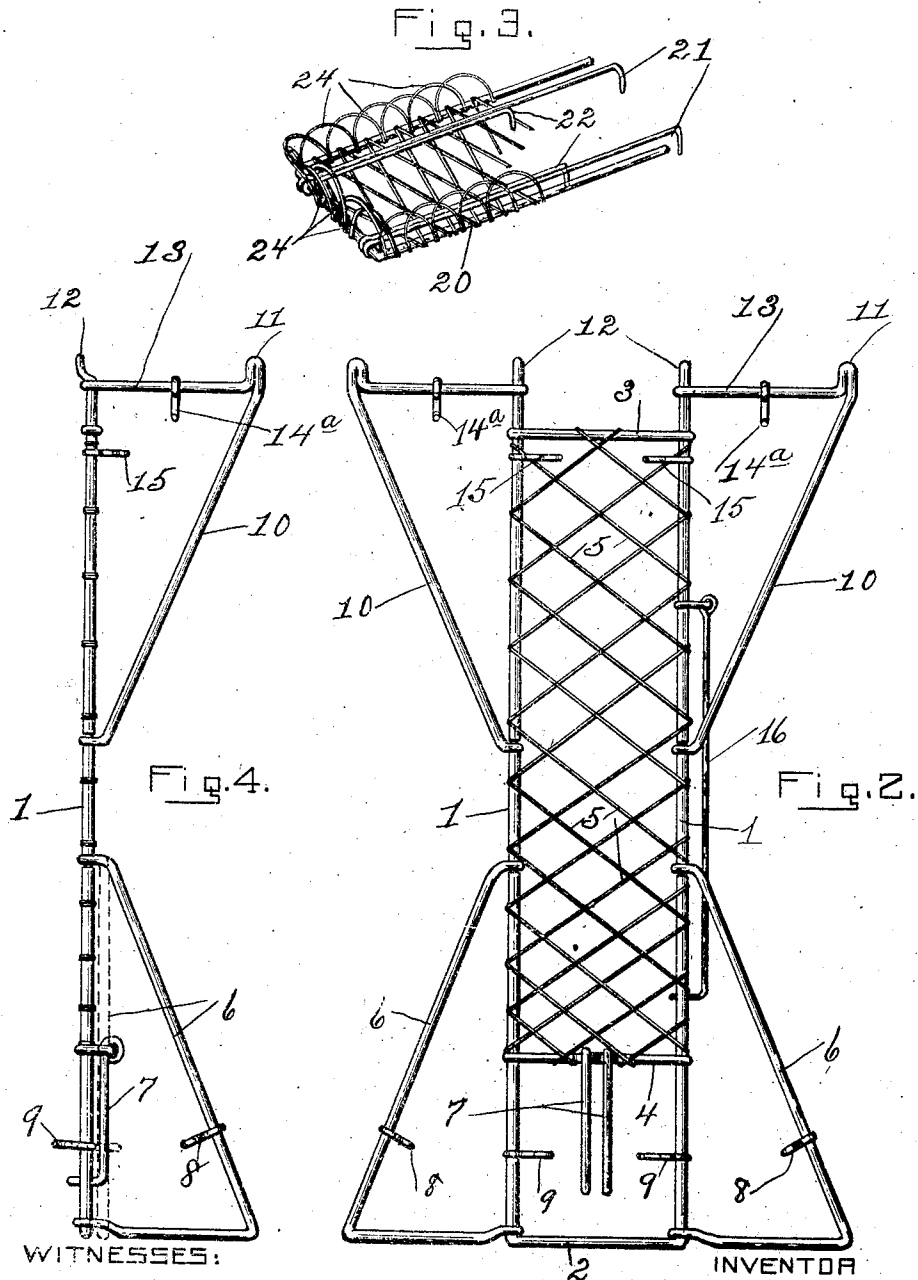
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES H. BURNS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Troy, county of Rensselaer, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Floral-Display Stands, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to such improvements and consists of the novel construction and combination of parts hereinafter described and subsequently claimed.

Reference may be had to the accompanying drawings, and the reference characters marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Similar characters refer to similar parts in the several figures therein.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a view in perspective of my improved floral display-stand set up for use. Fig. 2 is a view in front elevation of one of the end-posts with its foot- and shelf-brackets opened out for convenience of illustration. Fig. 3 is a view in perspective of one end of a swing-shelf having folded over thereupon the hooks of different lengths whereby it can be hung at different distances below the top-shelf. Fig. 4 is an end view of one of the end-posts with its foot- and shelf-brackets in position for use.

My improved display-stand is adapted for many uses, and is particularly adapted for use as a support for floral decorations at funerals.

The principal object of the invention is to provide for a more or less elaborate floral display by means of a stand which can be quickly set up for use, and in use will be largely concealed by the floral decorations which it supports, and which can be taken down and packed within a small compass for storage or transportation when not in use.

Other objects will appear in connection with the following description.

Referring to the drawings wherein the invention is shown in preferred form, my improved stand is shown formed throughout of wire, or rod-iron of small diameter.

At each end of the stand is a post, 1, formed of a metal rod or wire bent to U-form, with the loop, 2, thereof flattened and adapted to rest upon the floor, the upright branches of the post being connected together by an upper brace, 3, and a lower brace 4. To further brace the construction, and at the

same time form supports for floral decorations, I have shown wires, 5, woven across the post. Each post is provided with a pair of foot-brackets, 6, pivotally mounted upon the side-bars of the post whereby they are adapted to be folded over upon the post for storage or transportation, and extended at right angles to the post for use. As a means for holding the foot-brackets extended at right angles to the post for use, I have shown hooks, 7, pivotally connected with the lower cross-bar, 4, and adapted to engage eyes, 8, on the respective foot-brackets. The pivotal connections between the hooks, 7, and the cross-bar, 4, are approximately midway between the side-bars of the post, so that said hooks extend diagonally outward to engage the eyes, 8, thereby serving to effectively brace and hold the foot-brackets. Hooks, 9, on the side-bars of the end-post serve to engage the respective foot-brackets to hold the same in folded position when out of use. Each post is provided with one or more shelf-brackets, 10, pivotally mounted thereon similarly to the foot-brackets 6. Each of the shelf-brackets is upturned at its outer end at, 11, forming between said upturned portion, 11, and the upwardly projecting end, 12, of the side-bar of the post, a seat, 13, adapted to receive a top-shelf, 14, as shown in Fig. 1. Said top-shelf is preferably formed of wire openwork similar to the construction of the end-posts, and the shelf may be secured in position by means of hooks, 14^a, on the top-rod of the respective shelf-brackets, which hooks are adapted to engage the shelf and prevent upward or endwise movement thereof. When the shelf is in position resting upon the brackets, 10, it serves to hold the brackets extended at right angles to the post. Hooks, 15, on the side-bars of the posts serve to hold the shelf-brackets in folded position when out of use, the shelf-brackets as well as the foot-brackets being adapted to be folded over flatly upon the respective posts when not in use. The posts may be further braced and supported the desired distance apart by means of a cross-bar, 16, in the form of a hook pivoted upon a side-bar of one of the posts, and adapted to engage an eye, 17, on a side-bar of the other post. The top-shelf may be provided with one or more hooks, 19, from which floral decorations may be suspended. I have also shown a swing-shelf, 20, similar in construction to the top-shelf.

14, adapted to be suspended from the top-shelf by means of hooks, 21, or, 22, the hooks, 21, being materially longer than the hooks 22. By employing the hooks, 21, the shelf, 20, will be supported in a relatively low position, while by employing the hooks, 22, it will be supported in a relatively high position, thus adapting it for the support of floral pieces of different heights or sizes.

10 The openwork construction employed throughout the device facilitates attachment of floral decorations to the stand at any desired point, and makes it possible to practically conceal the stand-structure where the floral display is elaborate; and where not concealed the structure is not unsightly.

When not in use the device can be readily taken apart and compactly folded for storage or transportation. The swing-shelf, 20, can be detached, its rods, 21 and 22, folded over upon the body of the shelf, as shown in Fig. 3, and the border-loops, 24, can also be folded over upon the body of the shelf, 25 their ends being pivoted to the side-bars of the shelf by bending the wires of the loops around said side-bars. In like manner the border-loops, 25, of the top-shelf can be folded over upon the body of the shelf. The shelf-brackets, 10, can be folded over one upon the other and both upon the end-post, and the foot-brackets can be similarly folded.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

1. In a device of the class described, and in combination, a pair of end-posts; foot-brackets respectively pivotally mounted upon the end-posts adapted in use to be extended at right angles to the posts, and when not in use to be folded over upon the posts; shelf-brackets respectively pivotally mounted upon the end-posts adapted in use to be extended at right angles to the posts, and when

not in use to be folded over upon the posts; 45 and a shelf adapted to removably rest upon said shelf-brackets.

2. In a device of the class described, and in combination, a pair of end-posts having foldable foot-brackets and foldable shelf-brackets; a top-shelf removably supported by said shelf-brackets; a swing-shelf; and a plurality of sets of hooks of different lengths connected with said swing-shelf and severally engageable with said top-shelf each set being adapted alone to support said swing-shelf whereby said swing-shelf can be suspended from said top-shelf at different distances below the same by one set or another of said hooks interchangeably, said hooks 60 being severally foldable upon said shelf.

3. In a device of the class described, and in combination, a pair of end-posts; foot-brackets respectively pivoted upon the end-posts adapted in use to be extended at right angles to the posts, and when not in use to be folded over upon the posts; hook-connections for supporting the brackets when extended at right angles to the posts; and hook-connections for holding the brackets 70 when folded over upon the posts.

4. In a device of the class described, and in combination, a top-shelf; means for supporting the same; a swing-shelf; and a plurality of sets of hooks of different lengths connected with said swing-shelf and severally engageable with said top-shelf, whereby said swing-shelf can be suspended from said top-shelf at different distances below the same by one set or another of said hooks, 80 interchangeably.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 29th day of June, 1911.

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