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Fig. 1

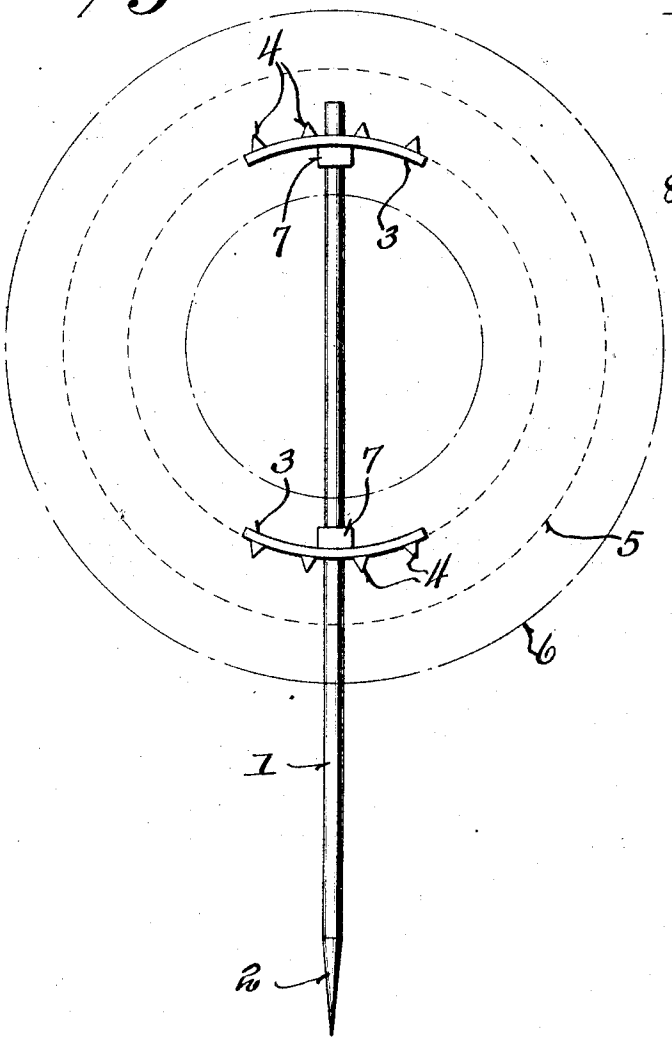
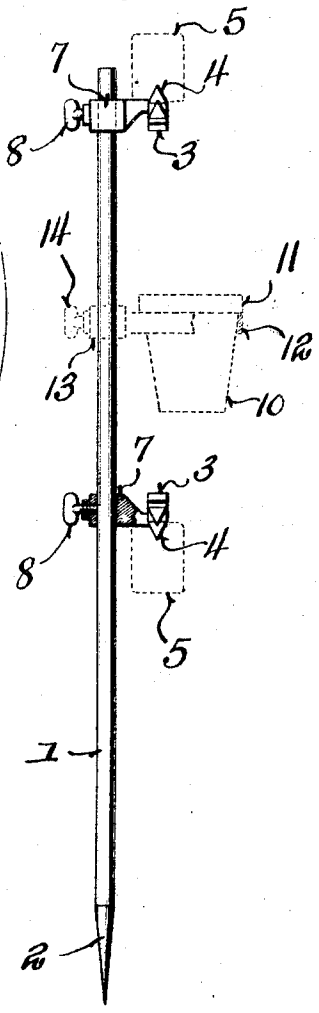


Fig. 2



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This invention relates to a combination wreath and bouquet holder for graves.

In decorating graves, it is well known that it is not permissible to hang the wreath on the stone headpiece, as it discolors the stone due to the wreath itself and also due to the metallic wires employed in making up the wreath. To overcome this, the wreaths have been stood up against props and various other devices, but it is apparent that a wind of moderate intensity will easily dislodge them and consequently remove them from their location. In addition to this, they do not present an attractive and desirable appearance and are not wholly satisfactory.

This invention is designed to overcome the defects noted above and objects of such invention are to provide a holder which is so constructed that it may be easily driven in the ground and is provided with means for rigidly clamping the body portion of the wreath at diametrically opposite points, and which is so made that the clamping portions or wreath engaging portions are completely hidden by the foliage or drapery of the wreath, so that the device is inconspicuous, although it is extremely rigid, sturdy, and secure in its engagement of the wreath.

A further object of this invention is to provide a device for engaging wreaths and for holding them in their correct position, and which is so constructed that the wreath engaging shoes or members are adjustable both towards and from each other and also up and down so that the exact height at which the wreath is to be supported may be easily obtained.

Further objects are to provide a device for holding wreaths which is of extremely simple and easily produced construction, which may be cheaply made, and which may, if desired, carry a bouquet holder as well as a wreath holder, such bouquet holder being also adjustably mounted upon the main stem or supporting portion.

An embodiment of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a front view of the device showing the wreath in dotted lines;

Figure 2 is a side elevation with the bottom holder partly in section, such view also showing the bouquet holder in dotted lines.

Referring to the drawings, it will be seen that the device comprises a rigid central stem 1 which is made of a steel or other metal rod and which is of sufficient rigidity to permit its ready driving into the ground. The lower end of this rod or stem is pointed, as indicated by the reference character 2, to aid in entering the ground.

An upper holder and a lower holder 3 are provided. Each of these holders consist of a curved plate having a plurality of outwardly projecting prongs 4 adapted to enter the solid or body portion 5 of the wreath 6. These plates, as stated, are curved and the prongs project from their outer faces so that the curved body portions may engage the inner solid portion of the wreath and the prongs may enter the solid portion. Each of the plates 3 is provided with a hub 7 which is apertured for the slidable reception of the stem 1. These hubs are provided with set screws or thumb screws 8 so that they may be locked to the stem 1 in any desired position of adjustment.

It is to be noted particularly that the inner border of the wreath, indicated by the circle 9, extends inwardly beyond the feet or engaging members 3 and consequently hides these members. All that is visible is a small portion of the central stem.

The stem is also adapted to carry a bouquet holder which may consist of a cup 10 provided with an upper flange 11 and carried within a ring-like support 12. This support is provided with a hub 13 equipped with a set screw or thumb screw 14 so that it may be adjustably locked to the stem 1, as shown in Figure 2.

It will be seen that a novel form of wreath holder has been provided by this invention which is of very simple and sturdy construction, which securely holds the wreath in the correct position, and which will resist considerable stresses even those due to high winds, for instance, and will not permit dislodging of the wreath.

It will be seen further that the device is so made that its parts may be adjusted to take any size wreath desired.

Further, it is to be noted that the device permits the carrying of a bouquet holder in addition to the wreath holder, and thus affords a combination of decoration holding devices which is highly serviceable in practice.

Although the invention has been described in considerable detail, such description is intended as illustrative rather than limiting as the invention may be variously em-

bodied and as the scope of such invention is to be determined as claimed.

We claim:

1. A wreath holding device comprising a stem adapted to be driven into the ground, a pair of wreath engaging members slidably carried by said stem and adapted for positioning in any desired location on said stem and with reference to each other, each of said members having outwardly projecting means for engaging the inner circumference of the wreath, and means for locking said members to the stem.

2. A wreath supporting member comprising a supporting stem adapted to be driven into the ground and being of rigid construction, a pair of wreath engaging members having curved body portions adapted to engage the body portion of the wreath and having outwardly projecting teeth adapted to enter the body portion of the wreath, said members each having hubs slidably carried by said stem, and thumb screws passing through said hubs and adapted to engage the stem to lock said members in their adjusted positions.

3. A wreath supporting member comprising a supporting stem adapted to be driven into the ground and being of rigid construction, a pair of wreath engaging members having curved body portions adapted to engage the body portion of the wreath and having outwardly projecting teeth adapted to enter the body portion of the wreath, said members each having hubs slidably carried by said stem, and thumb screws passing through said hubs and adapted to engage the stem to lock said members in their adjusted positions, and a bouquet holder having a hub slidably carried by said stem.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing we have hereunto set our hands at Oshkosh, in the county of Winnebago and State of Wisconsin.

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