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FLORAL BASKET

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Fig. 1.

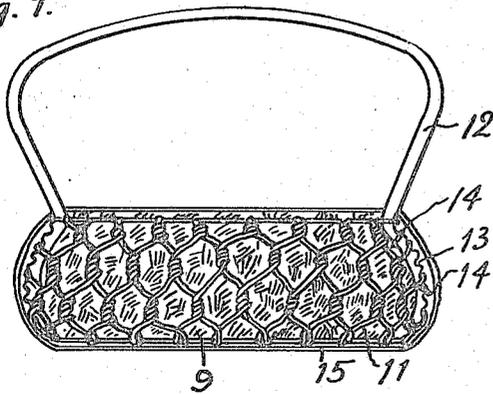


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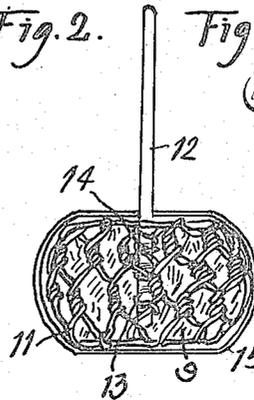


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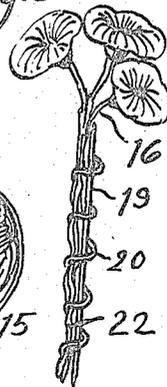


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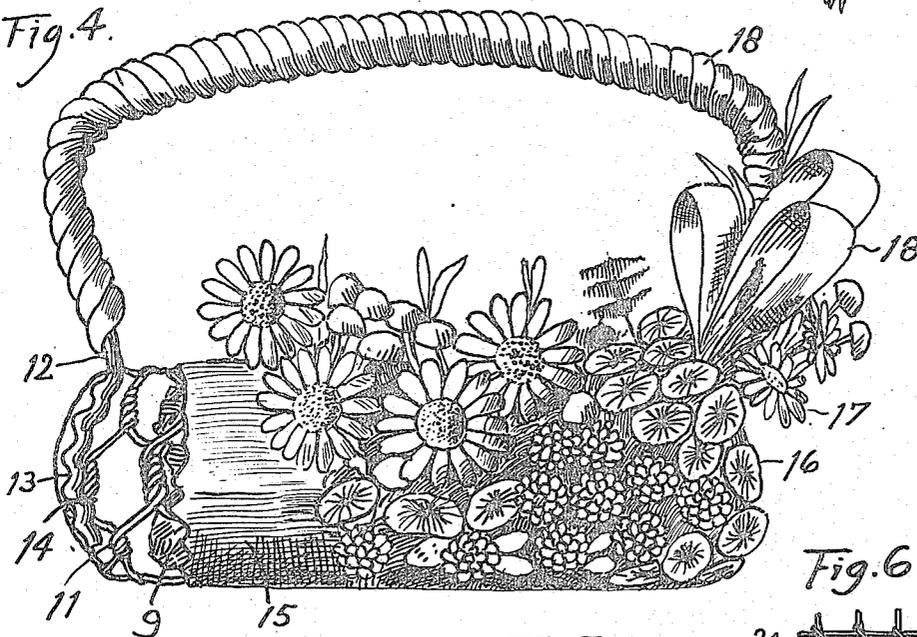


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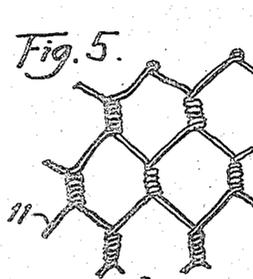
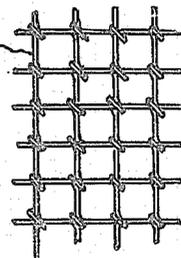


Fig. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, RYONOSUKE NISHIYAMA and KAIZO SUZUKI, subjects of the Emperor of Japan, residing in the city and county of Los Angeles, and State of California, have jointly invented a new and useful Floral Basket, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to a device adapted for flowers, floral ornaments, and decorative devices used in connection therewith.

The objects of the invention are, to produce a relatively light-weight receptacle or base composed of wire elements combined with a filler or content capable of retaining the flowers and floral objects in their respective display positions; to provide improved securing means for the flowers; and to improve generally devices of this character.

In carrying out this invention we utilize a sheet of wire netting for forming the body of the receptacle, preferably selecting a netting of such fineness of mesh as may be best adapted for the purpose intended, and mold the same into the desired form; enclosing in the netting a quantity of moss, or any equivalent substance, as for example, cotton batting, and encasing the body formed thereby in a paper fabric cover or envelope. The flowers and floral ornaments are preferably wired to reinforcing elements, consisting usually of wooden splints, or equivalent pieces of wire.

The device set forth herein, is particularly adapted for a receptacle or base for everlasting flowers, and may be molded into the form of a basket, or tray, a picture frame, and analogous articles.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device which may be covered with flowers or floral decorations on all sides, including the top and bottom; and to provide a device for the convenient transportation of cut flowers, floral decorations, and analogous articles.

Another object is to provide a device of this character having all of its sides relatively closed and capable of receiving and of retaining the floral elements as hereinafter set forth.

The drawings illustrate a preferred form of the invention, (in this case being a basket) but it is to be understood that minor changes

and alterations may be resorted to without sacrificing any of its advantages.

In the drawings; Figure 1 is a side elevation of a receptacle embodying our invention. Fig. 2 is an end view of the same. Fig. 3 is a detail view showing a flower provided with a reinforcing element and arranged for insertion in the receptacle body. Fig. 4 is an enlarged and detail view of the device. Fig. 5 is a fragmentary detail view of the wire netting which forms the body. Fig. 6 is a fragmentary detail view showing a modified form of the wire netting.

Referring to the drawings, the basket body 11 is formed from a wire netting, and is provided with a bail 12, forming a handle for the basket body. The bail 12 is provided with notched extremities 13, adapted to engage with the netting, and secured thereto by tie-wires 14. The notches prevent the bail from becoming detached from the body. The basket body is filled preferably with a prepared moss 9. Cotton batting, or any similar material may be considered the equivalent of the moss; the same being provided to secure and retain the floral elements in their respective display positions when mounted on the body. The body is covered with a paper fabric envelope 15, preferably colored to serve as a background for the flowers and other decorative elements. The paper envelope may be omitted if desired.

The body is covered with flowers 16 and 17, and provided with other decorative elements 18, in this case, consisting of a ribbon which is coiled around the bail 12. The flowers are secured to wooden splints 19, by tie-wires 20.

Fig. 6 shows a modified form of netting, which may be employed for constructing the body where greater rigidity is desired. This may be considered the equivalent of the netting shown in the remaining figures.

In use, the flowers are attached to the body or base, by inserting the flower stems 22, together with their reinforcing elements 19, in the moss content of the body. For such flower stems as do not require the reinforcing element, the same may be omitted.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the drawings, it may be seen that we have provided a simple and efficient floral receptacle or basket, for contain-

ing flowers, and a receptacle or basket that may be readily molded to the preferred form with the hands, and that may be constructed at a minimum of expense.

5 The invention may be embodied in a floral basket as shown, or in a frame for pictures, a spherical form, or any preferred decorative form, each capable of receiving and retaining the flowers and floral decorations at
10 the top, sides or bottom, and each serving as an efficient retaining receptacle therefor.

What is claimed is:

1. The combination with a basket body consisting of wire netting forming the sides,
15 top and bottom of the body, of a bail therefor, a light and spongy material forming the content of the body, and a paper fabric cover for the body.

2. The combination with a wire netting
20 body having all of its sides and top and bottom enclosed, of a moss or equivalent material forming a filler for the body, and a paper fabric envelope encasing the wire netting.

25 3. In a floral device, the combination with a basket body formed from wire netting, of a bail forming a handle therefor, a moss content within the body, and a paper fabric cover for the body.

30 4. In a floral device, the combination with a basket body formed from wire netting, of a bail element forming a handle therefor, notched extremities on the bail element, tie-wires securing the bail to the netting and
35 passing over the notched extremities, a moss content within the body, and a fabric cover for the body encasing the netting.

5. In a floral device, the combination with

a basket body of netting, and a bail element forming the handle thereof, of a moss content within the body, a paper fabric cover for the body, a series of wooden splints
40 piercing the paper fabric and having one extremity embedded in the moss content, and a series of flowers secured to the splints. 45

6. In a floral basket, the combination with a body of wire netting, of a moss content within the body, a paper fabric cover for the body, a series of flowers, and splints reinforcing the flowers and having one
50 extremity embedded in the moss content of the body.

7. The combination with a basket body formed from wire netting, a bail handle therefor, and means for securing the bail to the body, of a paper fabric cover enveloping the body, and a moss content within the netting. 55

8. In a floral basket, the combination with a body of netting and capable of being moulded with the hands, of a bail element secured thereto to form the handle, and a moss content within the body. 60

9. In a floral basket, the combination with a mouldable body, of a bail forming the handle thereof, means for securing the bail to the body, a moss content for the body, a paper fabric covering the body, a series of splints piercing the paper fabric and having one end embedded in the moss, flowers secured to the splints, and wire tie-elements securing the flowers. 65 70

In testimony whereof, we hereunto affix our signatures.

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