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Flower Pot.

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Fig. 1.

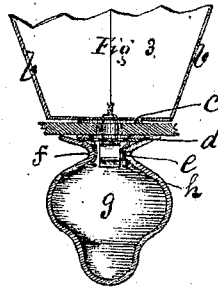
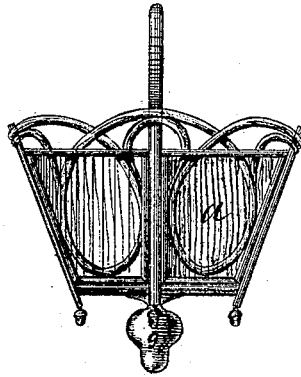


Fig. 4.

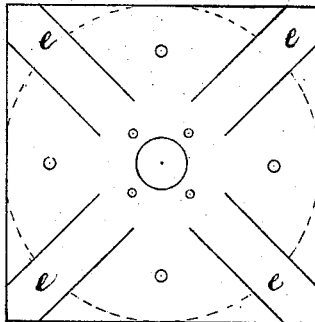
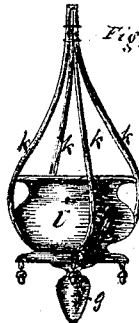


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN FLOWER-POTS, VASES, AND BASKETS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS McCLUNIE, of the city and county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Flower-Baskets, Vases, Pots, &c.; and to enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, I will proceed to describe, referring to the drawing, in which the same letters indicate like parts in each of the figures.

This invention relates to an attachment to the bottom or under side of a hanging basket, pot, or flower-stand, which both renders it useful and ornamental.

It consists of a metal plate, having an opening near its center, and provided with an elastic or spring clasp or holder to hold a glass reservoir, so that it can be easily and quickly removed and replaced, the object of which is to catch the drip from the pot or vase, and also to allow the vapor therefrom to ascend through said opening to the earth in the stand, vase, or basket, thus avoiding extreme wet or extreme drouth, which is so hurtful to plants.

There must necessarily be a hole or holes in the bottom of the basket, vase, or stand, but the apparatus can be fastened to the bottom, where only one hole is provided, in the center of the bottom.

It has been objectionable to have hanging baskets or vases in a room or veranda because of the drippings. To obviate this objection is the production of this improvement.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figures 1 and 2 are side elevations of this invention.

Figure 3 is a sectional side elevation of this invention.

Figure 4 is a piece of sheet-metal, showing how it is first cut to be formed into one of these elastic spring-clasp holders, by means of which the globe or reservoir is held closely to the under side of the bottom of the pot or vase, and so that it can be easily and quickly attached and detached therefrom when desirable.

*a* is a pot or vase for growing flower-plants, formed

of one piece of wood, or of fancy-work or sprigs or sprouts.

*b* is an earthen or metal lining arranged inside of the body of the vase or basket.

*c* is a concave drip-plate, which is arranged on the bottom of the basket, and conducts waste water to its center orifice, thence to the drip-reservoir.

*d* is an elastic spring holder, the prongs *e* of which are bent S-shape, so that the neck *f* of the reservoir or globe *g* may be pushed over the bilge portion *h* of the elastic spring-holder prongs *e*, and be held closely thereby to the bottom or under side of the basket or vase.

This holder is secured to the bottom or under side of the vase or basket by means of screws, or by wiring through the orifice in the bottom.

I sometimes arrange a washer of India rubber or other suitable material between the holder-plate, (near its outer edge) and the bottom of the vase or basket, to prevent water from dripping over its edge, (see fig. 4.)

The upper end, or this reservoir-plate is formed concave, to conduct the drip-water toward its center orifice, and into the body thereof; thus this reservoir or globe can be easily and quickly removed and replaced at pleasure.

The urn or vase *i* is turned or formed of one piece of wood, and is provided with ornamental pendants *k*.

I believe I have thus shown the nature, construction, and advantage of this invention, so as to enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same therefrom.

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

The elastic spring holder *d*, the vase or basket and globe or reservoir *g*, constructed and arranged substantially as set forth.

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