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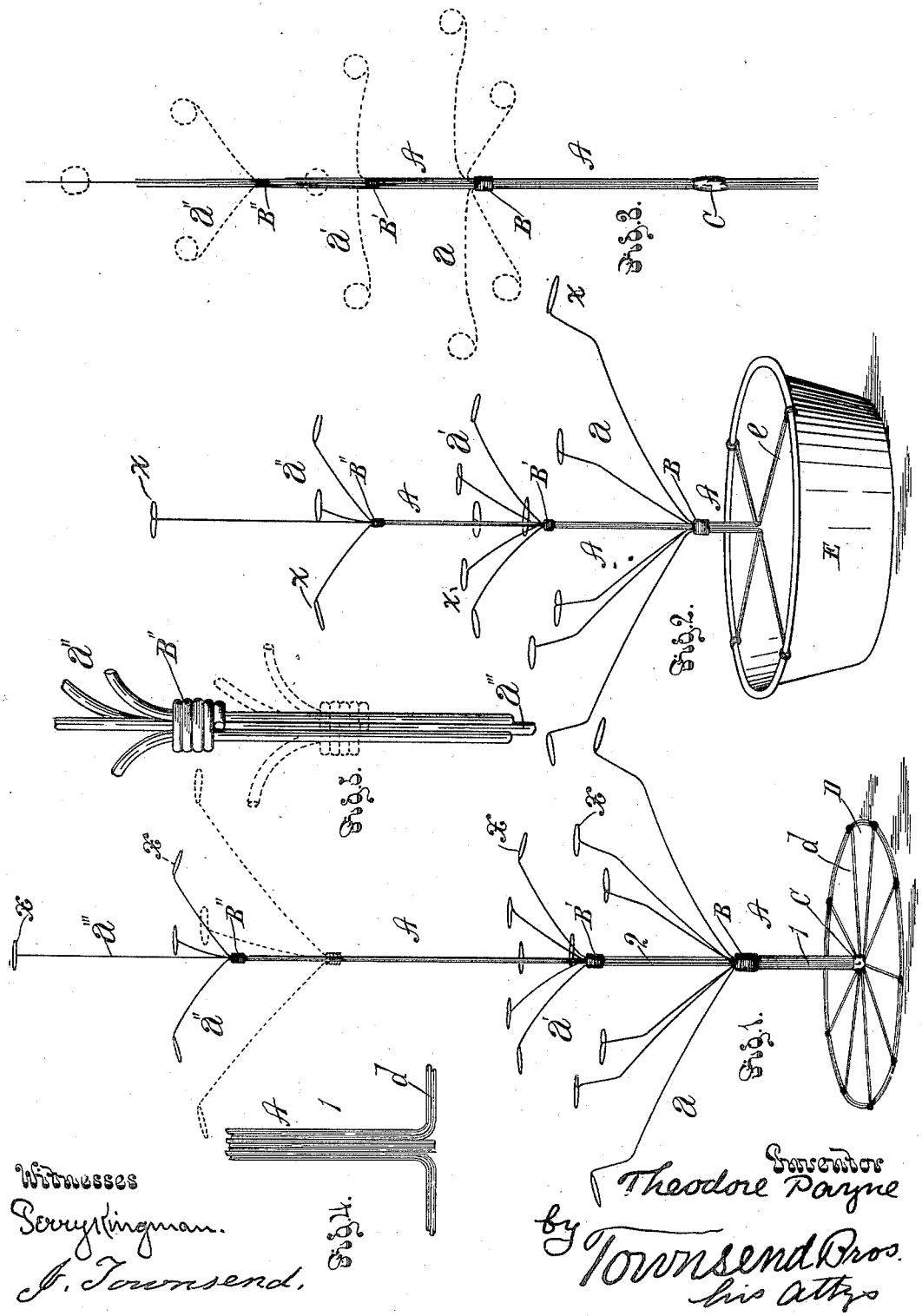

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To all whom it may concern.

Be it known that I, THEODORE PAYNE, a citizen of Great Britain, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Flower-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a superior flower-holder for the use of florists and others for exhibition and other purposes.

The accompanying drawings illustrate my invention in some of the forms in which it is employed.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved flower-holder provided with a base upon which it is to sit. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the holder provided with a basin to hold water for the lower ends of the flower-stems. Fig. 3 is a view of a holder folded for shipment. Dotted lines indicate arms extended for use. Fig. 4 is a detail of the base of the standards shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Fig. 5 is a detail of a fragment of the standard. Dotted lines indicate a different position of parts.

My improved flower-holder comprises a plurality of sets of wires $a\,a'\,a''$ of various lengths, arranged in a bundle to form the standard A of the holder. Said wires preferably terminate at different heights from the bottom of the standard. B indicates a band around all of said wires, and above said band there are one or more other bands, as B′ B″, around wires of the standard, the successive bands B B′ B″ from the base of the holder upward being around successively-fewer wires—that is to say, there are a plurality of bands, as B B′ B″, upon said standard, and the wires bound by said bands respectively successively decrease in number from the base toward the top of the holder. The bands are preferably slidable, so that they can be respectively set at different heights upon the standard. The wires in the lower stem 1 of the standard are preferably fastened together by solder or otherwise, as at C, and the wires below the place where they are thus bound are to be bent outward, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2, when it is desired to provide a base upon which the standard will stand. These wires may be connected with a ring D, as in Fig. 1, or they may be connected with the rim of a vessel E, as indicated in Fig. 2, when it is desired to provide the flowers with water in which the stems can stand. The lower section 1 of the standard is formed of all the wires of the standard, and the band B, which is preferably made of a coil of wire, as clearly shown in Fig. 5, forms the top of said section 1 of the standard, and when the device is to be used the wires a are bent out above the band and are formed into loops x, through which the individual stems of the flowers to be exhibited may be inserted. The second section 2 of the standard is formed of the remainder of the wires $a'\,a''\,a'''$, and the wires a' are held to the wires $a''\,a'''$ by the band B′, and above the band the wires a' are bent out, and their ends are bent into loops x for holding the flowers. The band B″ holds the remainder of the wires $a''\,a'''$ together, and above this band the wires a'' are bent out, leaving the central wire a''' to project upward. All of the wires are provided at their upper ends with the loops x. The bands B B′ B″ are preferably slidable, so that the points at which the wires bend away from the standard in their respective sets $a\,a'\,a''$ can be made to vary at pleasure of the arranger.

d in Fig. 1 indicates the wires at the bottom of the standard, which are bent out radially to form the base for the standard.

e in Fig. 2 indicates like wires bent out to bridge the space above the vessel E.

In practice the flower-holder when prepared for shipment will consist of a straight bundle of wires held together as indicated in Fig. 3. The wires in this form will be shipped to the florist or other dealer or user, and before use the wires are to be bent outward from the rings or bands B B′ B″ and bent into the appropriate positions. The bands will be slid along the standard to the points, respectively, at which it is desired the different sets of arms shall project.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A flower-holder comprising a plurality of sets of bendable wires of various lengths arranged in a bundle to form the standard of the holder; said wires terminating at different heights from the bottom of the standard; a band around all of said wires; and above said band one or more bands around wires of

the standard; the successive bands from the base of the holder upward being around successively-fewer wires.

2. A flower-holder comprising a plurality of sets of bendable wires arranged in a bundle to form the standard of the holder; and a plurality of bands upon said standard; the wires bound by said bands respectively, successively decreasing in number from the base toward the top of the holder.

3. A flower-holder comprising a plurality of bendable wires arranged in a bundle to form the standard of the holder and a plurality of slidable bands upon said standard; the wires bound by said bands respectively, successively decreasing in number from the base toward the top of the holder.

4. A flower-holder comprising a plurality of wires arranged in a bundle to form a standard; said wires being fastened at a point and bent radially therefrom to form a base; and a plurality of bands upon the standard; the wires bound by said bands respectively, successively decreasing in number from base toward the top of the holder.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, at Los Angeles, California, this 16th day of September, 1899.

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