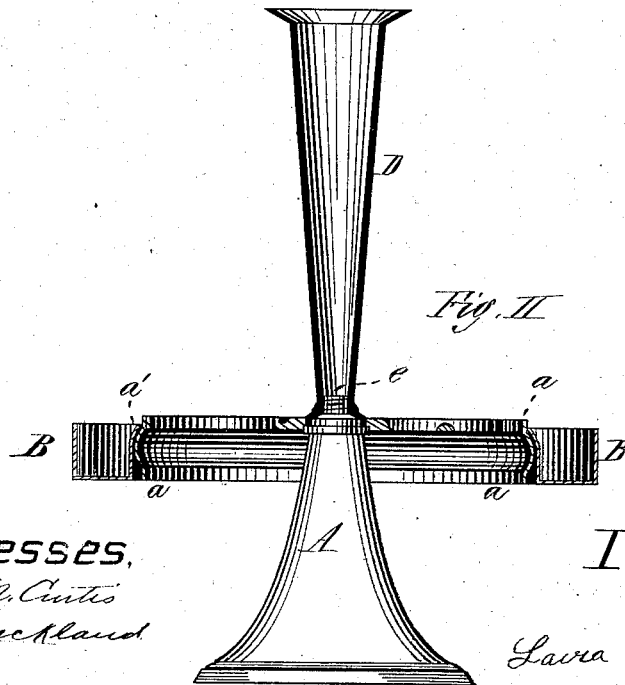
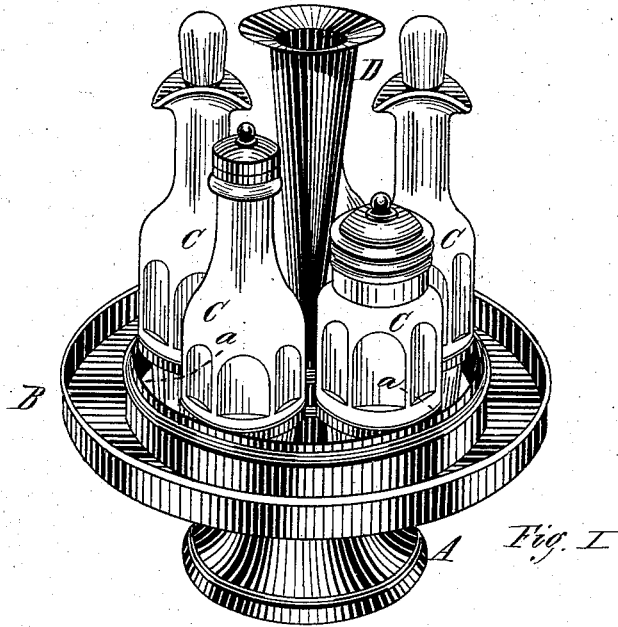


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IMPROVEMENT IN ATTACHMENTS FOR CASTERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LAURA B. BARKER, of Springfield, in the State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Attachment for Table-Casters; and that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The object of my invention is to provide a caster or bottle-holder with a receptacle for flowers, so that they may be placed therein to decorate the caster or holder, and kept fresh, if desired, by putting sufficient water in the receptacle with the flowers for that purpose.

To this end my invention consists, first, of an annular trough arranged to be attached, either permanently or temporarily, to the rim of the bottle-holder; and it also consists of a vase arranged to be similarly attached to the base at the top, in place of the ordinary handle, in which to place flowers and water, and by which the holder may be lifted and carried, as will be more fully hereinafter described.

Figure I is a perspective view of a table-caster having my invention applied, and Fig. II is a vertical central section of the same.

In the drawings, A represents the base of an ordinary table-caster, provided with the usual ring *a*, in which are the receptacles to hold the bottles, made in any of the well-known forms.

As ordinarily constructed, the handles of table-casters are made with a threaded hole at the lower end, to screw onto a threaded nipple, *e*, made on the top of the base A.

In the application of the vase to the caster I remove the handle, and turn on, in its place,

a vase, (shown at D,) which may be of any height and size, and ornamented to any desired degree, by chasing, engraving, or by any other means, said vase being provided with a threaded hole at the bottom, to screw onto the nipple *e* when the handle is removed. The vase, however, may be made permanent, with scroll-work added, if desired, so that the vase may serve as the permanent handle.

B is a trough, of any desired form in its cross-section, annular in its general plan, or of such shape as to fit the caster properly, but is made of somewhat less diameter inside, at *a'*, or at the top than at the bottom, or is provided at the top with a horizontal flange or projection, so that it may be placed over the ring *a*, and pass down, partially, all around, and rest upon or fit the ring *a*, as shown clearly in Fig. II.

A caster or bottle-holder decorated with flowers, as provided for by this invention, and placed upon the table, adds much to the cheerful appearance in the dressing of the table; and as water may be placed in the trough and vase, the flowers will keep fresh for a long time.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

1. The combination of the bottle-ring *a* with the annular trough B, substantially as and for the purpose herein described.

2. The combination of the vase D with the base A and bottle-ring *a*, substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

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