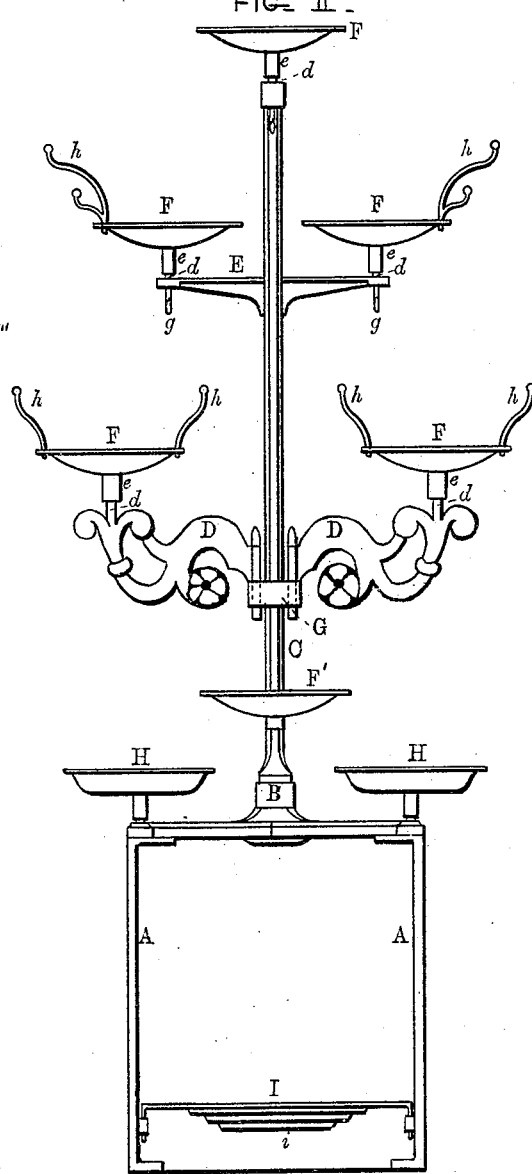
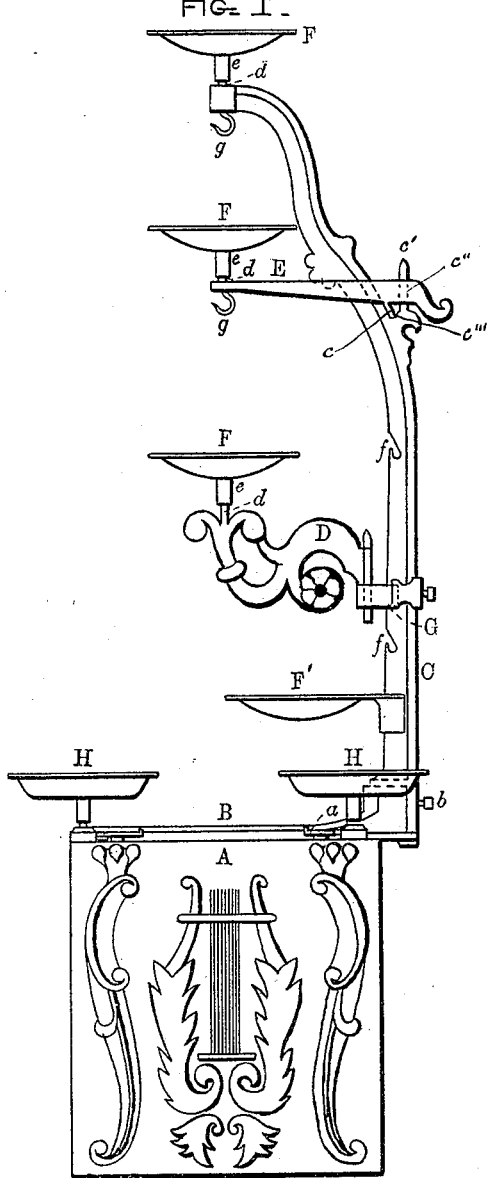


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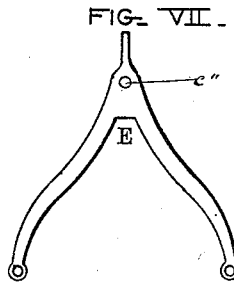
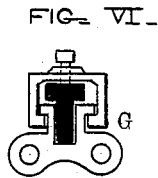
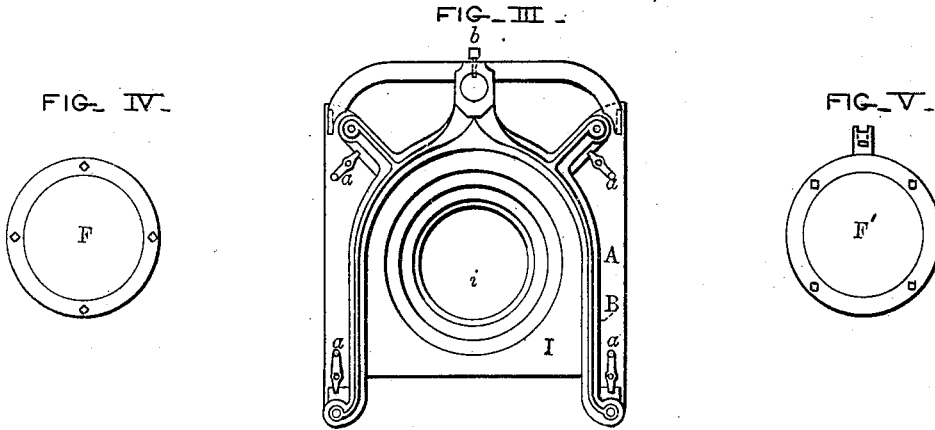
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IMPROVEMENT IN FLOWER-STANDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD MURDOCK, of the city of Baltimore and State of Maryland, have invented an Improved Stand for Supporting Flower-Pots and Hanging Flower-Baskets, of which the following is a specification; and I do hereby declare that in the same is contained a full, clear, and exact description of my said invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

This invention relates to certain improvements in the manner of constructing a stand for flower-pots, hanging flower-baskets, and other ornamental articles, as will hereinafter fully appear.

In the description of the said invention which follows, reference is made to the accompanying drawing, forming a part hereof, and in which—

Figures 1 and 2 are, respectively, a side and a front view of the invention; and Fig. 3, a plan of certain parts of the same. Figs. 4, 5, 6, and 7 are views of detached parts of the invention.

Similar letters of reference indicate similar parts in all the views.

A is the base of the stand, consisting of two ornamental plates having flanged upper edges, to which the foot B of the frame C is removably attached by means of buttons *a*. The frame C is formed of an ornamental bar, the lower end of which rests in a socket in the foot B, and held therein by a set-screw, *b*.

The frame C is provided with a series of removable arms or branches, D D and E, each one of which supports one or more removable holders, F F', for flower-pots or other receptacles for plants. The arms D are pivoted to a clamp, G, fastened to the frame C in such manner as to be adjustable in height. The arm E is bifurcated or branched and provided with a projection, *c*, and a pin-hole, *c''*. The frame C has a pin, *c'*, at the rear thereof, and a depression, *c'''*, in which the projection *c* of the arm E rests. The pin *c'* fits in the pin-hole *c''*, by which means, and the aid of the projection *c* resting in the depression *c'''*, the arm E is held in a horizontal position, as

shown. In Fig. 7 a top view of the bifurcated arm E is shown.

By reference to the drawing it will be seen that the flower-pot holders F are supported centrally by pins *d*, which enter sockets *e* in the under side of the holders, and the one F', by a peripheral socket, adapted to rest upon any one of a series of pins, *f*, formed by notching the frame C, as shown. In Fig. 5 a top or plan view of the holder F' is illustrated.

In addition to the flower-pot holders F F', the device is provided with trays H, corresponding closely with the said holders in shape, which are supported directly by the foot B of the frame. The bifurcated arm E and the upper end of the frame C are furnished with hooks *g* for suspending baskets of flowers, and the flower-pot holders F F' are supplied with hooks or with removable brackets *h* for a similar purpose. The removable brackets *h* enter perforations in the flower-pot holders, which are shown in Figs. 4 and 5 of the drawing.

The clamp G hereinbefore alluded to is formed in two parts to admit of its being applied to the frame. The formation of this clamp is illustrated in Fig. 6, which is a section of the frame C above the clamp, and shows the said parts on an enlarged scale.

The lower ends of the plates constituting the base A are attached together by means of a removable plate, I, having a central depression, *i*, for supporting a larger and heavier flower-pot than could be held by the holders F F'.

This invention admits of elaborate ornamentation, and can be constructed to have a very pleasing effect. It is cheaply formed, having no parts requiring expensive fitting, and is adapted for house or conservatory use.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and wish to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. The frame C, having the pin *c'* and the depression *c'''*, combined with the bifurcated arm E, having the projection *c* and pin-hole *c''*, substantially as specified.

2. The frame C and clamp G, the latter being constructed in two parts, and having perforations, as shown, combined with the re-

movable arms D, having pins which rest in the perforations of said clamp, substantially as described.

3. The combination of the base A and removable depressed plate I, substantially as specified.

4. The base A, having a flanged top and buttons *a*, combined with the frame C, having the foot B, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 27th day of February, in the year of our Lord 1878.

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