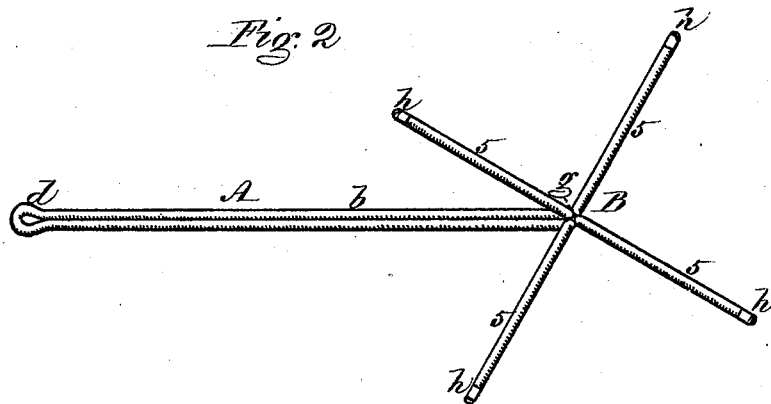
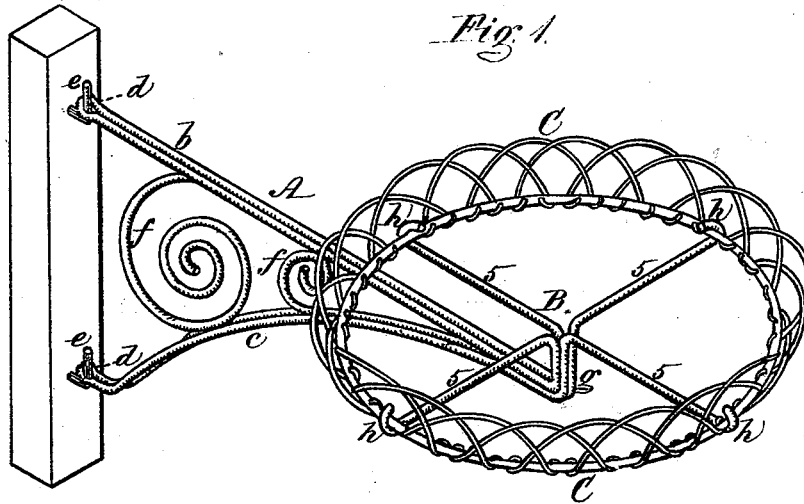


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSMORE A. BINGHAM, of Keene, in the county of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire, have invented an Improvement in Wire Bracket-Stands for Flower-Pots, &c., of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved wire bracket-stand. Fig. 2 is a plan of the same with the wire rim or flange removed.

My invention has for its object to provide a light and inexpensive bracket-stand, which can be readily secured to a wall or removed therefrom, and which will be sufficiently stiff and rigid to support a heavy flower-pot or other article without liability of being bent or broken; and consists in a wire bracket-stand composed of an upper portion and a lower portion, the wires of these portions being brought together to form an arm, from which point they diverge, forming a support for a flower-pot or other article; and my invention also consists in the combination, with the above, of a removable wire ring held in place by hooks at the ends of the diverging wires, which are adapted to spring over the edge of the ring, which serves as a flange or guard to prevent the pot or other article from slipping off the stand.

To enable others skilled in the art to understand and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the manner in which I have carried it out.

In the said drawings, A represents the arm of the bracket-stand, which is composed of an upper portion, *b*, and a lower portion, *c*, each formed of a single piece of wire of suitable size bent double, the bight at the inner end being spread slightly, so as to leave a loop or eye, *d*, these eyes being adapted to fit over bent pins or hooks *e*, which may be screwed or driven into the wall, window-casing, or other surface to which the bracket-stand is to be attached, this method of fastening leaving it free to swing laterally in either direction.

Between the portions *b c*, and extending from one to the other, are secured, by solder or otherwise, one or more wire braces or stiffeners, *f*, of any desired form, which render the arm A more ornamental, and also give it additional strength and rigidity; but if the wire of the portions *b c* is of sufficient thickness, the brace or braces *f* may be dispensed with.

At the outer end of the arm A the portions *b c* are brought together, united by solder or otherwise, and turned up vertically, forming a neck, *g*, from the top of which the four ends or portions, *5*, of the wires are bent so as to diverge from the neck *g* as a center, thus forming a stand or platform, B, for supporting a flower-pot or any other article which may be placed thereon.

The outer end of each of the wires *5* is bent to form a hook, *h*, which is adapted to spring over the lower edge of a removable wire rim or ring, C, which forms a flange or guard to prevent the pot or other article on the stand from sliding off therefrom when it is swung to one side, or being otherwise accidentally displaced.

The ring C may be made as ornamental as desired by bending the wire of which it is formed into a variety of shapes; and by making this ring removable, as shown, the bracket-stand can be packed more compactly for shipment, thus economizing space to a considerable extent where large quantities are being transported.

I do not confine myself to making the portions *b c* of the bracket-arm of doubled wire, as shown, as the wire may be twisted; or each portion *b c* may be made of a single strand or thickness of wire, or of any number of lengths or strands, arranged parallel with each other, or twisted together for the whole or a portion of their length, without departing from the spirit of my invention.

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

1. A wire bracket-stand composed of an upper portion, *b*, and a lower portion, *c*, formed of wires bent at their outer ends so as to diverge from the point *g*, where they unite and

form a support or stand, B, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. A wire bracket-stand composed of an upper portion, *b*, and a lower portion, *c*, formed of wires bent at their outer ends so as to diverge from the point *g*, where they unite and form a support or stand, B, in combination with the removable wire ring or flange C, held

by the hooks *h* at the ends of the wires, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

Witness my hand this 1st day of January, A. D. 1879.

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