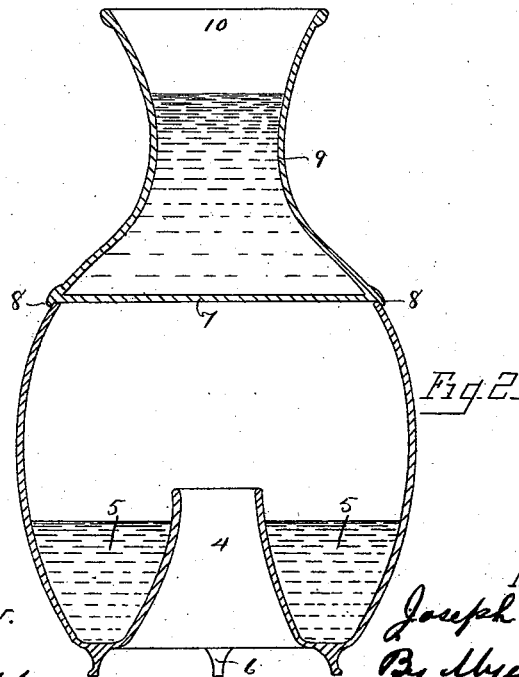
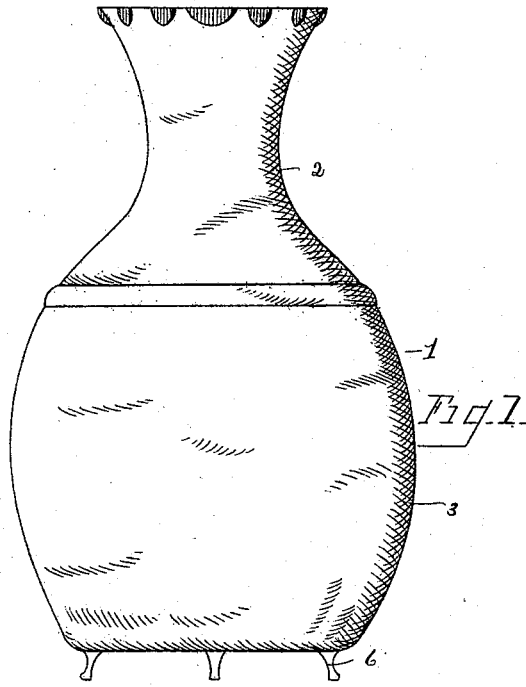


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH ROSENFELD, of Toledo, in the county of Lucas and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful  
5 Improvements in a Combined Flower-Holder and Fly-Trap; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains  
10 to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification.

This invention relates to a combined flower-  
15 holder and fly-trap.

As a rule, a fly-trap is an unsightly object and not fit to form an article of table-ware, nor, indeed, to be in view where persons are eating, inasmuch as the sight of a number of  
20 dead and dying flies is not conducive to giving one an appetite. The principal objection to having the trap exposed is this: that the captive flies are plainly to be seen, and to persons having a weak stomach the sight is  
25 disgusting in the extreme.

It is the object of this invention to overcome these objections by producing a fly-trap the appearance of which will fail to offend the sight of the most fastidious, even when  
30 placed upon a table with other articles of table-ware; and to these ends the invention consists, broadly, in a combined flower or bouquet holder and fly-trap.

The invention further consists in the various novel details of construction, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, and in which like numerals of reference indicate corresponding  
40 parts, I have illustrated one form of device embodying the essential features of my invention, although the same may be carried into effect in other ways without in the least departing from the spirit thereof.

45 In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of the device; and Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the same, showing its peculiar construction.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates the  
50 device, consisting of the flower-holder 2 and

fly-trap 3, the two parts forming a vase-like structure, which may be ornamented in any manner to produce a neat and finished effect. The fly-trap 3 is constructed of a bowl-like receptacle, having its bottom formed into an  
55 upwardly-extending truncated cone-shaped annulus 4, forming, in conjunction with the receptacle, an annular trough or reservoir 5, in which is placed a suitable substance for attracting the flies, legs 6 being employed to  
60 elevate the device a sufficient distance from the table to admit of the passage of a fly's body beneath the same, and also to permit of placing thereunder any saccharine or other  
65 substance to attract the insects. The flower-holder 2, which forms the cover for the fly-trap, is formed with a base 7, having a depending flange 8, adapted to fit around the  
70 mouth of the trap 3, which flange, being slightly larger in diameter than the remainder of the holder, forms an ornamental bead. The upper part is contracted to form a neck  
75 9, from which point it flares outward and forms a mouth 10, which is ornamented in any desired manner.

The entire device may be made either of a transparent or a translucent glass, or of any other suitable material.

In operation the flower-holder is removed and the reservoir filled with a suitable liquid, after which the said holder is replaced, and, if desired, is filled with water, when a bouquet may be placed therein. The device is then placed upon a table, a lump of sugar or other  
85 substance to attract the flies being placed beneath the bottom, and will form an ornament instead of an object of disgust. When a fly has once reached the interior of the trap, it will not be liable to get out, and in case the liquid is poisoned it will fall therein and not  
90 on the table.

The removal of the top or bouquet-holder renders it convenient to empty and cleanse the lower portion.

Having thus fully described my invention, 95 what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with a bowl having an inwardly-projecting centrally-perforated bottom and integral legs, of a water-receptacle 100

having a base, a contracted neck, and a flaring mouth, the sides of the water-receptacle aligning with the sides of the bowl, and an annular flange integral with the base of the  
5 water-receptacle and adapted to embrace the top edges of the bowl, while the base of the receptacle rests upon the bowl.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I hereby affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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