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Flower-Stands.

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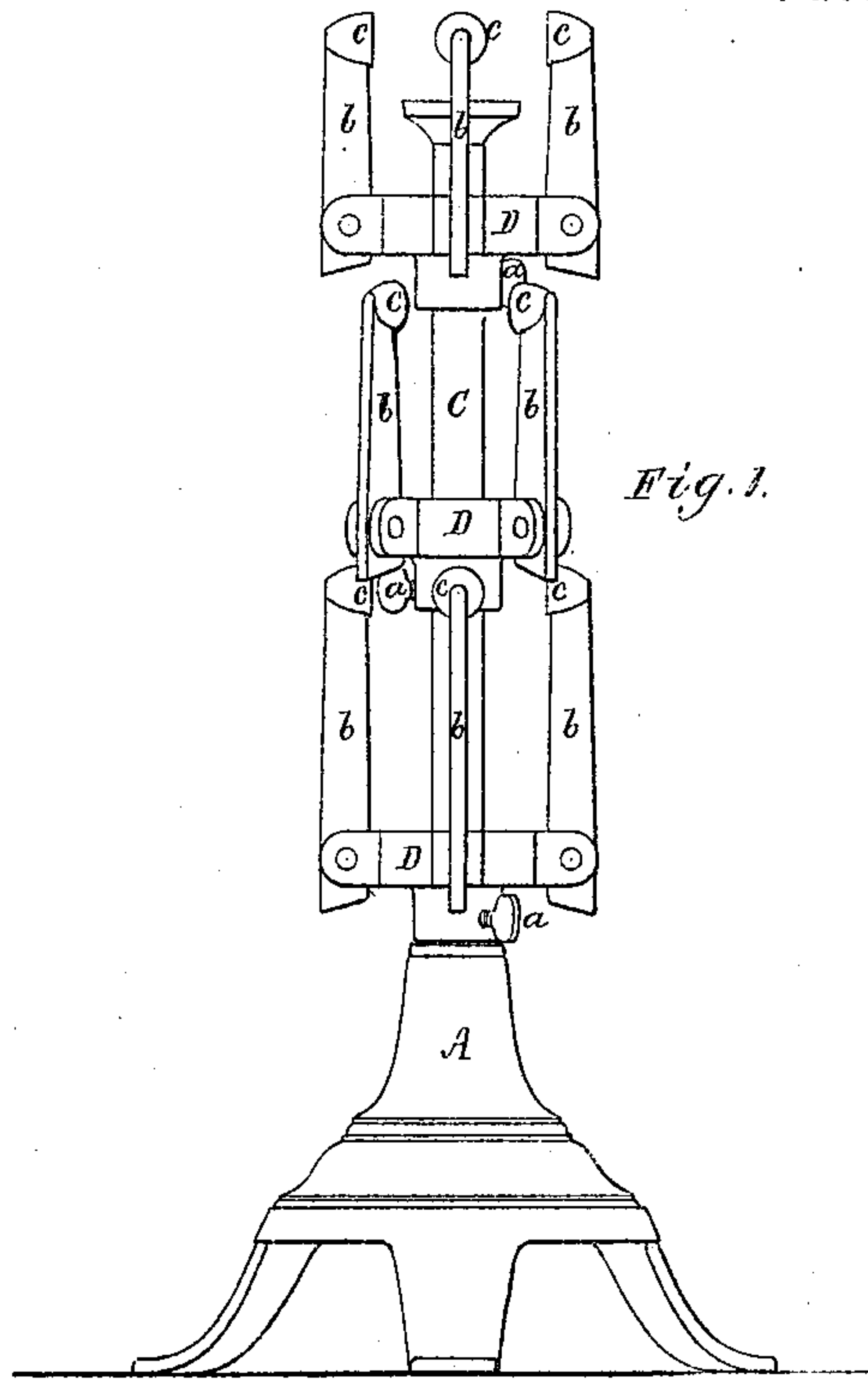


Fig. 1.

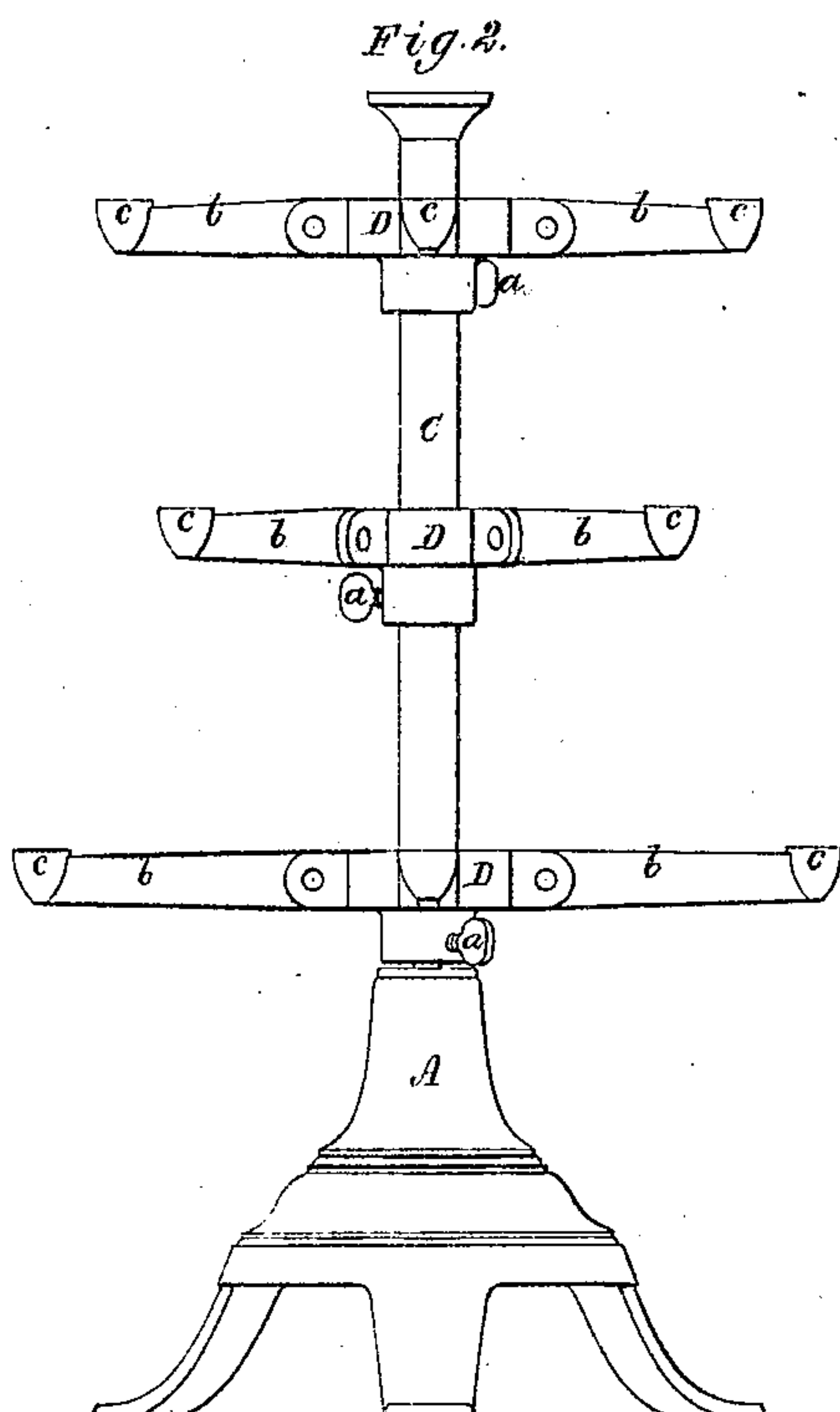


Fig. 2.

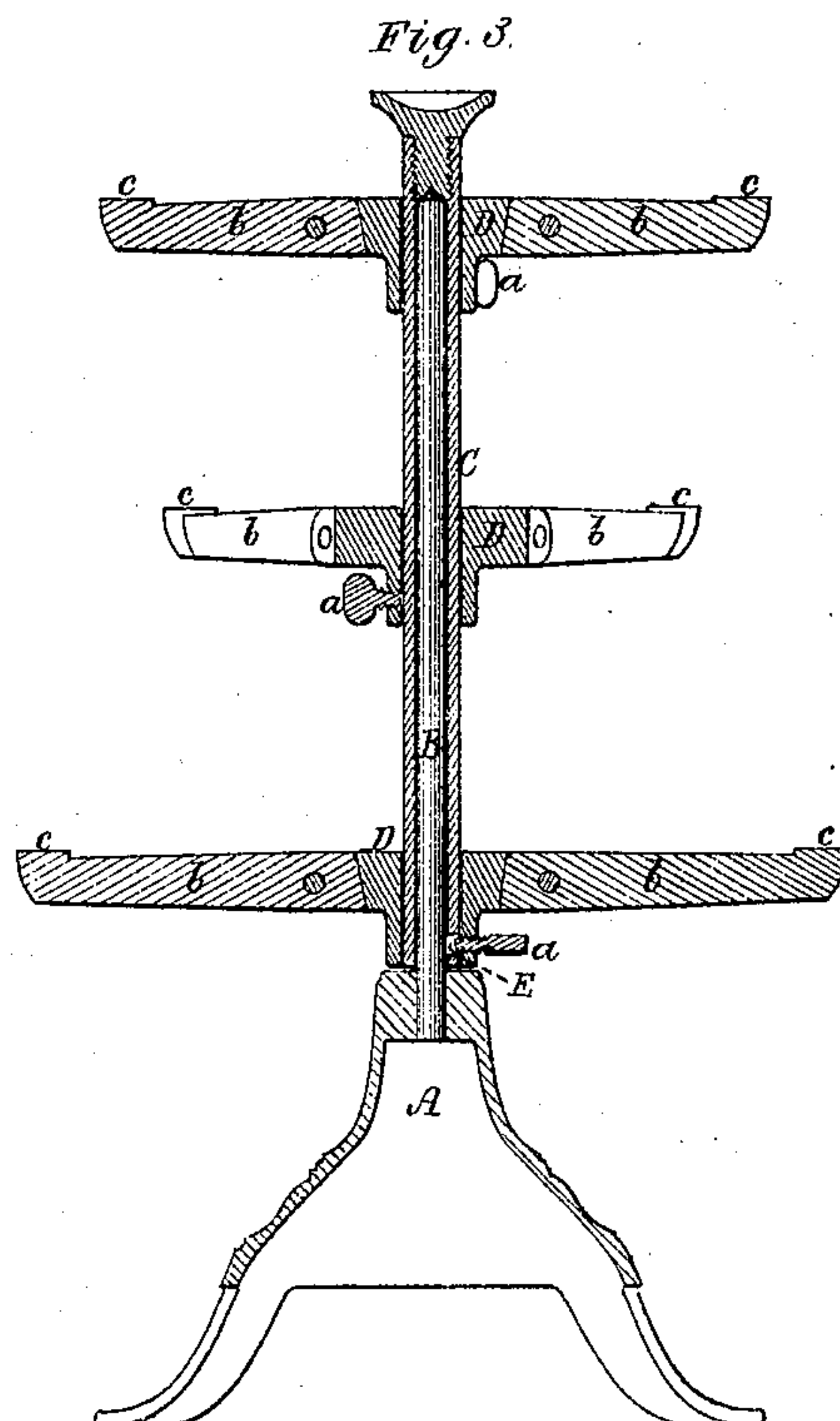


Fig. 3.

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IMPROVEMENT IN FLOWER-STANDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES C. KELLEY, of Boston, Suffolk county, Massachusetts, have invented certain Improvements in Flower or Exhibition Stands, of which the following is a specification:

This device is intended as a flower-stand, so-called, upon which plants may be placed so as to display them to the best advantage, present them favorably to the rays of the sun, and economize space in the apartment; or the device may be adapted to store-windows or other localities upon which to exhibit various articles of ornament or use.

The drawings accompanying this specification represent in Figure 1, a side elevation of my invention in a folded or contracted condition, and in Fig. 2 a like view of it in an extended state or ready for use, while Fig. 3 is a vertical section under the latter condition.

In these drawings, A represents an ornamental pedestal or base, upon which is erected an upright rod or post, B, the height of which is determined by the size or capacity of the stand. Encompassing freely the rod or post B is a tube, C, while upon this tube I mount several tubular disks or heads, D D, &c., which slide freely upon it, and are secured to it by set-screws *a*, &c., in order that their relative positions thereupon may be varied at pleasure. Each head or disk D is provided with a series of arms, *b b*, radiating from it, and pivoted to it in such manner as to be lowered into a horizontal position, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, when in use, or folded in an upright position, as shown in Fig. 1, when not in use. Each arm, *b*, is to be provided at its outer extremity with a shelf, *c*, upon which flower-pots or other objects are to be deposited,

and this shelf may be removable, in order, when the device is in a contracted state, it may be stowed in as small compass as possible.

It will be seen that as the entire cluster of arms or supports turn upon the rod B, I am enabled to change their position at pleasure, while as each head D may be raised or lowered or rotated upon such post, I am enabled to dispose each set of arms to the best advantage.

When the device is not in use, and is to be stowed away or transported, the arms *b b* are to be turned or folded inward into an upright position, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, and thus greatly reduce the bulk of the entire structure.

The lower part of the tube C is formed with a hole, E, to receive the set-screw of the lower head D, and when the device is in a folded state and not in use, the screw is to be advanced through this hole and against the post B, by which means rotation of the said tube upon the post is prevented.

My invention may be made very ornamental, and thus become an attractive feature in any apartment, while the variety of position in which its arms may be placed exhibit flowering plants or shrubs to great advantage.

I claim—

In a flower-stand, the combination of the stationary post B, the sleeve or tubular support C, adapted to rotate on said post as its axis, and the series of brackets or shelves mounted and adjustable on and moving with said sleeve, as and for the purposes shown and set forth.

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