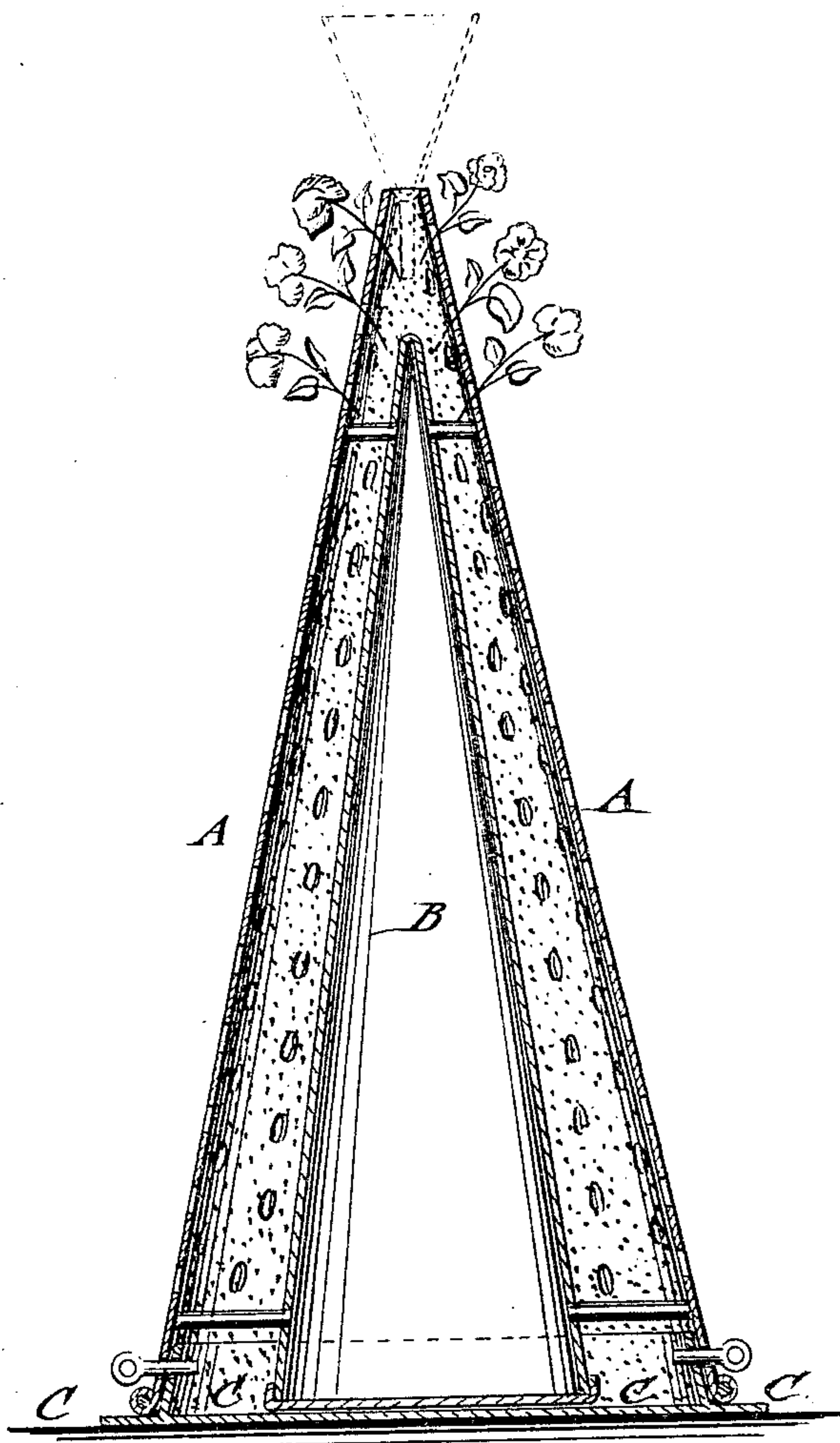


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FLOWER FRAME.

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IMPROVEMENT IN FLOWER-FRAMES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES S. ARCHER, of Hanover, in the county of Jefferson and State of Indiana, have invented a new and Improved Flower-Frame, of which the following is a specification:

The accompanying drawing represents a vertical central section of my improved flower-frame.

The object of this invention is to provide for florists and others a frame on which flowers may be arranged in the shape of a pyramid, goblet, bouquet, or other ornamental design; and the invention consists of an outer perforated section in connection with an interior section or core of corresponding shape secured thereto, the whole being closed by a bottom part to retain the moistened sand placed between the outer and inner sections.

In the drawing, A represents the outer section of my improved flower-frame, which is made of sheet metal or other material, in the shape of a cone, sphere, or other round body, accordingly as a pyramid, bouquet, goblet, or other ornamental design is to be produced.

The outer section A is perforated in suitable manner for arranging the flowers artistically in the perforations, the outside being preferably painted green, to show as little as possible when the flowers are arranged thereon. The interior section or core B corresponds in shape to the outer section, being, as near

as possible, equidistant from the same, and forming a space that is packed with wet or moist sand for keeping the flowers in fresh state. The inner section or core B is secured by connecting rods or braces *a*, or otherwise, to the outer section A, to be rigidly supported therein. The lower part of the frame is closed by a base part, C, attached by pins, spring-catch, or any other suitable fastening device. In the perforation at the top part of the frame may be placed a small vessel with water for arranging thereon a large bouquet. This vessel may be stationary or detachable, as desired. The frame admits the arrangement of artistic and ornamental shapes and designs in flowers, and keeps them in fresh state for a considerable length of time by means of the moist sand into which the stems are placed. In smaller frames the interior section may be left out.

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

A floral center-piece for tables, consisting of two pyramidal frames, A B, the outer perforated, bolted to the inner and sustained on a base, C, as shown and described.

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