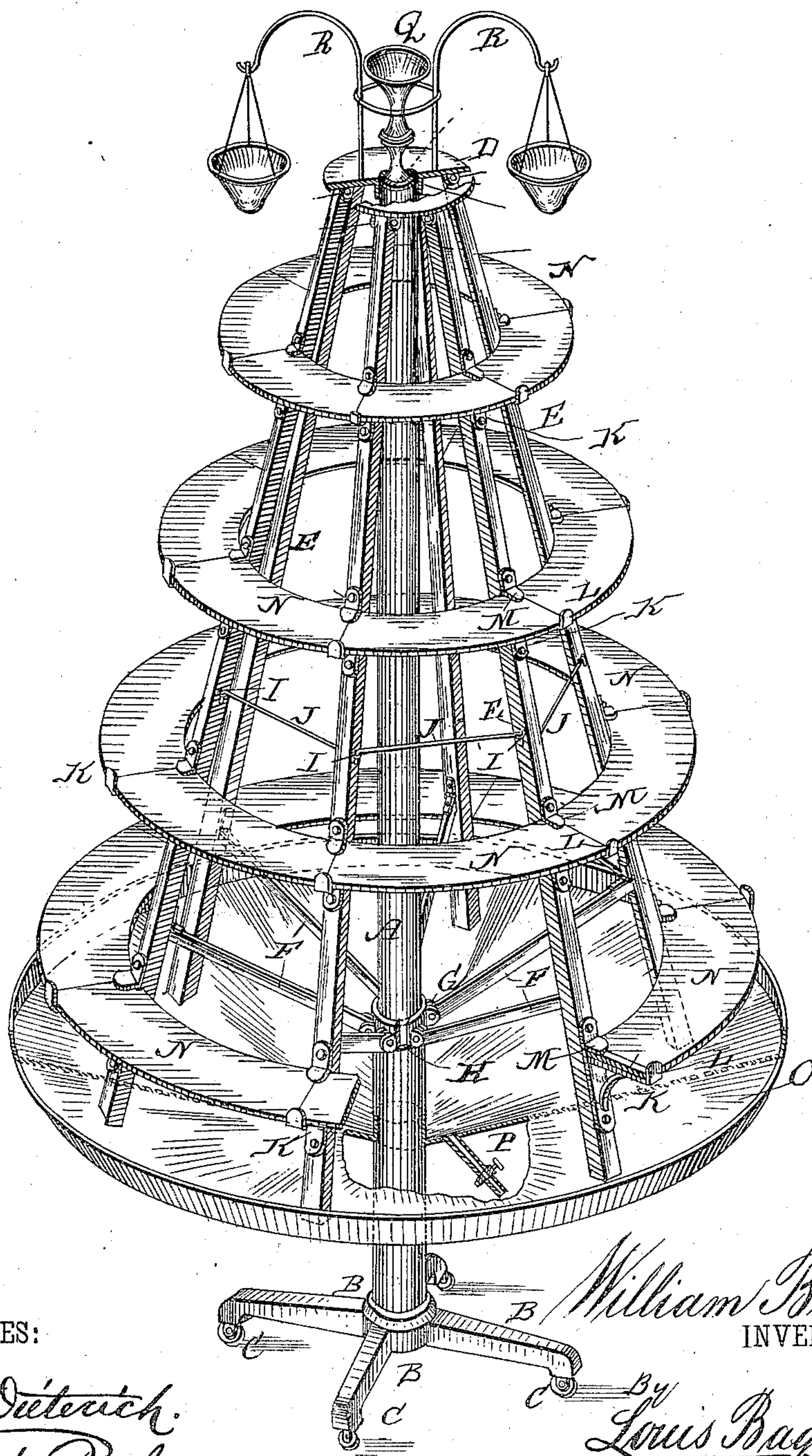


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REVOLVING FLOWER-STAND.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM BUTCHER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of York, in the county of York and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Revolving Flower-Stands; 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 to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this specification, and which shows a perspective view of my improved flower-stand, showing portions broken away.

My invention has relation to that class of revolving flower-stands in which the shelves are supported by brackets upon arms hinged at their upper ends to a cap or collar at the upper end of the upright adapted to be collapsed or folded down; and it consists in the improved construction and combination of parts of the same, as hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing, the letter A indicates an upright mounted upon feet B, having casters C. A flanged cap or plate, D, revolves upon the top of the upright, and the arms E are hinged with their upper ends upon the under side of this cap, and have braces F hinged to their inner sides, near their lower ends, the inner ends of which braces are hinged to a collar, G, sliding upon the upright and bearing against a shoulder or enlargement, H, upon the same. The sides of the arms are provided with eyes I, into which the hooked ends of rods J are hooked, holding the arms at the desired distances, and the forward edges of the arms are provided with brackets K, having upwardly-bent lips L at the outer ends of their horizontal portions, and outwardly-projecting lips M at the inner ends of the said portions, between which lips the shelves N, which are circular, and preferably made in sections, are clamped, the outwardly-projecting lips M holding the inner edges of the shelves down and preventing the weight of the flower-pots placed upon the shelves from tilting the said shelves. A drip-pan, O, dished downward at its center, is secured upon the upright below the ends of the arms, and has a suitable outlet-pipe, P, through which the water overflowing from the flowers into the pan when they are being watered may be drawn off. The top of the

upright may be provided with an ornament or vase, Q, and with hooks R, from which hanging baskets or similar objects may be suspended.

It will be seen that when the stand is to be shipped or moved the shelves and pan may be removed, when, by unhooking the hooked rods, the arms may be folded in upon the upright by sliding the collar to which the braces are hinged upward, the hooked rods preventing the arms, when the latter are extended and the rods are hooked in the eyes, from collapsing as well as the collar, which bears against the shoulder upon the upright in a plane below the plane of the points at which the outer ends of the braces are hinged to the arms, the weight of and upon the arms bearing down upon the collar through the braces, which will keep them in their position, the only way of collapsing the arms being by raising the collar.

I am well aware that collapsible flower-stands have been made in which the arms are hinged at their upper ends to a cap or collar at the upper end of the upright; and I am also aware that drip-pans have been attached to flower-stands, and I do not claim such construction, broadly; but

I claim—

1. The combination of the upright having an enlargement or shoulder at its lower portion, the collar or cap at the upper end of the upright, the arms hinged to the said collar or cap at their upper ends, the collar sliding upon the upright, and the braces hinged to the collar, and hinged to the arms in a plane above the shoulder upon the upright, as and for the purpose shown and set forth.

2. The combination of the upright having an enlargement or shoulder at its lower portion, the collar or cap at the upper end of the upright, the arms hinged at their upper ends to the said collar or cap, and having eyes upon their sides, the collar sliding upon the upright, the braces hinged to the collar, and hinged to the arms in a plane above the shoulder of the upright, and the hooked rods, as and for the purpose shown and set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereunto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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