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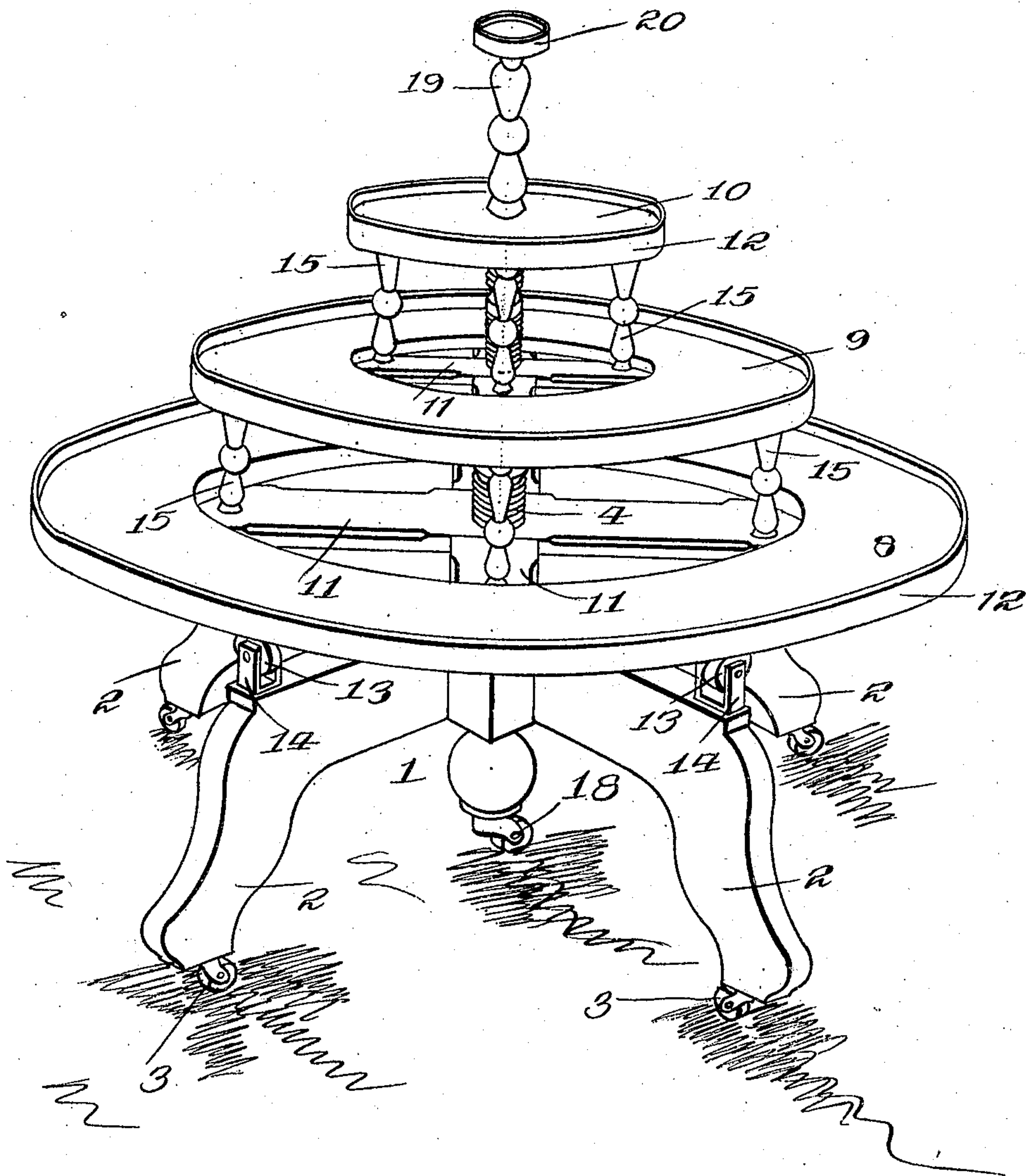


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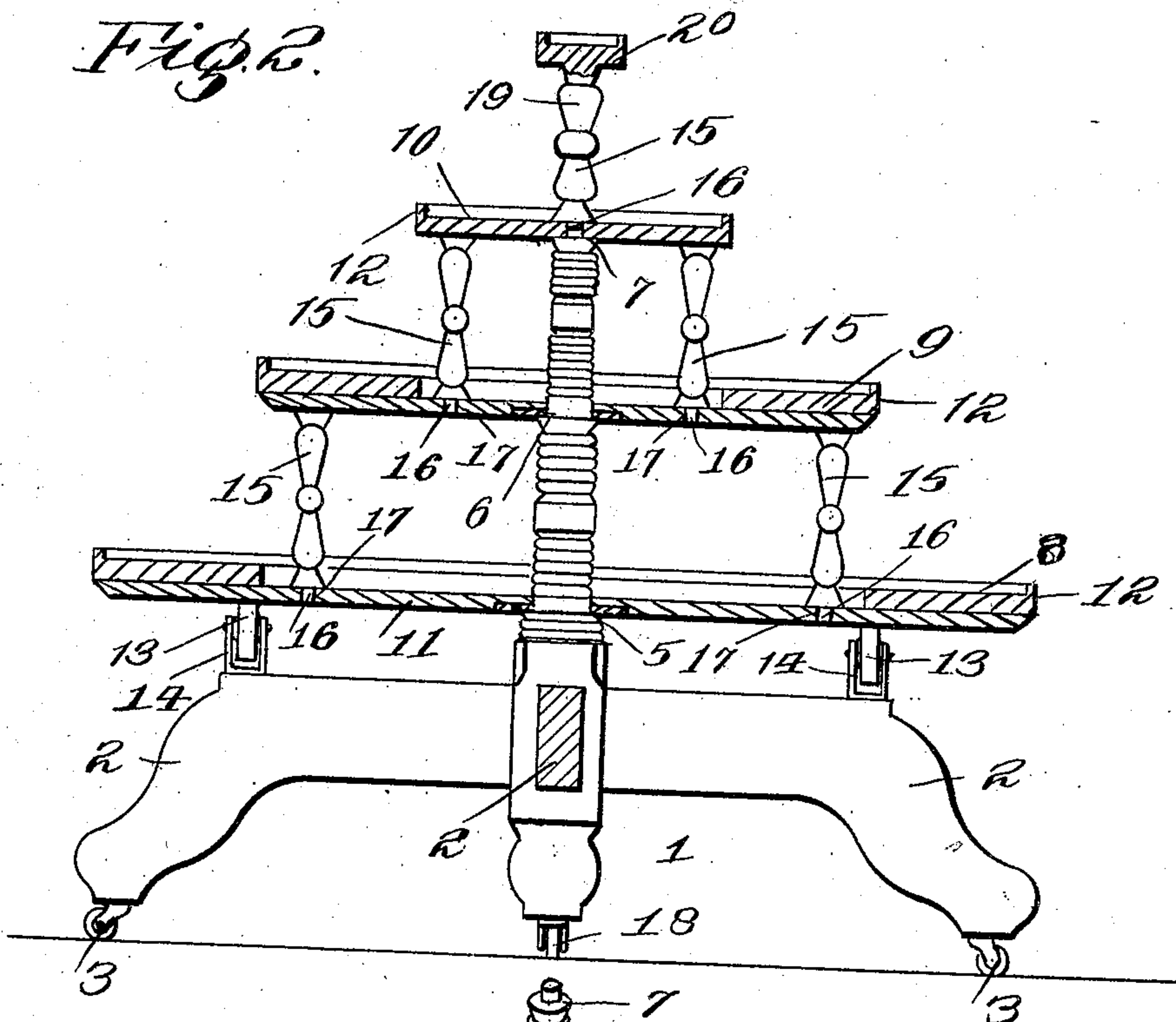
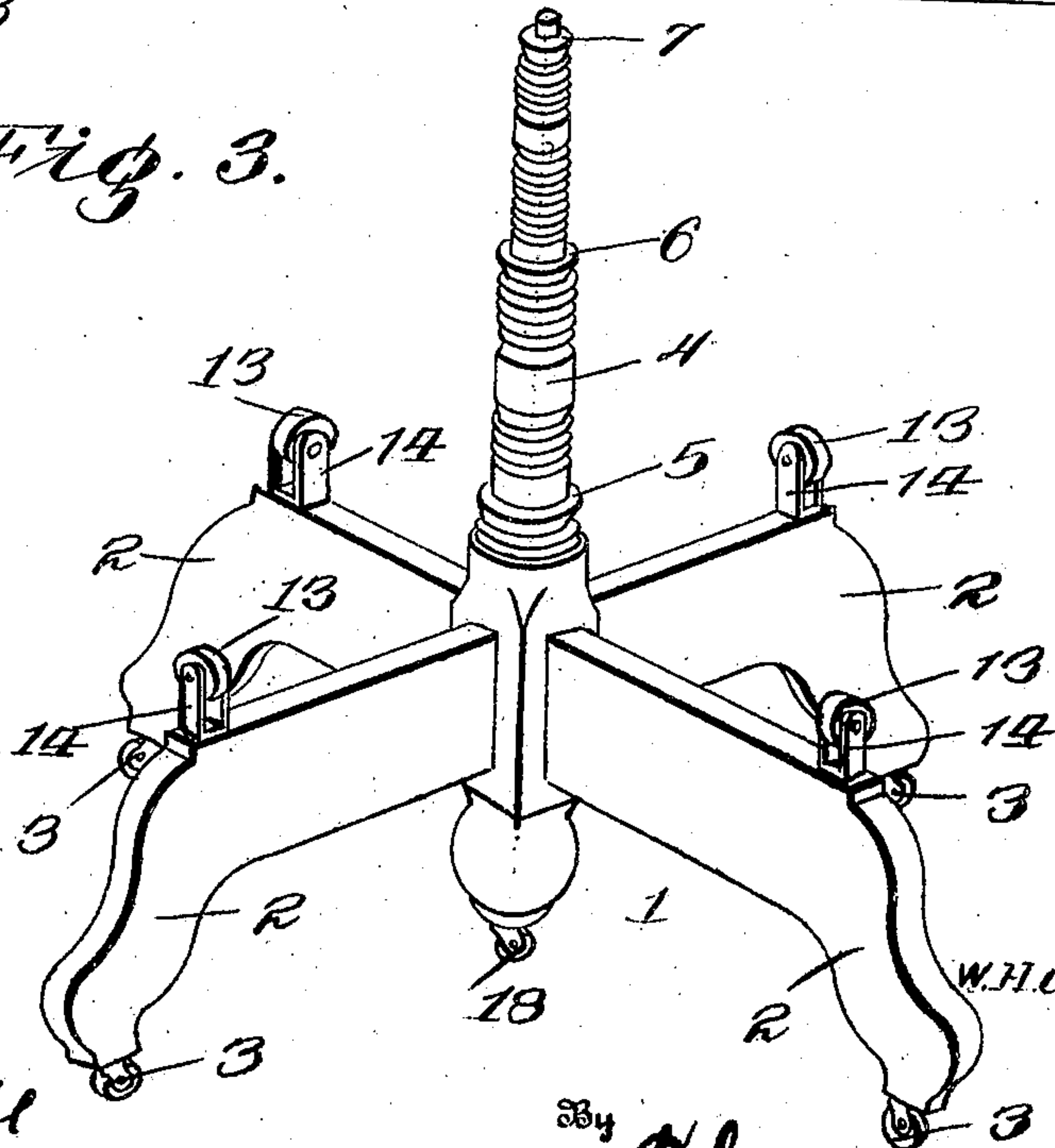


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dugger, in the county of Sullivan and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Flower Stands or Supports, of which the following is a specification.

This invention embodies a novel form of stand or support particularly designed for household use as a means for supporting flowers in pots.

The object of the invention is to provide a stand of this type which is not only of a substantial nature, but which also combines ornamentality in its structure. In the practical embodiment of the invention the stand comprises a suitable base on which is mounted a body-support consisting of a plurality of suitable platforms revoluble about a central post or spindle and adapted to carry the flowers or plants or whatever may be placed thereon. The body-support is revoluble in order to admit of turning the same when arranged in an inconvenient place for having access thereto from all sides in watering the flowers or plants and otherwise treating the same.

For a full description of the invention and the merits thereof reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a stand embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the base alone.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 1 designates the base, which comprises a suitable number of legs 2, provided at the lower ends thereof with casters 3, so that the stand is made portable to admit of readily moving the same from one place to another. The base also includes a central post or spindle 4, the latter being provided at intervals in its length with shoulders 5, 6, and 7. The portions of the post or spindle 4 between the shoulders 5, 6, and 7 may be annularly grooved or otherwise ornamentally formed to conduce to the ornate appearance of the stand when in actual use. The body-support carried by the base 1 consists of a plurality of superposed platforms 8, 9, and 10,

the platforms 8 and 9 being of annular formation. The annular platforms 8 and 9 are connected with the outer ends of cross-pieces 11. A pair of cross-pieces is provided for each of said platforms 8 and 9, and the cross-pieces of each pair are formed with a central opening through which the spindle or post 4 passes, so that they will be partially supported by the shoulders 5 and 6, respectively, of the member 4. The platforms 8, 9, and 10 are of different diameters and may be provided with upwardly-projecting rims 12 at the outer peripheral portions thereof to prevent accidental displacement of pots or other objects supported thereon. The platform 10 is solid, having a central opening so that said platform may be received on the member 4 and supported by the shoulder 7 aforesaid, the mounting of the parts 8, 9, and 10 upon the spindle 4 admitting of free revolution thereof, as hereinbefore premised.

To facilitate the revolution of the body-support just described, it is designed that the lower platform 8 shall be supported upon rollers 13, which are applied to the upper portions of the legs 2 and which are mounted in U-shaped pintle-brackets 14, suitably secured to said legs. The rollers 13 form anti-friction devices upon which the weight of the platform 8 and objects supported thereby is carried, said rollers readily permitting of revolution of the body-support in an evident manner. The upper platforms 9 and 10 are braced near the outer portions by means of vertical brace members 15, said brace members being formed with reduced lower ends 16, received in openings 17 in the cross-pieces 11, the upper ends of the members 15 abutting against the under sides of the platforms 9 and 10 to act in the brace capacity before mentioned. The members 15 may be of any ornamental appearance to promote that of the stand structure. The central post or spindle 4 preferably has its lower end also provided with a caster 18. The upper end of the spindle 4 is surmounted by a short ornamentally-formed post 19, the lower end of which is reduced and received in the central opening of the platform 10, the upper end of said post 19 being formed with a cup-shaped head 20, in which a pot or similar object may be supported.

It will be observed from the foregoing that a stand constructed in accordance with this invention is not only of ornate appearance, but combines a structure which is simple

and which admits of ready detachment of parts should it be desired to pack the device in a comparatively small space. The lower platform 8 may have a track secured thereto 5 to engage the rollers 13.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. A stand or support comprising a base embodying a plurality of supporting-legs, 10 rollers applied to the upper portions of said legs, a central spindle or post extending upwardly from the base and formed with a plurality of shoulders in its length, and a body-support mounted on the base and comprising 15 a plurality of superposed platforms, each of which is supported by means of a respective shoulder in the length of the spindle or post, the lowermost platform being also supported by means of the rollers aforesaid.

2. A stand or support comprising a base embodying a plurality of supporting-legs, 20 rollers applied to the upper portions of said legs, a central spindle or post extending upwardly from the base and formed with a plurality of shoulders in its length, a body-support mounted on the base and comprising a 25 plurality of superposed platforms, each of which is supported by means of a respective shoulder in the length of the spindle or post, the lowermost platform being also supported 30

by means of the rollers aforesaid, and a plurality of vertical brace members arranged between the several supporting-platforms and connecting the same for simultaneous movement.

3. A stand or support comprising a base 35 embodying a plurality of supporting-legs, rollers applied to the upper portions of said legs, a central spindle or post extending upwardly from the base and formed with a plurality of shoulders in its length, a body-support 40 mounted on the base and comprising a plurality of superposed platforms, each of which is supported by means of a respective shoulder in the length of the spindle or post, 45 the lowermost platform being also supported by means of the rollers aforesaid, and a plurality of vertical brace members arranged between the several supporting-platforms 50 and removably connecting the same for simultaneous movement, the spindle or post of the base being surmounted by a short vertical post having a supporting-head.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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