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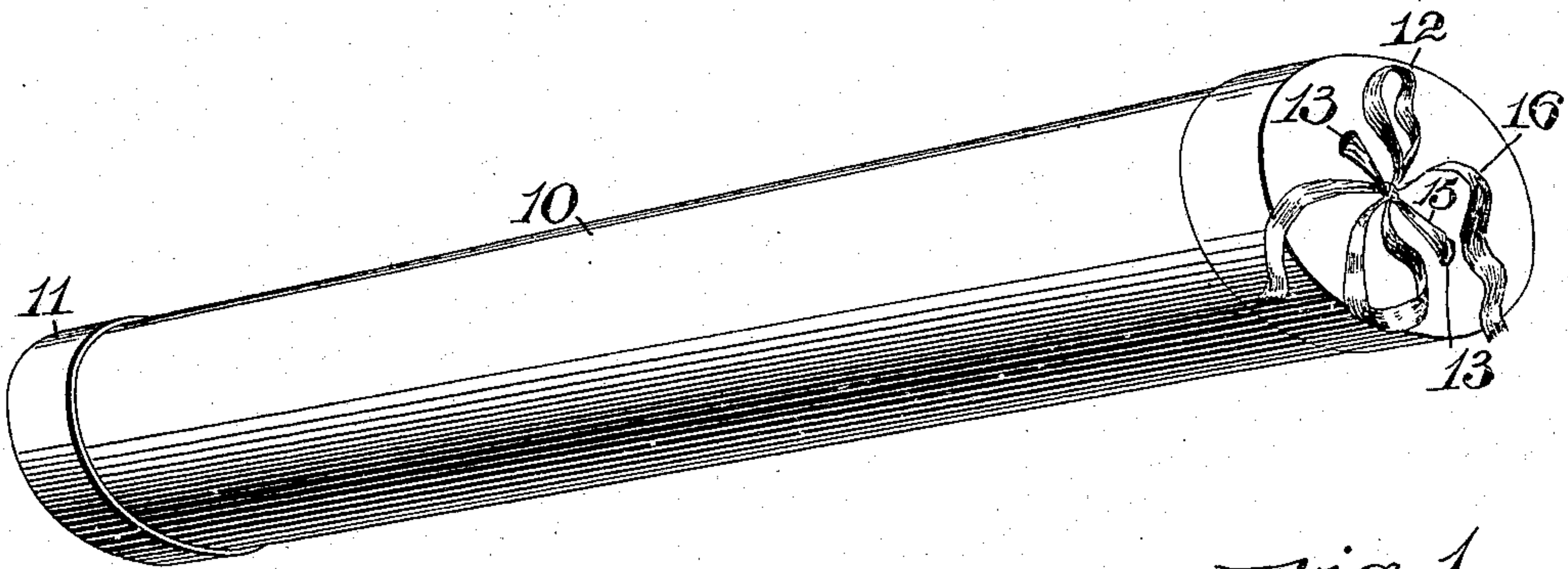


Fig. 1

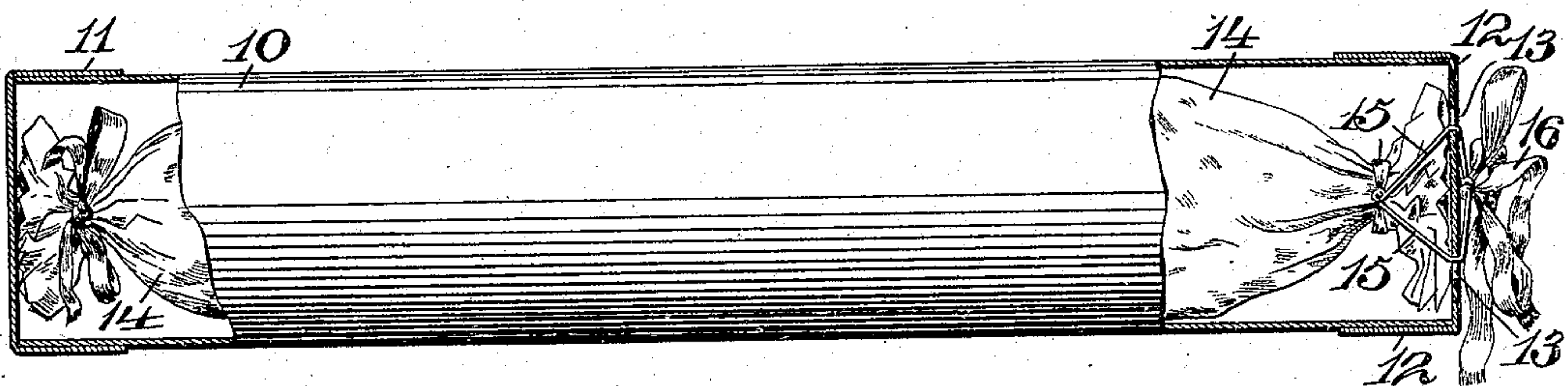


Fig. 2

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE PURDUE, citizen of the United States, residing at East Orange, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Receptacles for Flowers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to a package or receptacle which is designed to hold an article that might be disturbed when grasped to be withdrawn, and comprises a casing forming a tubular receptacle having a lid on one end, which lid is designed to have means for attaching the contents of the package to the lid so that when the lid is taken off, in a line with the axis of the body portion of the receptacle, the contents will be also withdrawn and can then be detached from the lid so that the removal of the contents from the receptacle is easy, and the removal of the lid from the contents is also easy.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved receptacle, and Fig. 2 is a side view with portions broken away to show the construction of the device.

The device consists of a body portion which is preferably tubular and can be of any shape in cross-section, that is, it can be circular, elliptical, as shown in the drawing, or rectangular. On one end the body portion of the casing is provided with a closure 11 which is removable. On the end opposite to the closure is a lid 12 which is adapted to be slid onto the body portion of the receptacle, and this lid is provided with a suitable number of perforations 13. The package 14 is designed to be carried in the body portion of the receptacle, and this box is primarily designed for carrying contents, such as cut flowers, where it would disturb the contents to force them from the receptacle, and to provide for their ready withdrawal, a flexible connection 15, which may consist

of a suitable cord or ribbon to give the device a nice effect, is tied around one end of the contents 14 in the case of flowers, around their stems and is then passed through the perforations 13 and tied into a suitable knot or bow 16 which lends attractiveness to the package, and also securely holds the contents to the lid.

The device is easily attached and is also simple, and it has the advantage of preventing undue movement of the contents in the package, when being shipped or carried, so that florists' packages or milliners' packages can be carried without damage to the contents.

The preferred way of inserting a package or a bouquet of flowers in the receptacle is to remove the closure 11 and draw the flowers through the tubular body portion by the string or ribbons 15, then pass the ribbons 15 through the perforations in the lid 12, after which the cover 12 is put in place and the knot or bow 16 tied in the strings. The closure 11 is again put in place and the package is complete. This drawing through of the bouquet permits of its being slowly compressed or contracted so that there is no breakage of flowers, which would be the case if they were inserted flowers first, and not stems first.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:—

1. A receptacle comprising a tubular body portion, a removable closure for one end of the receptacle, a lid for the other end of the receptacle, the lid having perforations therein, a package in the receptacle, and a flexible connection secured to the package and having two free ends passing through the perforations in the lid to secure one end of the package to the lid, the two ends of the flexible connection being tied on the exterior to fasten the contents to the lid and serve as a handle for the lid and the package.

2. A receptacle comprising a tubular body portion, a removable closure on one end of the receptacle, a lid to slide on the other end of the receptacle, the lid having perforations therein, a package in the receptacle, and a flexible connection tied around the package on one end, the flexible connection having its free ends passing through the per-

forations of the lid and tied on the exterior of the lid to form an ornamental appendage and to also fasten the package securely to the lid, the tied connection serving as a handle for the lid and the package, whereby the package and the lid can be withdrawn together.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand this 29 day of October 1908.

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