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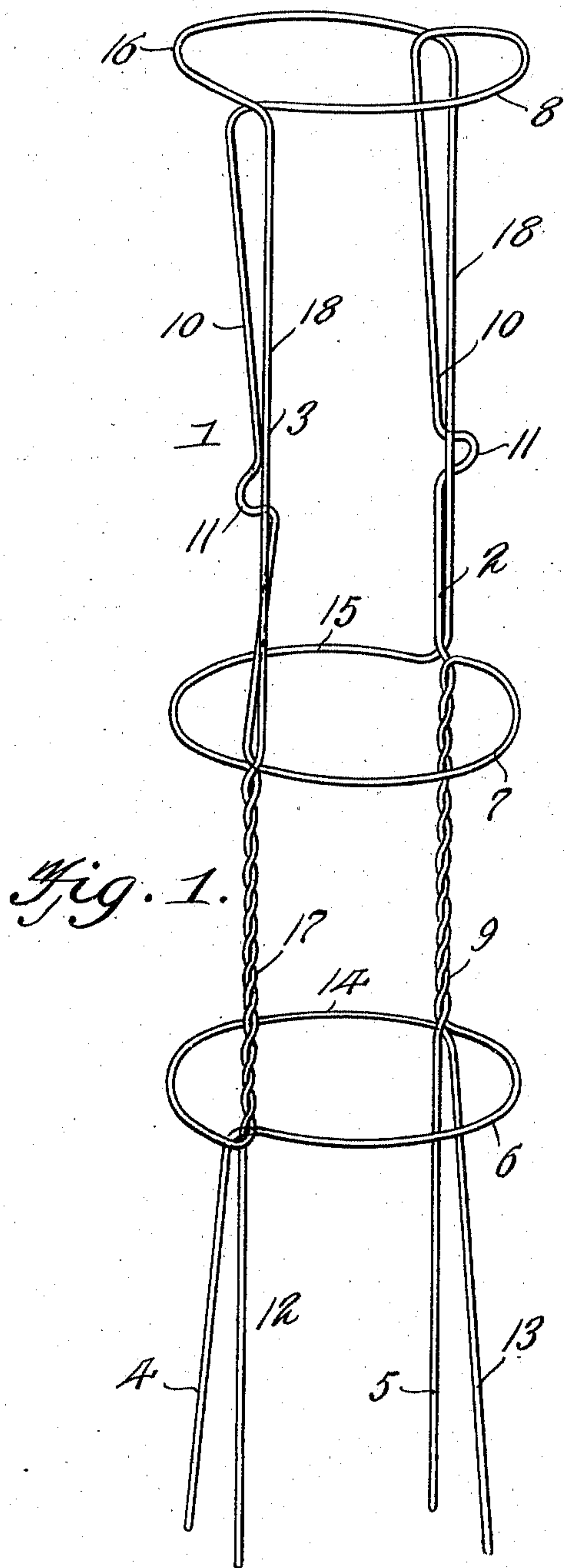


Fig. 1.

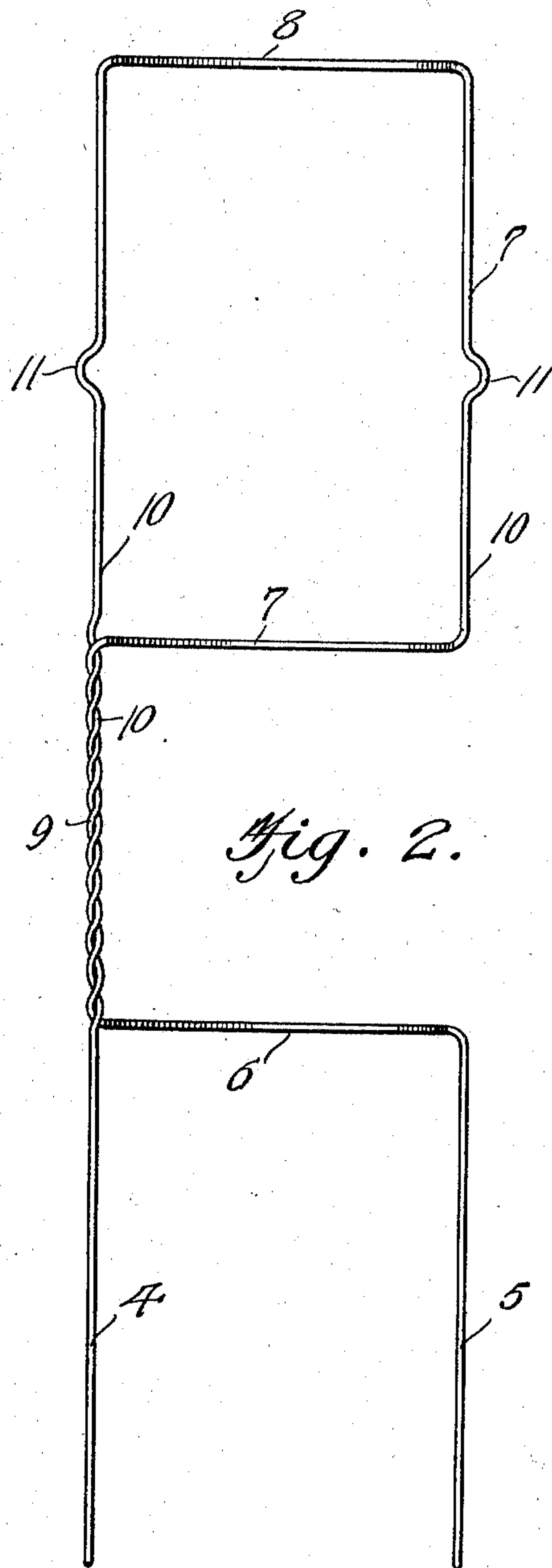


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES E. MATTHEWSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sheboygan, in the county of Sheboygan and State of Wisconsin, have invented new and useful Improvements in Flower-Supports, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to flower supports, and has for an object to provide a device of this character particularly adapted for use by gardeners or flower growers and desirable in the cultivation of carnations or the like, and to provide means whereby the device when in its operative position will effectively serve to brace the stem portions of the plant with which it is used and to prevent injury to the same during its cultivation.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a flower support embodying interlocking members adapted to be conveniently engaged with each other and to encircle at points the plant with which the device is used, and to provide simple and effective means for anchoring the device in the ground.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a device of the character set forth embodying interlocking members adapted when not in use to be folded so as to lie in a compact manner to occupy but little space during shipment or while in storage.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent as the nature of the invention is better set forth, and it will be understood that changes within the scope of the claim may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawing, forming a portion of this specification and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of the flower support. Fig. 2 is a detail rear elevation of one of the members of the support.

Referring now more particularly to the drawing, and with particular reference to Fig. 1 thereof, there is shown a flower support 1 embodying members 2 and 3. The member 2 is formed from a single length of metal, preferably wire, bent to form parallel legs 4 and 5 connected to each other by arcu-

ate brace portions 6, 7 and 8 spaced from each other, as shown, and intermediate the portions 6 and 7, the strands of wire forming the legs 4 and 5 are twisted and interwoven with each other as illustrated at 9. The legs 4 and 5 are provided with portions 10 at their upper ends which are disposed in parallel spaced relation to each other and are each provided with a centrally located offset or locking portion 11 for a purpose to be hereinafter more fully described.

The member 3 is similar in construction to the member 2 and is also formed from a single length of wire or suitable metal bent to provide legs 12 and 13 which are connected with each other by arcuate portions 14, 15 and 16. The strands forming the legs 12 and 13 are twisted and interwoven with each other between the arcuate portions 14 and 15 as clearly illustrated at 17. The construction of the member 3 is such that the legs 12 and 13 are provided with parallel spaced portions 18 with which the locking members or offset portions 11 are adapted to be engaged so that the portions 6, 7 and 8 of the member 2 can be held in exact alignment with the portions 14, 15 and 16 of the member 3 so that these portions entirely surround portions of a plant at a plurality of points and thoroughly brace the plant as will be readily appreciated.

It will be seen that a simple and novel form of flower holder or support is provided which will effectively serve to brace the plant and as described and shown, it is obvious that the legs 4, 5, 12 and 13 can be effectively driven into the ground adjacent to the roots of the plant with which the support or holder is used, and by providing the offset or locking portions 11 upon the portions 10 of the legs 4 and 5 it will be seen that when the said portions 11 are engaged with the portions 18, the members 2 and 3 forming the device in its entirety will be effectively held to each other and against accidental displacement from the plant.

I claim:—

A plant support comprising a plurality of detachably connected members, each member being provided with a plurality of anchoring legs and provided at points above the legs with outwardly extending arcuate portions, the arcuate portions of one member being arranged in opposing relation to

the arcuate portions of the other member, the said members being formed adjacent to their upper ends with spaced portions, the said spaced portions of one member having
5 formed intermediate of their lengths offsets for interlocking engagement with the spaced portions of the other member whereby the members will be operatively held together

to cause their arcuate portions to surround the plant.

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

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