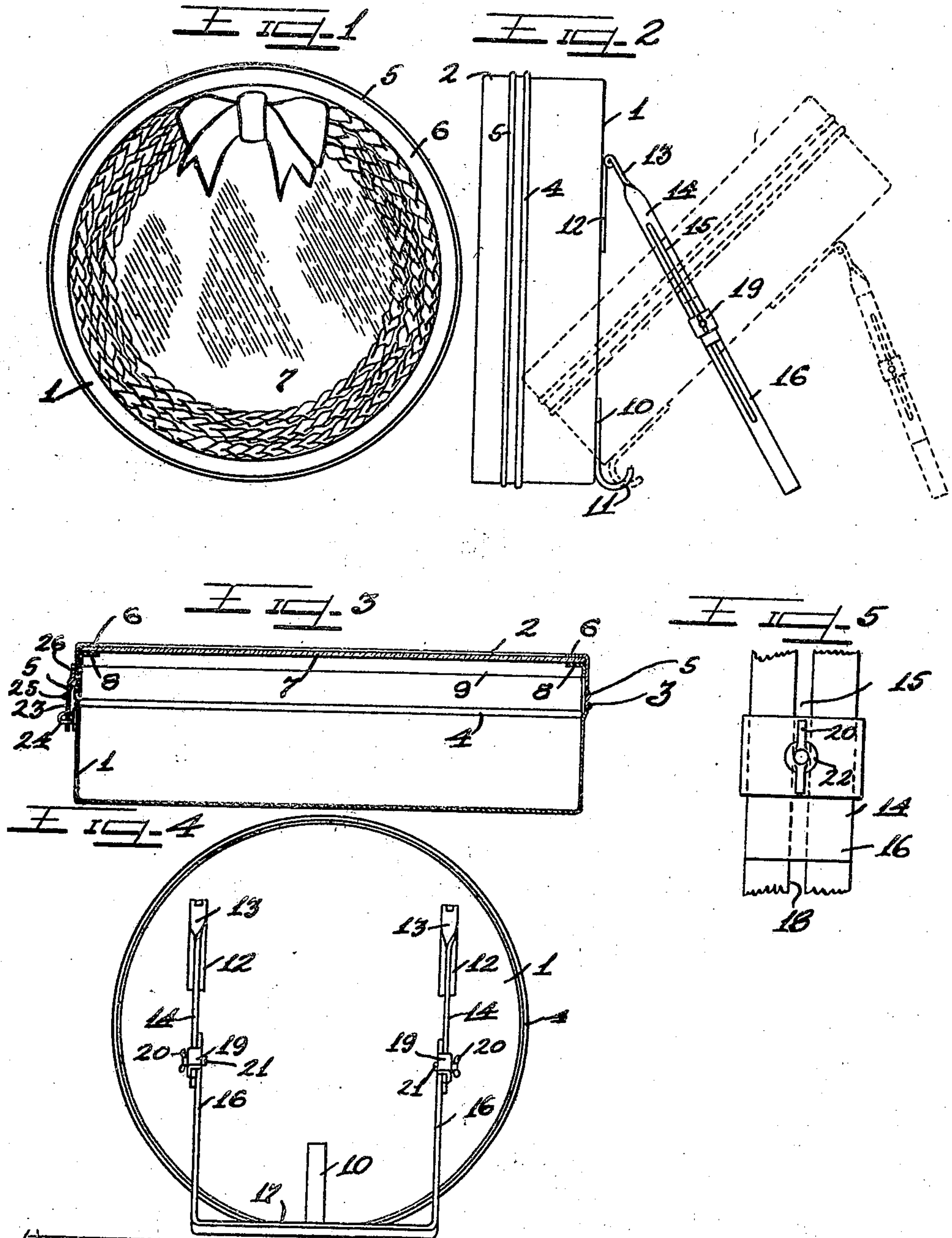


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STANLEY GASPARAITIS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Floral-Display Case; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the numerals of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

It is an object of this invention to provide a means for keeping wreaths or other perishable ornaments in good condition after they are placed upon a grave.

It is a further object of this invention to provide a casing for holding a grave ornament.

It is a further object of this invention to provide such a casing with a transparent top.

It is a further object of this invention to provide means for supporting the casing at any desired angle to the horizontal.

It is a further object of this invention to provide a casing made of metal with a transparent top which shall be joined to the casing by a weather-proof joint.

Other and further important objects of the invention will be apparent from the disclosures in the specification and the accompanying drawings.

The invention (in a preferred form) is illustrated in the drawings and hereinafter more fully described.

On the drawings:

Figure 1 is a top view of the box showing an ornament therein.

Figure 2 is a side view of the box and its support.

Figure 3 is a central section through the box.

Figure 4 is a rear view of the box and its support.

Figure 5 is a detail view on an enlarged scale showing the telescopic joint in the support.

As shown on the drawings:

The case consists of a box 1 which, as shown, is of circular form to hold a wreath, but the box may be made of any desired form to hold any sort of ornament. A cover 2 is secured to the box, preferably by hinges as shown at 3. The cover is cup-shaped and

extends a considerable distance over the walls of the box in order to insure a weather-proof joint between the two. The box has a bead 4 against which the lower edge of the cover abuts, and the cover has a bead 5 for the sake of making its edge more rigid.

The upper part of the cover has an inward turned flange 6 against which the cover glass 7 is positioned. This glass is held in position by an interior flange 8 which projects inwardly. This flange forms part of a ring, the main portion 9 of which is at right angles to the flange 8. The ring may be secured to the inside of the wall of the cover in any desired manner. The ring may go completely around the cover, or it may be made in several portions, if desired. It may be secured to the cover by rivets, bolts, spot-welding, cementing, or in any other desired manner.

Preferably the region between the flanges 6 and 8 has putty or other cementitious material therein to insure that the joint between the metal and the glass is weather-tight.

On the side of the cover opposite the hinges is secured a hasp 23, made with a hinge 25 and with an offset part 26. The part 26 is secured to the cover by welding, soldering, riveting or in any other desired way. The hinge 25 enables the hasp to be passed over the staple 24.

A foot 10 is secured to the bottom of the box by spot-welding, soldering, riveting or in any other desired manner. The end of this foot is bent into a semi-circle so that as the box is tipped from a vertical to an inclined position, it can roll along this curved foot. In the illustration shown there is but one foot, because the box is circular. If the box be of a form that has an extended lower edge when the box is set up, two or more feet analogous to the feet 10 may be used. The rounded portions of these feet will then necessarily be all in one line.

Secured to the bottom of the box, on the other side of its center from the foot 10, are a pair of hinges 12. Each hinge has one leaf attached to the bottom of the box by soldering, spot welding, riveting, or in any other desired manner. The other leaf of each hinge is contained into a bar 13 to form one part of the brace for holding the box in an upright position.

Preferably this bar is twisted so that it continues as a longer bar 14 in a plane at right angles to the part 13 which constitutes a leaf of the hinge. The longer part of this bar is provided with a slot 15 and overlaps the slotted end 16 of a U-shaped bar whose cross-piece is shown at 17. The slot 15 in the bar 14 is thus brought into register with the slot 18 in the bar 16.

10 A U-shaped guide piece 19 straddles the bar 14 and the bar 16 and affords a guide for keeping the bars 14 and 16 in line during their motion along one another. Through the cross connection of the U-shaped guide 19 goes a screw 20 which traverses the slots 15 and 18 and ends in a head 21 that bears against the inner side of the bar 16. A washer 22 is supplied between the outer end of the screw 20 and the bar 14. The screw is provided with the usual wing head to enable it to be tightened manually. By loosening the screws 20, the bars 14 and 16 can be slid over one another and so the box tilted to any desired angle with the horizontal. During such tilting movement the foot 11 will have rolling contact with the ground.

When the desired position is reached, screws 20 are tightened and clasp the bars 14 and 16, compressing them between the guide 19 and the head 21. This secures the box in the selected position.

Within the box is placed a wreath of real or artificial flowers, or any other ornament which it is desired to display upon the grave. The cover of the box is then shut, the hasp 23 passed over the staple 24, and if desired a padlock inserted through the projecting part of the staple 24 to prevent unauthorized persons from opening the box. The brace 14—16 is then adjusted to give the box the desired angle of inclination and the box placed on the grave. If it is desired to have the box nearly horizontal, the foot 11 is forced into the ground

to prevent it from lifting its edge of the box too high to look well.

I am aware that numerous details of construction may be varied through a wide range without departing from the principles of this invention, and I therefore do not purpose limiting the patent granted otherwise than necessitated by the prior art.

I claim as my invention:

In a device of the class described, a circular box having a transparent cover, a foot secured to the bottom of the box near one edge and having a round ground contacting portion projecting away from said bottom, a brace comprising a U-shaped member having its bottom portion at least as long as the radius of the box, a pair of brace members hingedly secured to the bottom of the box at equal distances upon opposite sides of the foot and upon the other side of the center of the box from said foot, the distance between the two hinge members being approximately equal to the length of the bottom portion of said U-shaped member, and telescopic joints connecting said hinged members with upstanding portions of said U-shaped member whereby rotation of the box about its axis is prevented by contact of the bottom of the U-shaped member with the ground but rotary adjustment of the box about the foot as a pivot is obtained by motion of the hinged members about their hinges as pivots and the box is securely braced in the selected position by adjustment of the said telescopic joints.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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