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DESIGN FOR A FLAG.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH C. DEMING, of the city and county of Norfolk and State of Virginia, have originated a Design for a Flag, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying photographic illustration or drawing, making part of this specification.

The nature of my design is fully represented in the accompanying photographic illustration, to which reference is made.

The said design consists of a tree, whose thirteen roots represent the original thirteen colonies of the United States, the names of which are written upon the roots. The trunk has at its base the words, "Declaration of Independence" around the date 1776, and the word "Constitution" along its length upward. The eighteen branches represent the eighteen administrations, which are indicated by the names of the Presidents of the United States thereupon. Upon the foliage the names of the thirty-seven States and twelve Territories now composing the Union are written. The

words "The Century Plant" are written above the tree, and beneath them the date 1876. Below the tree is a monogram of the initials J. C. D., and the whole is surrounded by a border of one hundred linked circles, and the dates beginning with 1776 and ending with 1876.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. The design for a flag, having on one side the representation of a tree, together with the names, words, and numbers inscribed on its branches and roots, substantially as described, and shown in the accompanying drawing.

2. The design for a flag having the figure of a tree, with the names and numbers upon it, as above claimed, and the inclosing border composed of numbers representing historical dates, as specified and shown.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 20th day of August, 1875.

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