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ABSTRACT

An apparatus for suspending a hanging plant that is housed in a container is described as including three or more flexible supports each of which has a first end and a second end. The first end of each flexible support is adapted for hanging from an overhead supporting hook. The second end of each flexible support is attached together to provide an enclosure for retaining and for supporting the container. At least one of the flexible supports includes a fastener that is disposed intermediate to the first end and the second end. The fastener includes a slideable sleeve. The slideable sleeve can be displaced along the longitudinal axis of the flexible support to expose a coupling which can then be separated. Once the coupling is separated the flexible support also separates into two halves and the container can be readily removed from or inserted into the apparatus through the opening provided by the separated flexible support. When the slideable sleeve is displaced so as to cover the coupling, the coupling is thereby prevented from decoupling.

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