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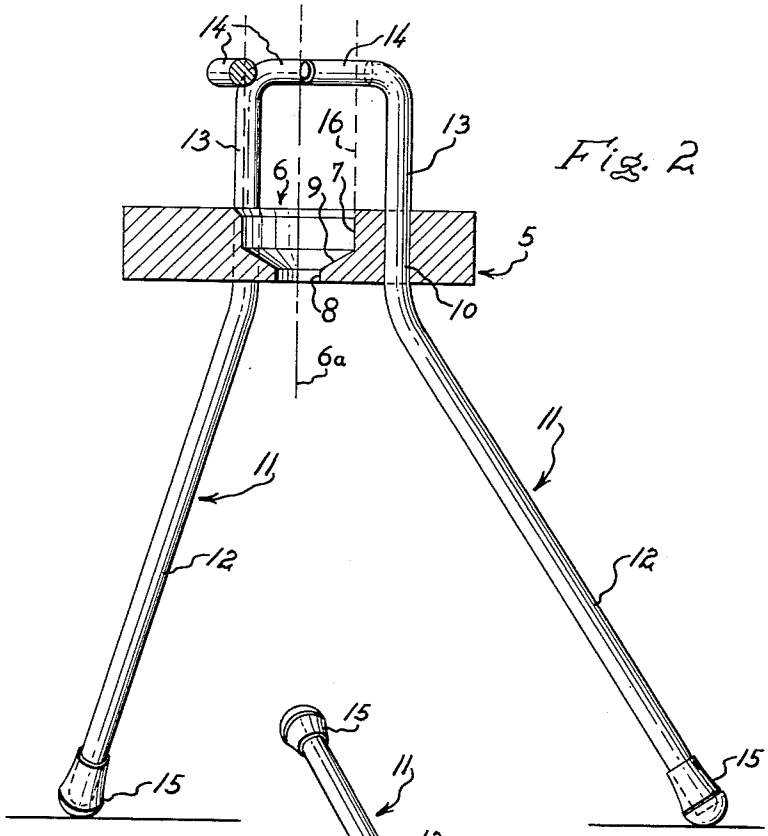

Fig. 2

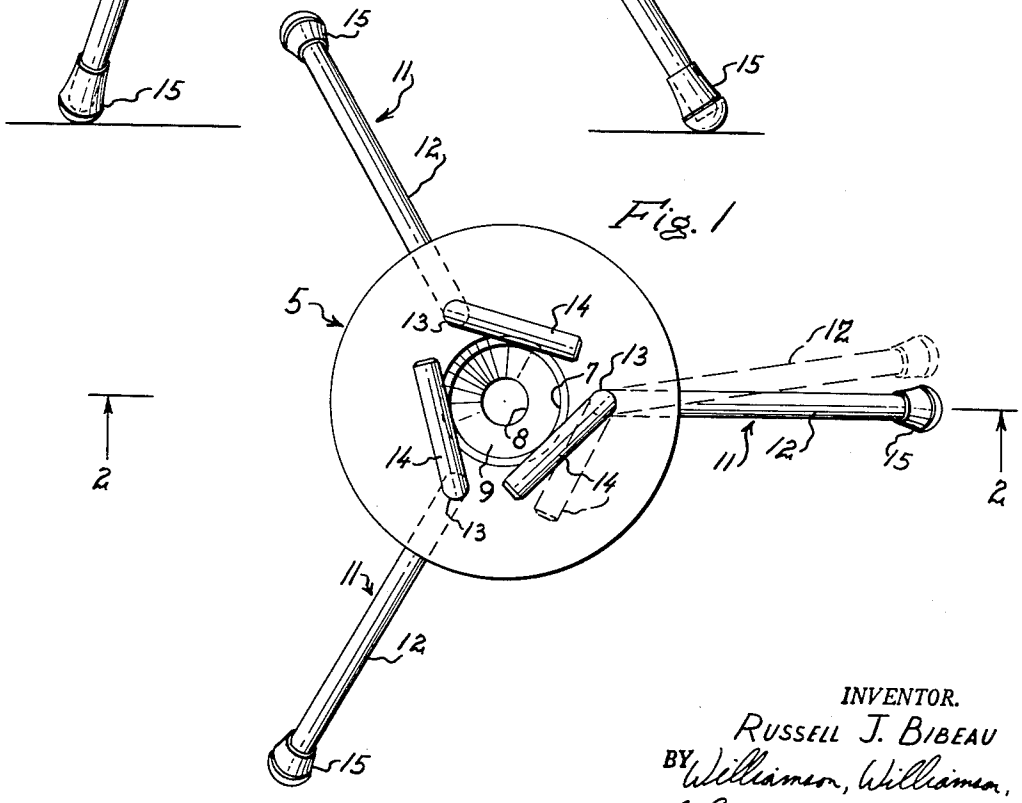

Fig. 1

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This invention relates to candle holders. More particularly, it relates to candle holders having inherent improved means for holding the candle in an erect upright position.

The lady of every household is well aware of a problem which has existed for hundreds of years in keeping candles in a truly erect upright position while within the candle holder. Most candle holders permit the candle to tilt off the vertical after they have stood for a period of time within the receptacle of the candle holder. Housewives, as a result, have to repeatedly adjust the candles in order to prevent them from presenting an unsightly appearance. My invention is directed toward eliminating this problem in a simple and effective manner without detracting from the aesthetic appeal of the appearance of the candle holder.

It is a general object of my invention to provide a novel and improved candle holder of cheap and simple construction and increased efficiency.

A more specific object is to provide a cheap and simply constructed candle holder which will function in an improved manner and yet have a unique and pleasing appearance.

A still more specific object is to provide a candle holder which can be manufactured cheaply and simply on a volume basis and which will have novel and inherent means for insuring that the candles will at all time remain in an erect upright position.

Another object is to provide a candle holder having positive means for maintaining the candle received therein in truly vertical arrangement at all times.

Another object is to provide a candle holder having readily adjustable means associated with the legs of the candle holder for positively engaging the candle to hold it in an erect position at all times.

These and other objects and advantages of my invention will more fully appear from the following description made in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein like reference characters refer to same or similar parts throughout the several views, and in which:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of one embodiment of my invention with the legs arranged in candle holding position; and

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view taken along line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

One embodiment of my invention, as shown in Figs. 1–2, may include a base member indicated generally as **5** and shown in the form of a wooden disc having a recess indicated generally as **6** formed therein of size and shape to constitute a receptacle for a candle. This receptacle includes a bore having vertical side walls **7**, a counter-bore **8** of smaller diameter and sloping intermediate connecting portions **9** disposed between the vertical walls **7** of the counter-bore **8**. The vertical axis of the recess **6** has been indicated by the broken line **6***a*.

Formed through the base member **5** is a plurality of vertically extending apertures **10**. These apertures **10** are spaced equidistantly of the axis **6***a* of the recess **6**

as best shown in Fig. 1, and are spaced equidistantly about the circumference of a circle drawn about the axis **6***a* of the receptacle **6**. It can be readily seen by referring to Fig. 1 that when three such apertures **10** are utilized they are not only equidistant from the axis **6***a* but are also equidistant from each other.

Mounted within each of the apertures **10** is one of a plurality of legs indicated generally as **11**. One of these legs **11** extends upwardly through an aperture **10** of the base member **5** and each has a lower end or foot portion **12**, an intermediate portion **13** and a horizontally extending upper end or candle engaging portion **14**. The intermediate portions **13** of the legs extend vertically and each leg pivots about the axis of this intermediate portion while the foot portion **12** of each leg is angled relative to its intermediate portion. This can best be seen in Fig. 2. The upper end or candle engaging portion **14**, which extends horizontally and normally to the vertically extending intermediate portion **13**, extends in a different vertical plane from that in which the foot portion **12** extends. This can best be seen in Fig. 1. These horizontal candle engaging portions **14** extend in a vertical plane which is angled relative to the vertical plane of the foot portion at approximately a 45 degree angle as shown. These horizontal portions **14** all extend away from the foot portion **13** of its respective leg and at an angle thereto such that when the foot portion **13** extends radially outwardly relative to the axis **6***a* of the receptacle **6**, as shown in Fig. 1, the horizontal candle engaging portions **14** extend from their supporting intermediate portions **13** tangentially to the recess **6**. This is best shown in Fig. 1. It will be noted that each of the candle engaging portions **14** extends from its supporting intermediate portion **13** in the same direction around the receptacle **6**. This can best be seen in Fig. 1.

By making the bore of the apertures **10** of such diameter that the intermediate portions **13** of the legs **11** will fit snugly within their respective apertures, the base member **5** tends to hold the respective legs in frictionally engaging relationship to preclude against easy relative turning. Each of the foot portions is provided with a rubber tip **15**. A candle indicated as **16** and shown in broken lines in Fig. 2, is illustrated for the sake of reference.

When it is desired to insert a candle into my candle holder, it is merely necessary to turn the legs **11** about the vertical axis of their intermediate portion **13** so that the horizontal candle engaging portions **14** are swung away from the vertical axis **6***a* of the receptacle **6**. After the candle **16** is inserted into the receptacle **6**, the foot portions **12** of the legs **11** are swung outwardly from the axis **6***a* to a position where they will extend radially relative to the receptacle as shown in the position illustrated in Fig. 1. When this is done, the horizontal candle engaging portions **14** will have been swung toward the vertical axis **6***a* of the receptacle **6** and will engage the side portions of the candle **16** as shown in Fig. 2. Thus the candle engaging portions **14** provide positive support for the candle at a level well above the lower end of the candle which is received within the receptacle **6**. Thus it can be readily seen that the candle will be held at two levels along its length. This obviously provides an improved means for supporting the candle to insure that the candle will at all times remain erect.

It should be noted that the weight of the candle **16** and the base member **5** constantly urges the foot portions **13** outwardly relative to the receptacle **6** toward true radial position and hence constantly urges the horizontal candle engaging portions **14** against the candle **16** to maintain it in erect and truly vertical position.

Thus it can be seen that I have provided an extremely simple but efficient candle holder which can be manufactured at a minimum of cost and still have a very pleas-

ing appearance. In addition to having appeal to the aesthetic senses, it is more highly functional than candle holders heretofore known and eliminates a problem which has long been existing and has long dismayed housewives. It should be noted that my candle holder can be manufactured very easily, very quickly and very cheaply.

It will of course be understood that various changes may be made in the form, details, arrangement and proportions of the various parts without departing from the scope of my invention.

What I claim is:

1. A candle holder comprising a base member having an upper surface with a vertically extending recess formed therein adapted to engagingly receive the lower end of a candle therein and having a plurality of substantially vertically extending apertures formed therethrough spaced outwardly substantially equidistantly from said recess, each of said apertures being spaced substantially equidistantly from its adjacent aperture, and a leg member for each of said apertures, each of said leg members having a foot portion extending in a vertical plane, having an intermediate portion and having a candle engaging portion, the intermediate portion of each of said legs extending substantially vertically through one of said apertures and being pivotable about its longitudinal axis therewithin, the candle engaging portion of each of said legs extending in a vertical plane different from the vertical plane of the foot portion of said leg and at such an angle thereto so that said candle engaging portion will engage a candle received in said recess when the foot portion of that leg extends outwardly away from said recess.

2. A candle holder comprising a base member having a receptacle associated therewith adapted to engagingly receive the lower end of a candle therein, said base member having a plurality of substantially vertically extending apertures formed therethrough spaced outwardly substantially equidistantly from said recess, each of said apertures being spaced substantially equidistantly from its adjacent aperture, and a leg member for each of said apertures, each of said leg members having a foot portion below said base member extending in a vertical plane and having an intermediate portion and having a candle engaging portion extending above said base member, the intermediate portion of each of said legs extending upwardly from said foot portion at an angle thereto through one of said apertures and being pivotable therewithin about the longitudinal axis of said intermediate portion to swing said foot portion into outwardly radially extending position relative to the receptacle, the candle engaging portion of each of said legs extending in a vertical plane angled relative to the vertical plane of the foot portion of said leg at such an angle that said candle engaging portion will be in candle engaging position when said foot portion of that leg extends radially outwardly away from said recess.

3. A candle holder comprising a base member having an upper surface with a vertically extending recess formed centrally therein adapted to engagingly receive the lower end of a candle therein and having a plurality of vertically extending apertures formed therethrough spaced outwardly substantially equidistantly from said recess, each of said apertures being spaced substantially equidistantly from its adjacent aperture, and a leg member for each of said apertures, each of said leg members having an intermediate portion, a foot portion extending downwardly in a single vertical plane below said base member and at an angle to said intermediate portion, and an upper candle engaging portion extending above said base member, the intermediate portion of each of said legs extending upwardly through one of said apertures and being pivotable about its longitudinal axis therewithin to permit its foot portion to be swung to an outwardly and radially extending position relative to said recess, the upper portion of each of said legs extending in a vertical plane angled relative to the vertical plane of the foot portion of said leg at such an angle that when said foot portion of a particular leg extends radially outwardly from said recess the upper portion of said particular leg will extend substantially tangentially to said recess and thereby be in candle engaging position.

4. A candle holder comprising a base member having an upper surface with a vertically extending recess formed therein adapted to engagingly receive the lower end of a candle therein and having a plurality of substantially vertically extending apertures formed therethrough spaced outwardly substantially equidistantly from said recess, each of said apertures being spaced substantially equidistantly from its adjacent aperture, and a leg member for each of said apertures, each of said leg members having a foot portion extending in a vertical plane below said base member and having an intermediate portion extending substantially vertically through one of said apertures and being pivotable about an upright axis therewithin to permit its foot portion to be swung to an outwardly and radially extending position relative to said recess, and having a candle engaging portion extending substantially horizontally above said base member and in vertically spaced relation thereto, the candle engaging portion of each of said legs extending in a vertical plane angled relative to the vertical plane of the foot portion of said leg and at such an angle that said candle engaging portion will extend substantially tangentially to said recess and will engage the side of a candle received in said recess when the foot portion of that leg extends radially outwardly from said recess.

5. A candle holder comprising a base member having an upper surface with a vertically extending recess formed therein adapted to engagingly receive the lower end of a candle therein and having a plurality of substantially vertically extending apertures formed therethrough spaced substantially equidistantly from said recess, each of said apertures being spaced substantially equidistantly from its adjacent aperture, and a leg member for each of said apertures, each of said leg members having a foot portion extending in a vertical plane below said base member and having an intermediate portion angled relative to its foot portion and extending substantially vertically through one of said apertures and being pivotable about its longitudinal axis therewithin relative thereto to permit said foot portion to be swung to a radially and outwardly extending position relative to said recess, each of said leg members having a candle engaging portion extending in a vertical plane above said base member angled relative to the vertical plane of the foot portion of said leg, the angle between the vertical plane of said candle engaging portion and the foot portion of each of said legs being such that when the leg is pivoted within its aperture so that its foot portion extends radially outwardly from said recess, the candle engaging portion of said leg will extend tangentially to said recess in position to engage the side of a candle received therein, the candle engaging portions of each of said legs extending from its intermediate portion in the same direction around said recess when the foot portions of each of said legs is positioned to extend radially outwardly from said recess.

6. A candle holder comprising a wooden disc having an upper surface with a vertically extending recess formed centrally therein adapted to engagingly receive the lower end of a candle therein and having three vertically extending apertures formed therethrough spaced outwardly substantially equidistantly from said recess, each of said apertures being spaced equidistantly from each other, and a leg member pivotally mounted in each of said apertures and extending therethrough, each of said leg members having an intermediate portion extending vertically through its aperture of said base member and being pivotable relative thereto about its longitudinal axis and having a foot portion extending downwardly in a single vertical plane from said intermediate portion and having a candle engaging portion carried by said intermediate

portion extending outwardly from said intermediate portion above said disc and in a vertical plane angled relative to the vertical plane of the foot portion of said leg, the angle between the candle engaging portion and the foot portion of each of said legs being such that when the foot portion of said leg extends outwardly radially relative to said recess the candle engaging portion of said leg will extend substantially tangentially to said recess in position to engage the side of a candle received in said recess, each of the candle engaging portions of said legs extending from its respective intermediate portion in the same direction around said recess when their respective foot portions extend radially outwardly from said recess.

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