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Fig 1

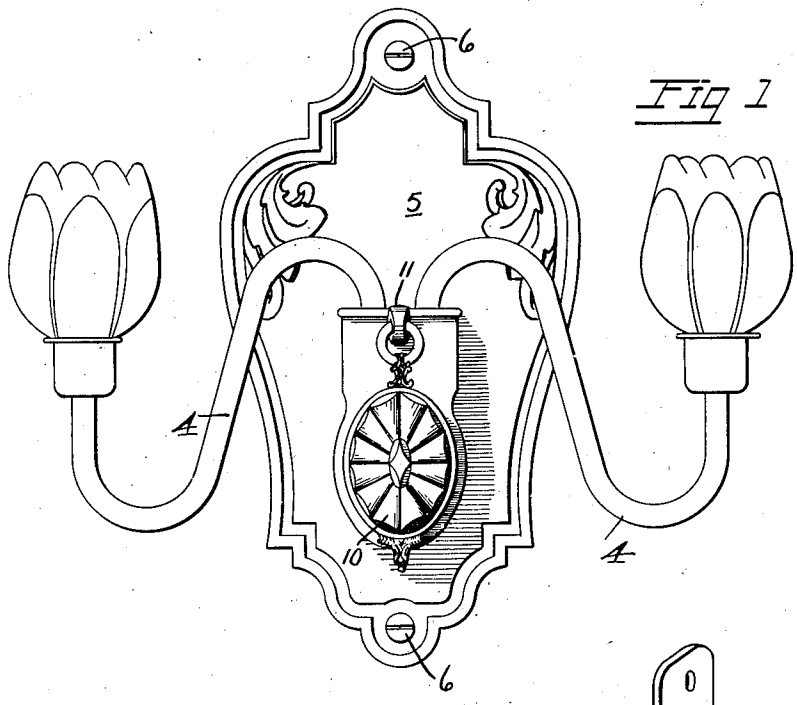


Fig 2

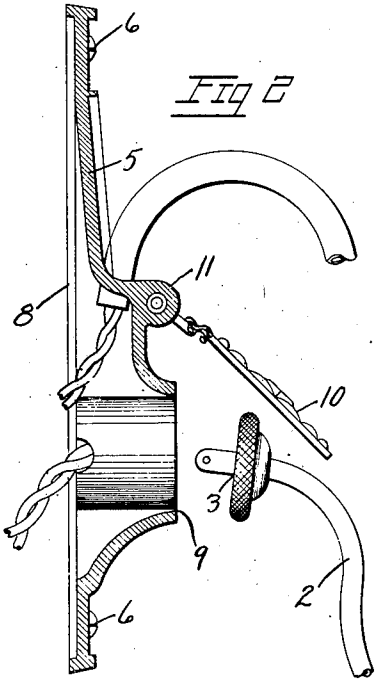


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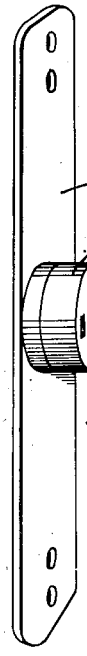
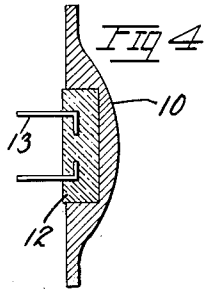


Fig 4



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ELECTRIC-LIGHTING FIXTURE.

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The present invention relates to electric fixtures of the type involving a side wall, electric light bracket to which is combined a concealed electric plug connection.

It is one of the objects of the present invention to provide a novel combined electric light bracket and electric plug connection to which latter may be readily attached an electric extension cord for conducting electric current to various electrical apparatus.

It is one of the important objects of the present invention to provide means that will eliminate the usual and ordinary form of floor and wall socket connection provided to receive the plug of an electric extension cord, and to which means the service wires of an electric installation can be connected as an outlet, such for instance, as a side wall electric light fixture which latter, therefore, has the dual purpose of serving as a bracket or support for one or more electric lights, and at the same time provides for the convenient attachment of a plug of an electric extension cord.

It is a further object of the invention to provide a combined fixture bracket and plug attachment outlet not only providing for increased convenience, but also affording an ornamental and attractive fixture.

The invention possesses other objects and features of advantage, some of which, with the foregoing, will be made manifest in the following description of the preferred form of the invention which is illustrated in the drawings accompanying and forming part of the specification. It is to be understood that it is not intended to limit the invention to the embodiment shown by the said drawings and description as variations may be adopted within the scope of the invention as set forth in the claims.

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of a bracket fixture having a concealed, outlet connection.

Fig. 2 is a vertical, central section through the bracket back showing the cover of the outlet connection in removed position from the connection to permit access thereto.

Fig. 3 is a perspective of the dismounted outlet connection.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view of a modified form of cover member.

Large number of dwellings and other buildings are now equipped with various forms of portable electric apparatus, such for instance as portable electric lights, portable cooking utensils, portable cleaning apparatus, portable medical devices, and innumerable others. These various devices are adapted to be attached to a service installation through the medium of an extension cord 2 in Fig. 2, and which has a suitable form of plug 3 adapted to be inserted into a complimentary socket or service outlet connection. These sockets or outlet connections are mounted in the floor or in base-boards or in the wall for convenient attachment of the extension plug 3, and generally are conspicuous and disfiguring to fine interior finish and serve only as outlets.

The present invention consists in providing an ornamental electric lighting fixture preferably in the shape of a wall bracket, provided with outlet facilities for the reception of a plug, independent of the lamp sockets, so that the extension connection may be made without removing a lamp.

The invention, in its illustrated form, is embodied in a bracket fixture having a plate or back 5 of any suitable structural contour and ornamental design and is shown as provided with apertures to receive fastening screws 6 by which it may be secured to a wall, panel or other surface. A bracket may be provided with one or more tubular arms 4 to carry sockets for electric lamps in the usual or any suitable manner. The back 5 is hollowed and forms a casing or shell providing a chamber in which there may be arranged any suitable type of outlet connection as 7, mounted in any desired manner upon the back 5 and shown as being attached to a back bar 8 screwed or otherwise secured to the rear face of the back 5 so as to be concealed and carried thereby. The front face of the back 5 is provided with an opening 9, behind which the outlet connection 7 is disposed, the outer plug receiving end of which is exposed through the mouth or opening. This opening 9 and the end of the attachment 7 may be covered by any suitable ornamental means removable to provide access to the outlet for the insertion of the plug 3 into the electric contacts in the outlet connection 7.

In Figs. 1 and 2 the outlet concealing device or plate 10 is in the form of a lid mov-

ably attached to the back 5, as for instance by being pivotally suspended from an eye 11.

Instead of being attached to the back 5, the outlet concealing plate may be entirely removable. A removable form of cover is shown in Fig. 4, as provided with a block of insulating material 12, or with non-conducting pins 13, which when inserted in the apertures of the outlet connection 7 will provide a means for attaching the removable cover 10 over the mouth 9 without closing the circuit. Various other fastening devices might be utilized in lieu of forms here described and shown.

From the above it will be seen that I have provided an ornate and combined outlet fixture useful for a plurality of services without requiring the provision of a special outlet for a plug attachment or connection, and, also, which enables use of an electric light or bracket fixture for convenient access without requiring the removal of an electric lamp as is the common practice. The cover 10 is preferably made ornate to harmonize with the general design of the bracket and when in place, not only conceals the outlet connection, but also conceals the presence of the outlet connection.

What is claimed is:

1. A device of the character described comprising a wall plate having an ornamental front face and a forwardly extending chambered portion provided with an aperture, tubular arms carrying lighting fixtures secured to the upper portion of the chambered portion and opening thereinto, an electric outlet fixture arranged behind said aperture and adapted to receive a plug inserted into said aperture and a closure having an ornamental face attached to the plate above the aperture and concealing said aperture when the plug is not in the outlet fixture.

2. A lighting fixture comprising a wall plate having an ornamental front face and a forwardly extending chambered portion provided with an aperture, a flange struck up from said wall plate and surrounding said aperture, a lug on said wall plate adjacent said flange, arms carrying lamp sockets secured to the wall plate at the chambered portion, an electric outlet fixture arranged behind said aperture and flush with said flange, and a closure pivoted to said lug and adapted in closed position to overlie said outlet fixture and said flange.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand.

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