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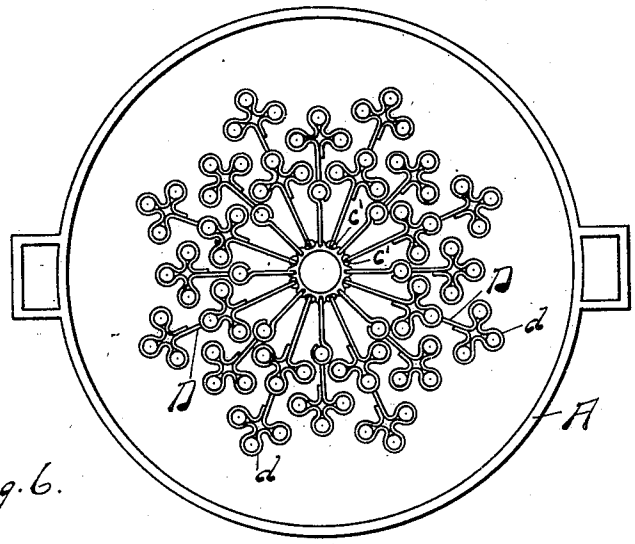


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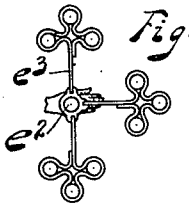


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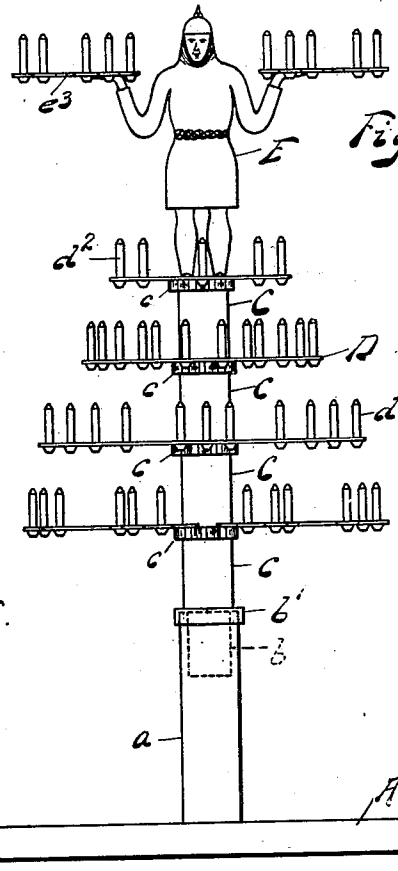


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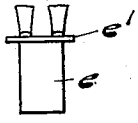


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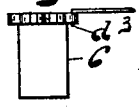


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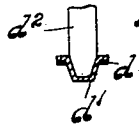


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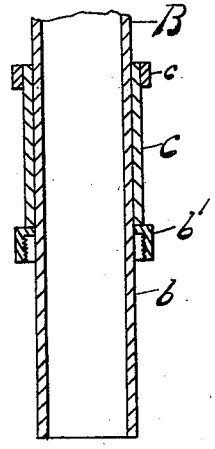


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## CANDLE-HOLDER AND DISH FOR BIRTHDAY-CAKES.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 674,457, dated May 21, 1901.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JULIA ALICE EARL, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Candle-Holders and Dishes for Birthday-Cakes, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is a combined cake-dish and candle-holder for use upon anniversaries and other festal occasions which is ornamental in appearance and is of a construction such that it may be readily taken apart after use and put away in a comparatively small space and that, while it may be put together quickly, when set up for use it is firm. This object is attained by the means described in the annexed specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a candle-holder and cake-dish embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same, the figure which surmounts the same in Fig. 1 having been removed. Fig. 3 is a detail central sectional view, upon enlarged scale, of the lower end of the central tube upon which the short candle-bearing tubes are mounted. Fig. 4 is a detail view in elevation of one of the four short candle-bearing tubes. Fig. 5 is a detail view, upon an enlarged scale, of a socket with part of a candle inserted therein. Fig. 6 is a detail plan view of a hand of the surmounting figure. Fig. 7 is a detail view of the base upon which the figure is mounted.

Referring to the parts, dish A has formed integral with it a central vertical tube $a$, which is screw-threaded at its upper end, within which the end $b$ of a tube B fits snugly, as shown in dotted lines, Fig. 1. At a short distance above end $b$ tube B has an inverted-cup-shaped flange $b'$ secured to it, which is internally screw-threaded to engage the threads upon the upper part of tube $a$. Four short tubes C are slipped over tube B, the lower one resting upon flange $b'$ and the successive ones upon each other, being each of such a length that the sum of their lengths is equal to the length of tube B from flange $b'$ to its upper end. Around the upper end of each of tubes C is an enlarged flange $c$. Each of said flanges has eight holes or sockets $c'$ at equal distances apart. Into each socket is inserted the downturned end $d^3$ of a wire arm D. Tubes C are placed upon tube B in a position such that the sockets upon the first and third and those upon the second and fourth are in vertical alinement with each other and those upon the second and fourth are midway between those upon the first and third. Wire D of the first, second, and third sets, counting upward from the lowermost, are bent at their outer ends into three loops $d$, into which are set sockets $d'$ for candles $d^2$. The fourth set of arms D have but a single loop apiece, and each hold, therefore, but one candle. The length of the arms in the first set is the longest, and the length of those in the other sets decreases therefrom symmetrically, the length of those in the fourth set being shortest, so that as a whole they present the form of a cone.

Into the upper end of tube B fits the cylindrical end $e$ of the base upon which figure E is supported. The base has an annular collar or flange $e'$, which bears down upon the top of the uppermost tube C and holds the four tubes in place. Figure E has its arms held at its sides with the palms of the hands upward. Each hand has a central perforation to receive a socket $e^2$, into which is set a candle. Each of sockets $e^2$ has around its edge a flange in which are three perforations, each to receive the downturned end of a wire $e^3$, which is bent into loops and holds candle-sockets similarly to the lowermost of wires D.

What I claim is—

1. The combination of a cake-dish having a central vertical tube secured thereto, a second vertical tube removably coupled to the upper end of said tube, a series of short tubes one upon the other surrounding and supported by said second tube each having around its upper end a series of symmetrically-spaced sockets and arms removably engaging said sockets radiating therefrom and supporting candle-sockets at their outer ends, substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination of, a cake-dish having a central vertical tube secured thereto, a second tube removably coupled to the upper end of said tube, a series of short tubes surrounding and supported by said second tube so that the top of the uppermost of said series of

tubes and the top of the second tube are on a level each of the tubes of said series having symmetrically-spaced sockets around its upper edge, wires downturned at the inner ends to enter said sockets and bent into loops at the outer to form sockets for candles, a figure supported upon a base, the base having a downward-extending portion to enter the upper end of the second tube and a flange to bear down on the top of the uppermost of the short tubes to hold them in place, substantially as shown and described.

3. The combination of a cake-dish having a central vertical tube secured thereto, a second vertical tube removably coupled to the upper end of said tube, a series of short tubes one upon the other surrounding and supported by said second tube each having around its upper end a series of symmetrically-spaced sockets and arms removably engaging said sockets radiating therefrom decreasing gradually in length from the lowest series to the topmost so as together to appear conical and supporting candle-sockets at their outer ends, substantially as shown and described.

4. The combination of a cake-dish having a central vertical tube secured thereto, a second vertical tube removably coupled to the upper end of said tube, a series of short tubes one upon the other surrounding and supported by said second tube each having around its upper end a series of symmetrically-spaced sockets, arms removably engaging said sockets radiating therefrom and supporting candle-sockets at their outer ends, a figure supported upon a base having outheld hands with a socket in each hand, wire candle-bearing arms radiating from the socket, and the base removably coupled to the upper end of the second tube, substantially as shown and described.

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