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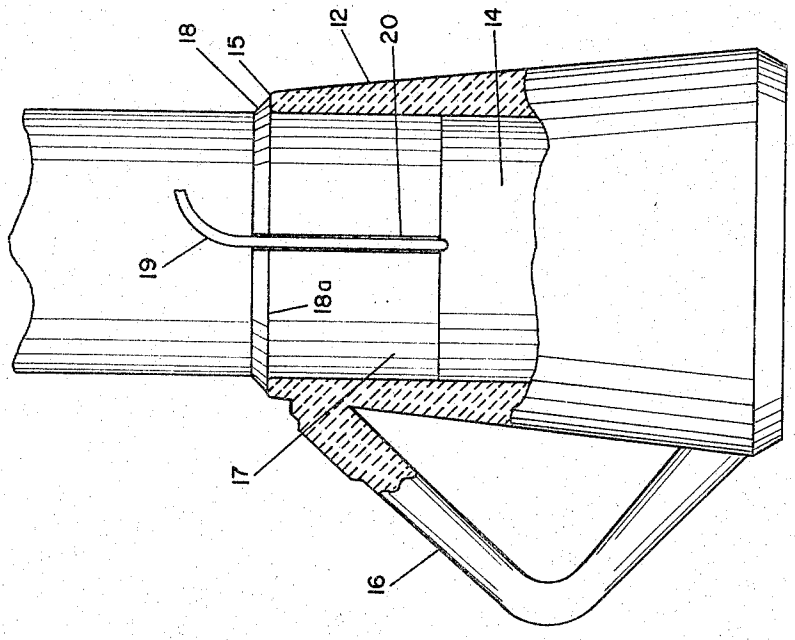


FIG. 2

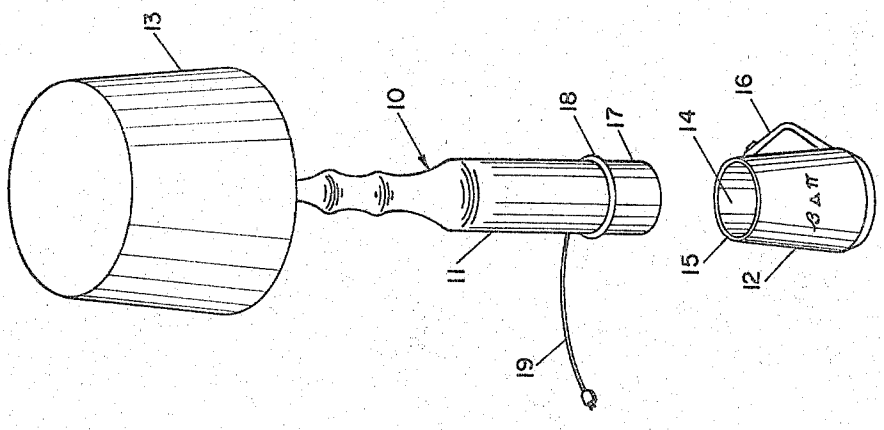


FIG. 1

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The combination of a lamp standard and an imperforate mug supporting the standard. The mug has a cylindrical receptacle portion and the standard has a lower connection portion removably received in the receptacle portion of the mug. The standard has an integral annular flange engaging the rim of the mug. The connector portion and the annular flange have an upright laterally open groove therethrough receiving the electrical cord extending from the bottom of the lamp standard.

This invention relates to lamp constructions and more particularly to a lamp construction incorporating a drinking mug as the base thereof.

Most college men at one time or another during their college careers acquire a liquid containing vessel, commonly known as a "beer mug." Often such mugs display a club emblem such as that of a social or professional fraternity or the like. Mugs suitably inscribed are also often used to commemorate a significant event, achievement or award in one's life. Ordinarily during a substantial portion of one's college career, and certainly after college, such mugs serve only as decorative display pieces. Often after college, men in business desire for one reason or another to display fraternity or other club emblems in a more discreet and less conspicuous way than merely having an empty beer mug from their college days sitting on their desk.

Accordingly, I have provided an attractive and inexpensive lamp construction which incorporates a mug as the base portion thereof whereby a club emblem or commemorative inscription may be discreetly displayed. The lamp standard has a lower connection portion received in the mug and an annular flange engaging the rim of the mug. A groove extending through the side of the connector portion and the annular flange receives the electric cord extending from the bottom of the lamp standard whereby the mug need not be altered to form the base of the lamp.

An object of my invention is to provide a new lamp construction having a standard which may be inserted into and supported in upright position by a mug such as, for example, the conventional beer mug bearing a club emblem, commemorative inscription or the like.

Another object of my invention is to provide a lamp as described above wherein the mug need not be altered in any way and wherein the lamp standard may be quickly and easily removed therefrom when it is desired to use the mug for its intended purpose.

Other objects, features and advantages of my invention will be apparent from the following detailed description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings wherein a preferred embodiment of my invention has been selected for exemplification.

In the drawings:

FIG. 1 is an exploded perspective view of a lamp construction embodying my invention.

FIG. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary elevation view of my invention with a portion of the mug broken away.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout the several views, my new lamp-mug combination is generally shown at **10** in FIG. 1 and comprises a lamp standard **11** and a mug **12**. The lamp standard **11** may have a conventional lamp shade **13** mounted thereon in the usual manner.

The mug **12** has a receptacle portion **14**, a top rim **15**, and a handle **16**. The mug may be made of any suitable rigid material, such as for example, glass, metal and the like.

The lamp standard **11** may also be made of any suitable rigid material, such as for example, wood, glass, metal and the like. The lower portion of the lamp standard **11** comprises a cylindrical connector portion **17** which preferably has substantially the same cross-section as the receptacle portion **14** of the mug **12** so as to fit snugly therein and be easily removable therefrom. The lamp standard **11** has an annular flange **18** with a downwardly facing shoulder **18***a* immediately above the cylindrical connector portion **17**. The flange **18** extends outwardly of the connector portion **17** and is adapted to rest on the top rim **15** of the mug **12** as shown in FIG. 2. The standard **11** will fit mugs with a larger receptacle portion providing that the shoulder **18***a* extends outwardly far enough to engage and rest on the top rim of the mug. In the case of a larger diameter mug, the weight of the lamp standard will cause it to be sufficiently solidly supported on the top rim of the mug even though the connector portion **17** of the standard is of a substantially smaller diameter than the receptacle portion of the mug.

The lamp standard **11** has an electrical cord **19** extending longitudinally through it and protruding from the bottom of the connector portion **17** thereof. The connector portion **17** and flange **18** have a groove **20** for receiving the electrical cord **19** as shown in FIG. 2. Alternatively, the cord **19** may extend out of the side of the lamp standard **11** at a point above flange **18** if desired.

It is understood that my invention is not confined to the particular construction or arrangement of parts herein illustrated and described, but embraces all such modified forms thereof as come within the scope of the following claim.

I claim:

1. In combination, a lamp standard and an imperforate mug supporting said standard, said mug having a substantially cylindrical receptacle portion and a top rim, said standard having a lower connector portion adapted to be removably received in the receptacle portion of said mug and an annular flange extending outwardly beyond said connector portion for engaging and resting on the rim of said mug for supporting said standard in an upright position in said mug, said lamp standard having an electrical cord extending from the bottom thereof and said connector portion and said annular flange having an upright laterally open groove therein receiving said cord.

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