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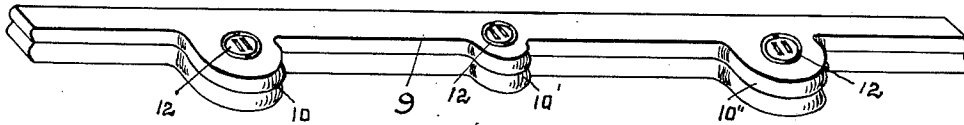


Fig. 1.

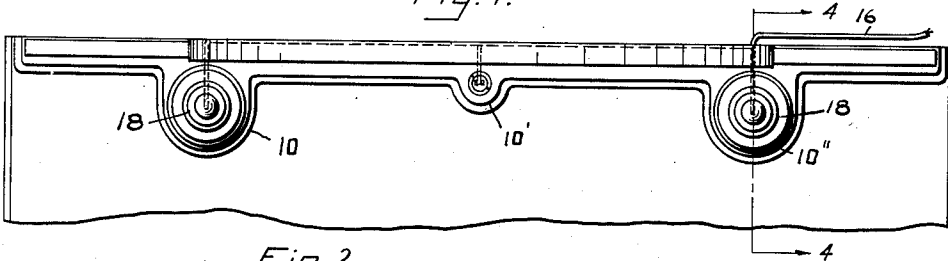


Fig. 2.

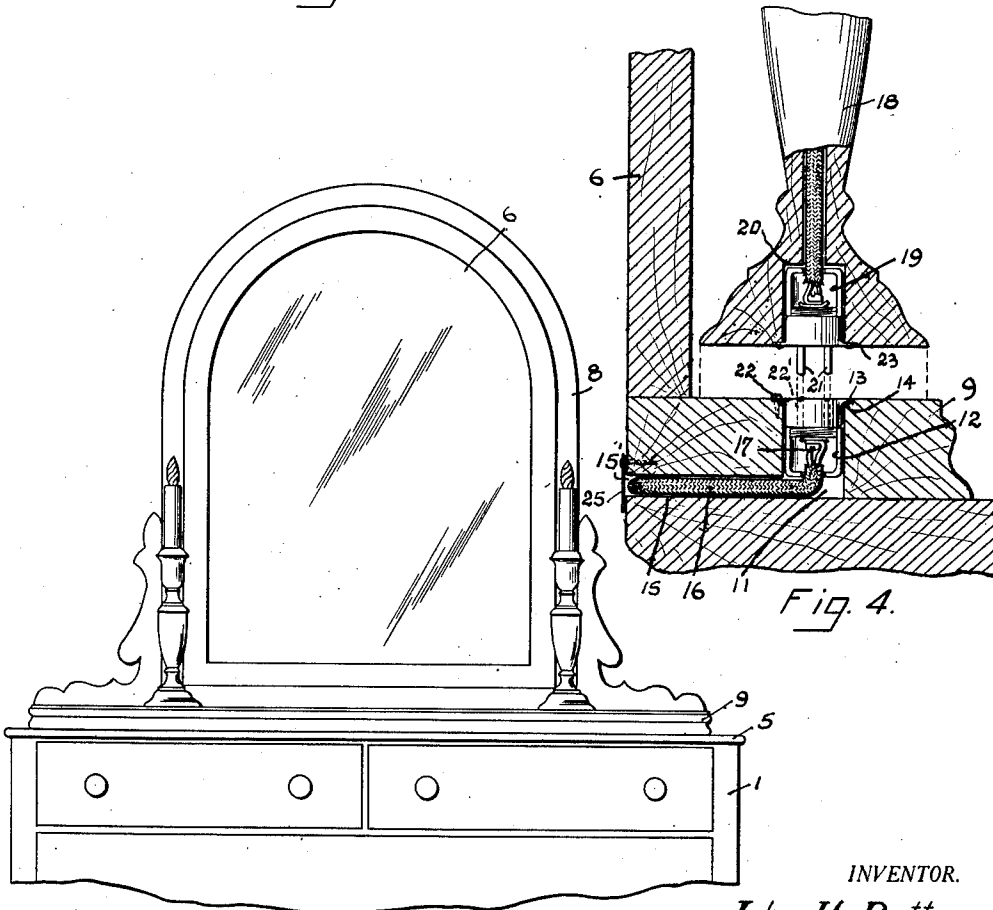


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My invention relates to improvements in lighting fixtures for dressers, vanities and other furniture. The general object of the invention is to provide a shoe member which may be readily attached to the top of a piece of furniture, and which is wired and provided with standard plug-in sockets for receiving a co-operating plug carried by an electric candle or other electric light.

Other and more specific objects and advantages of the device will be apparent when the description is read in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a shoe member made according to my invention;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the shoe attached to a piece of furniture with the shoe in assembled position.

Fig. 3 is a front view of the structure shown in Fig. 2, and

Fig. 4 is a section taken along the lines 4-4 of Fig. 1, showing the electric candles in detached position.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, 1 denotes a piece of furniture such as a dresser provided with the usual top 5 and mirror 6. A heavy wooden frame-shoe or standards-shoe 9, of ornamental design, adapted to fit across the top of the dresser and flush with the back thereof, is formed with a series of offsets 10-10'-10'', each having vertical openings 11 extending therethrough from top to bottom. These openings are designed to receive electric sockets 12 of standard plug and socket type with the exception that they are formed with peripheral attachment flanges 13, which seat in circular recesses 14 formed in the shoe for this purpose, and are secured therein by screws or similar fasteners 22. This shoe supports the mirror frame 8 and in the case of a swinging mirror it supports the upright standards between which the mirror is swung.

A series of transverse grooves or channels 15, are formed in the bottom wall of the shoe 9, leading from the back of the shoe into the openings 11. Electric wires 16 connected at their inner ends to the sockets 12, as at 17, lead outwardly through the grooves or channels 15 to and along a groove or channel 15' ex-

tending longitudinally of the dresser. These wires emerge from the groove 15' at one side of the dresser in convenient position for attachment to the usual plug-in wall socket, not shown. These grooves are hidden by the mirror back and consequently are not objectionable, but where desirable groove 15' may be covered by a thin strip 25.

Electric lights 18, simulating candle sticks, are formed with openings 20 in their bases in which pronged electric contact plugs 19 are secured. These plugs 19 are standard with the exception that, like the sockets 12, they are formed with attaching flanges 23. Consequently, when the candle lights are mounted on the dresser with the prongs 21 of plugs 19 inserted in the slots 22' in the socket members 12, current will be conducted to the lights by the wires 16.

The shoe 9, being readily attached to or detached from the dresser top, the lights can be installed or eliminated at the option of the purchaser. If originally installed as a permanent attachment by the manufacturer, and in the event a customer does not care to pay the added cost of the lights, the panel or shoe can be detached after the mirror frame or standards have been unfastened. The mirror frame will then be supported directly by the dresser top instead of by the shoe, with little change in appearance; any suitable auxiliary means (not shown) may be employed for fastening the shoe removably to the dresser but generally this will not be necessary. Where desirable, the shoe, with sockets attached, will be manufactured in the rough to be finished by the manufacturers to conform with the particular design of furniture on which it is to be installed. It should be noted that the electric light sockets 12 mounted in the two end offsets 10-10'' are for carrying current to the lights 18 whereas the socket 12 in the middle offset 10' is intended for the attachment of a curling iron or other electrical appliance provided with an electric attachment plug.

As the grooves 15 and 15' for the electric wires 16 are covered by the mirror back, the dresser is just as desirable and saleable with the lighting fixtures and connections removed

as when installed. Also note that the shoe 9 is an ornamental adjunct to the dresser, and its absence therefrom would make little change in appearance, because of the inconspicuous position occupied by the shoe at the rear of the dresser top. Thus, it will be seen that there would be little danger in losing a sale where a customer desired to purchase but could not afford the added cost of the electric lights.

On a permanent installation, the lights 18 possess many advantages over portable lights. With the latter, the danger of the lamp upsetting with possible damage to the dresser or wiring, is always present. For shipping it is only necessary to pull the candle sticks out of their sockets and place them in one of the dresser drawers.

What I claim, is:

1. As an article of manufacture, a shoe adapted to seat on the top of a dresser or the like and support a mirror frame or standard, forwardly extending offset portions at opposite ends of said shoe, standard plug-in electric sockets arranged within said offset portions for receiving standard electric plugs and a concealed groove in the rear face of said shoe communicating through transverse grooves with said sockets and forming a channel for lead-in wires.

2. A dresser having a flat top, a shoe mounted across said top flush with the back, thereof, a series of forwardly extending offsets on said shoe and standard plug-in sockets mounted in said offsets for the reception of standard plugs, said shoe being formed with grooves in its bottom wall hidden by the top of the dresser and adapted to form a conduit for lead-in wires.

3. A dresser having a flat top, a shoe mounted on the top and flush with the back thereof, said shoe having forwardly extending offsets at opposite ends and in the middle thereof standard electric plug-in sockets mounted in said offsets flush with the top thereof for the reception of standard electric plugs, said shoe being formed with grooves in the bottom thereof leading from said sockets to the rear of the dresser, said grooves adapted to form a conduit for lead-in wires.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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