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Fig. 1.

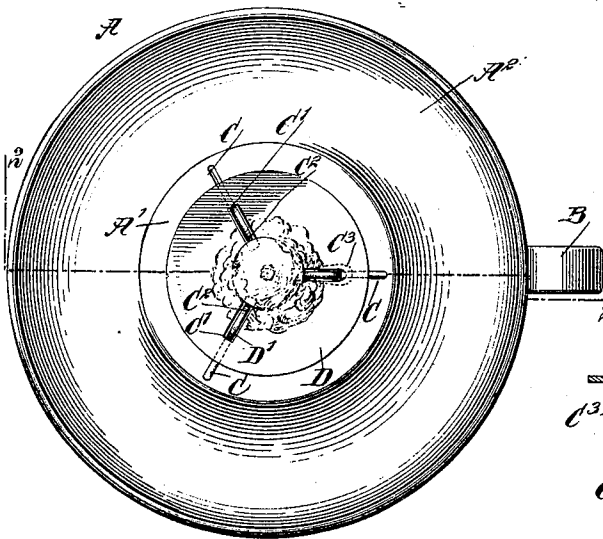


Fig. 2.

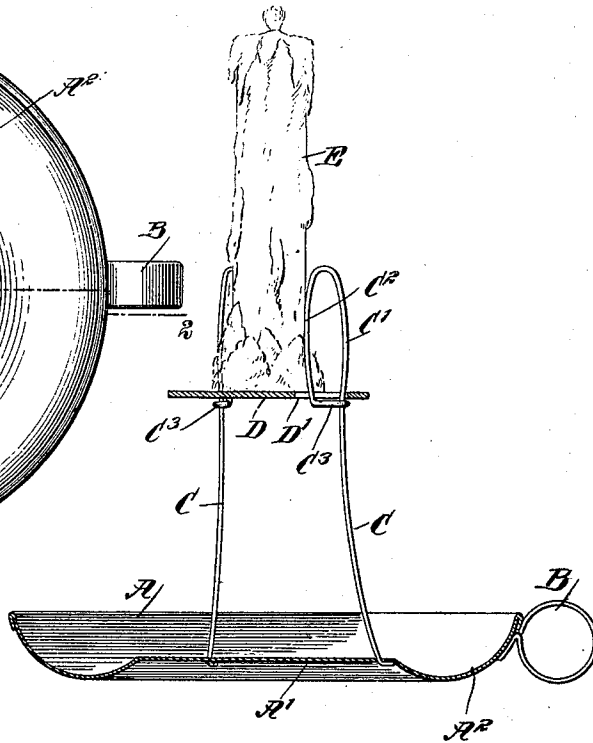


Fig. 3.

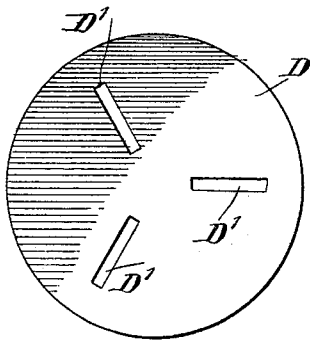
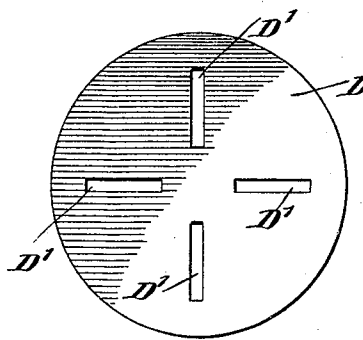


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. SHERMAN, of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Candlestick, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved candlestick which is simple and durable in construction, arranged to accommodate different size candles, to allow of conveniently placing the candle in position and to securely hold it in place, to permit the candle to burn out completely without danger of setting fire to surrounding parts, to provide a ready support for the reception and accumulation of the drippings without danger of the drippings passing onto the base upon matches or other articles stored in the base, and to allow of conveniently cleaning the candlestick whenever desired.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, as will be fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claims.

A practical embodiment of my invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a plan view of the improvement. Fig. 2 is a sectional side elevation of the same on the line 2 2 in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is an enlarged plan view of the candle-supporting plate; and Fig. 4 is a like view of a modified form of candle-supporting plate designed for use on a candlestick having four arms instead of three, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

The improved candlestick is provided with a suitably-constructed base A, preferably formed with a somewhat-raised center piece A' and an annular trough A² for containing matches or other articles. A finger-piece B or other handle is attached to the base A to allow of conveniently carrying the candlestick about.

On the raised center piece A' of the base A are secured a plurality of upwardly-extending spring-wire arms C, slightly bulged outward at their upper ends, as at C', the tops of the arms terminating in downwardly and inwardly extending clamping members

C², formed at their lower ends into elongated eyes C³, through which pass the corresponding arms C, and the several clamping members forming a rest for a candle-supporting plate D, having a number of radial slots D' to allow the passage of the upper ends of the arms C' when placing the supporting-plate in position or when removing the same from the arms and the clamping members for cleaning or other purposes. The clamping members C² are bulged somewhat inward in an opposite direction to the bulged part C' of the corresponding arm C, and the several clamping members are adapted to engage the side of the candle E to securely hold the same in position, the bottom of the candle resting on the top of the supporting-plate D. The slots D' in the supporting-plate D allow a ready yielding of the clamping-arms C² in an inward or outward direction, it being understood that the said members are arranged in a circle, so that when the candle is pushed down between the clamping members C² the latter yield outward and when the bottom of the candle finally rests on the supporting-plate D then the said clamping members by their resiliency firmly engage the sides of the candle to securely hold the same in position. It is understood that the elongated eyes C³ limit the inward yielding movement of the clamping-arms C², and the said eyes also form a rest for the plate D. If desired, the plate D may be first placed in position on the arms and clamping members and seated on the eyes C³ before placing the candle in position, as above described; but, if desired, the candle may be held in contact with the plate D, and then the latter placed upon the arms and clamping members and pressed downward, so that the outer end walls of the slots D' press on the bulged upper ends C' of the arms C to cause the said arms to swing inward and thereby bring the clamping members C² in firm contact with the sides of the candle E. Thus when the plate D finally reaches its seat on the eyes C³ the candle is securely engaged at its sides by the clamping members. The double yielding action of the arms C and the members C² is such as to readily accommodate candles of different diameters and cause a slight embedding of the clamping members C² in the soft material of the candle, so that

the latter is very securely held in position on the candlestick.

As shown in Figs. 1 and 2, three arms C are employed, and the supporting-plate D is correspondingly provided with three elongated slots D'; but if more such arms C are used—say, for instance, four—then the supporting-plate D is likewise provided with four elongated slots D', as indicated in Fig. 4.

As each arm and its supporting member C², together with the eyes C³, are preferably made of a single piece of spring-wire it is evident that the candlestick can be very cheaply manufactured. It will also be seen that an open mouth is formed by the several arms for the ready entrance of the candle by bending the wire of each arm at the top to form the clamping member, as previously described.

From the foregoing it is evident that the candle E can completely burn out in the candlestick without danger of setting anything on fire in the immediate neighborhood, and that, furthermore, any drippings from the candle readily accumulate on the metallic plate D and harden thereon, and that when the candle has been burned out the operator can conveniently remove the plate D from the arms and then clean the plate of the drippings in a very convenient manner. When the plate D is removed, the arms C and connected parts can also be readily subjected to cleaning, so that the candlestick presents at all times a very neat appearance.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A candlestick, comprising a base, a plurality of arms extending upwardly from said base, each arm being formed into an inwardly-extending clamping member for engagement with the sides of a candle to be held in place, the terminal of the clamping member being provided with a rest and a supporting-plate for the bottom of the candle to rest on, said plate being provided with openings and supported by said rests, substantially as shown and described.

2. A candlestick, comprising a base, a plurality of arms extending upwardly from the base and each formed into an inwardly-ex-

tending clamping member for engagement with the sides of a candle, the terminal of the clamping member being loosely connected with the other member of the arm, said connection forming a rest and a supporting-plate for the bottom of the candle to rest on, said plate being apertured and removably held on said arms, substantially as shown and described.

3. A candlestick, comprising a base, arms extending upwardly from the base and having their upper ends bent inwardly and downwardly and terminating in eyes through which the body of the arm passes, and a supporting-plate provided with radial slots through which the upper bent ends of the arms project, substantially as described.

4. A candlestick, provided with upwardly-extending spring-wire arms terminating in downwardly-bent clamping members extending inside of the upper ends of the members of said arms to engage the sides of a candle, the clamping members being free to yield toward said arms, the lower ends of the members having a slight limiting connection with said arms, to allow the latter to yield outwardly and to limit their inward movement, substantially as shown and described.

5. A candlestick, provided with upwardly-extending spring-wire arms terminating in downwardly-bent clamping members extending inside of the upper ends of the members of said arms, to engage the sides of a candle, the clamping members being free to yield toward said arms, the lower ends of the members having a slight limiting connection with said arms, to allow the latter to yield outwardly and to limit their inward movement, said slight limiting connection also forming a rest, and a supporting-plate having radial slots for the passage of the upper ends of said arms and said clamping members, the bottom of the plate being adapted to be seated on said rest, substantially as shown and described.

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