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Fig. 1

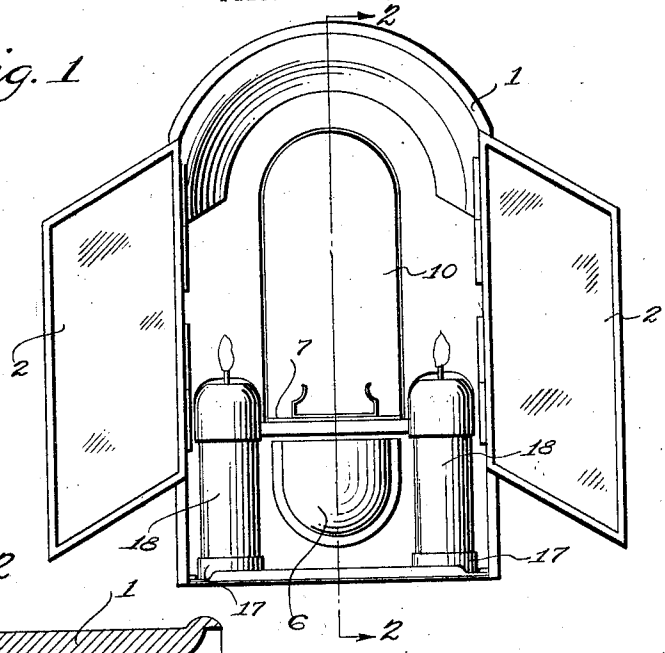


Fig. 2

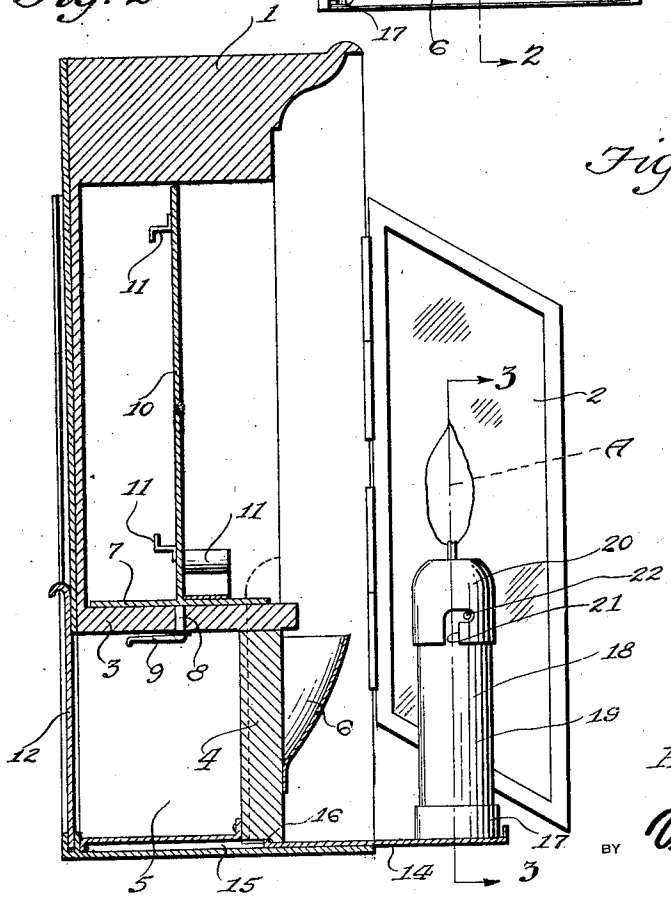
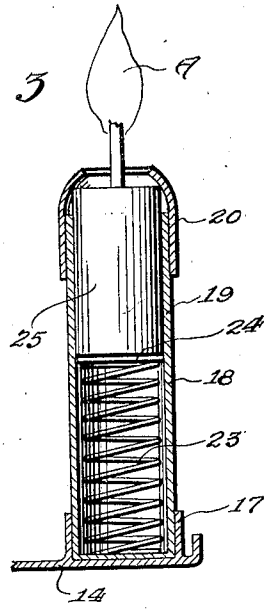


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HUBERT J. ERKENSWICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Shrines, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to ecclesiastical devices and more particularly to a shrine, an object of the invention being to provide an artistic structure for religious purposes which may be collapsed and closed when not in use and opened out and extended for use, and further to provide a structure which includes a statue support arranged to support a plurality of statues and movable to move these statues into exhibited position as desired.

Another object of this invention is to provide a device as specified which embodies a cabinet having candle sticks and a candle stick support slidably carried thereby, whereby the candle sticks may be moved into the cabinet or extended therefrom for use and also to provide a compartment in the cabinet which may be used for storing candles or other ecclesiastical supplies.

Other objects of the invention will appear in the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings wherein:

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of the shrine.

Fig. 2 is a vertical section through the shrine taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a vertical section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, the improved shrine comprises a cabinet 1 having its front side open and at the front edges of the sides of the cabinet are hingedly connected doors 2. The doors 2 are preferably in the shape of parallelograms having their ends disposed at obtuse angles with respect to their side edges and these doors may be made of art glass or analogous material to add to the aesthetic value of the shrine. The cabinet 1 has a platform 3 mounted therein which is supported upon a suitable upright partition 4. The said platform and partition forming a compartment 5 which may be utilized as a storage chamber or compartment for storing candles or other ecclesiastical supplies. A font 6 of any desired artistic shape or design is supported by the outer or front side of the partition 4.

A rotary disc 7 is rotatably mounted upon the platform 3 and it has a stem 8 formed axially thereon which projects through the platform and has a crank handle 9 upon its lower end positioned within the compartment 5. An upright panel 10 rises from the disc 7 and is adapted to form a back support for statues one statue being adapted to be mounted against one side of the upright and a second statue against the opposite side of the upright. Suitable statue gripping means as indicated at 11 is provided for preventing accidental movement of the statue and which permits changing of the statues when desired. By rotating the disc 7 through the medium of the handle 9 an upright 10 may be turned to position and the statue carried there against turned outwardly for exhibition. A sliding panel or door 12 is provided for permitting access to the compartment 5 for the purpose of moving the handle 9 or permitting access to the supplies in the compartment.

A candle supporting plate 14 is slidably supported by the cabinet 1 and is movable in a guide way 15 at the bottom of the cabinet. An upturned flange 16 is formed upon the inner edge of the supporting plate 14 to prevent the withdrawal of the plate from the cabinet. Supporting sockets 17 are carried by the plate 14 adjacent its outer edge and at spaced points and these sockets receive the lower ends of candle sticks or supports 18. The candle sticks or supports 18 comprise cylindrical bodies 19 having removable heads 20 mounted thereon and connected thereto by means of bayonet slots 21 and pins 22. Spiral springs 23 are mounted within the cylindrical bodies 19 and engage candle supporting discs 24 against which the inner ends as shown at 25 rest.

As the candle burns away the springs 23 will urge it upwardly always causing the flame as indicated at A of the candle to be at the proper position above the candle supports 18 and in proper relation to the statue exhibited.

It is, of course, to be understood that the invention may be constructed in other manners and the parts associated in different re-

lations, and therefore, I do not desire to be limited in any manner except as set forth in the claims hereunto appended.

Having thus described my invention what I claim is:

1. In a shrine, a cabinet, a platform therein, a disc rotatably supported by said platform, a statue support carried by said disc and adapted to carry a plurality of statues which may be moved one at a time into exhibiting position, a stem on said disc projecting through said platform, and a handle on said stem for rotating said disc.

2. In a shrine, a cabinet, a platform in said cabinet and spaced upwardly from the bottom of the cabinet, a statue support rotatably carried by said platform, a stem connected to said statue support and extending through said platform, a handle on said stem beneath said platform, and a sliding door normally preventing access to said handle.

3. In a shrine, a cabinet, a platform therein and spaced upwardly from the bottom of the cabinet, a disc rotatably carried by said platform, a statue support carried by said disc, yieldable statue gripping members carried by said statue support, a stem on said disc and projecting through said platform, a handle on said stem, and a sliding door carried by said cabinet and normally preventing access to said handle.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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