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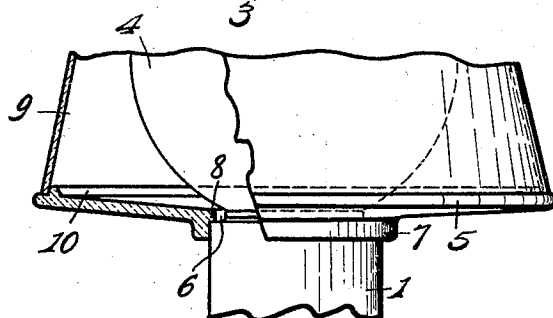
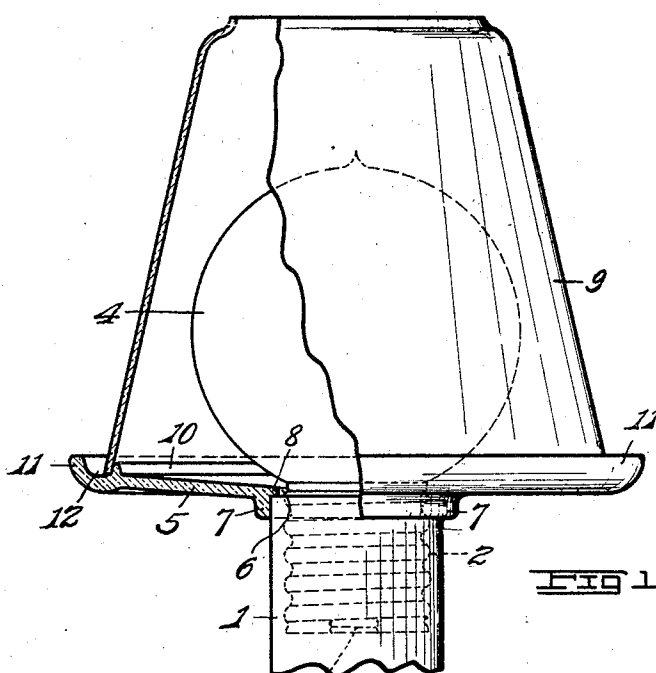


FIG 2

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MORGAN OTT TAYLOR, a citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Wheeling, county of Ohio, and State of West Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders for Candle Shades, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates broadly to candle shades, and more specifically to a support for such shades.

The primary object of the invention is to provide an improved support for the shades of lighting fixtures of candle type.

Shade holders for candle-type lighting fixtures, almost invariably constructed heretofore of wire, sheet brass, or other fabricated metal, have not been wholly satisfactory, the chief objections thereto being that, exposed to view, such metal supports do not harmonize with the candle and shade and, consequently, detract from the decorative effect produced by the fixture as a whole; that the shades are not rigidly held thereby in vertically seated position, and that in some instances the holder prevents the lamp from being threaded far enough in the fixture socket to make the necessary electrical contact.

The present invention aims primarily to provide a shade holder or support which not only obviates the various objectionable features above mentioned as inherent in prior supports, but also enhances generally the appearance of the fixture to which it is applied.

In describing the invention in detail, reference is herein had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of a candle-type fixture including a shade, illustrating the application of my invention, the shade and the support being shown partly in side elevation and partly in section; and—

Figure 2 is a similar view of a fragmentary character showing a slightly modified form of shade holder.

Referring to said drawings 1 indicates the upright candle of a lighting fixture of an ordinary candle-type, the same having mounted in its upper end the usual lamp socket 2 provided with a contact tongue or member 3 with which the base of a lamp 4 mounted in said socket engages for making electrical contact.

Firmly seated upon the candle 1 is the holder or support which constitutes the present invention, the same comprising a circular glass plate 5 which is preferably dished downward slightly into saucer shape, but which may be substantially flat in form. Said plate has therein a central circular aperture 6 of slightly less diameter than the outside diameter of the candle 1 upon which it is to rest, and formed on the under side of said plate in encircling relation to said aperture is a depending flange-like collar 7 having an internal diameter closely approximating the external diameter of said candle and designed to snugly embrace the upper end of the latter. It will be noted that the collar 7 is spaced slightly away from the aperture 6, thereby to form an inwardly projecting ledge 8 which is designed to seat directly upon the edge of the candle embraced by said collar.

The plate 5 forms a rest upon which the usual bottom edge of the usual shade 9 may seat. Formed upon the top face of said plate is an upstanding rib 10 designed to be embraced more or less closely by said seated edge of the shade and by which relative shifting movement of said shade from a centered position is prevented.

The plate shown in Fig. 1 has its outer edge curved upward to form a circumferential upstanding lip 11 which is spaced from the centering rib 10 to form a channel-like seat 12 for the reception of the bottom edge of the shade 9. Manifestly, said lip constitutes an additional guard against lateral shifting movement of the shade. However, said lip may be omitted, as shown in Fig. 2.

Due to the fact that the plate 5 seats firmly upon the candle 1 and that the shade 9 is firmly held against movement by the centering rib 10, the upright seated position of the shade will not be disturbed by the slight shocks or the vibration which ordinarily act to produce displacement of candle shades supported by prior shade holders.

It will be manifest that the shade support described may be made of clear, or crystal, glass, in which case practically all of the downwardly directed rays of light emanating from the lamp will be transmitted. Or, made of frosted glass, a white diffused light will be directed downward. It will further be apparent that said support lends itself admirably to the use of glass colorings, tints,

or decorations harmonizing with those of the shade, and that it may well enhance the general appearance of the fixture by furnishing a finishing effect. Moreover, it will be noted that said support in no way interferes with introduction of the lamp to its fully seated position with respect to the contact member of the lamp socket.

What is claimed is—

10 1. A support for candle shades, comprising, in combination with a candle having a lamp socket therein, a centrally apertured glass member provided with a shade seat thereon, means integral with said member
15 for preventing lateral shifting of the seated shade, and an integral collar formed on the under side of said member for embracing the upper end portion of the candle, said collar being concentric with and spaced from said
20 aperture to provide a ledge for seating upon the candle.

2. The combination with an electric candle comprising a tube having an electric lamp socket arranged in its upper end, and

an incandescent lamp in the socket; of an integrally-formed glass shade holder having an inwardly extending ring resting freely upon the top of said tube, a depending sleeve telescoping with the outside of the tube and restraining the holder from tilting, and a laterally extending skirt; and a lamp shade resting freely upon and supported by the outer edge of said skirt.

3. An integral translucent glass shade holder for an electric candle, comprising a central sleeve adapted to telescope with the upper end of an electric candle tube, an inwardly extending ring at the upper end of the sleeve adapted to rest freely upon the top of said tube, and a laterally extending skirt forming a bearing support for a shade.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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