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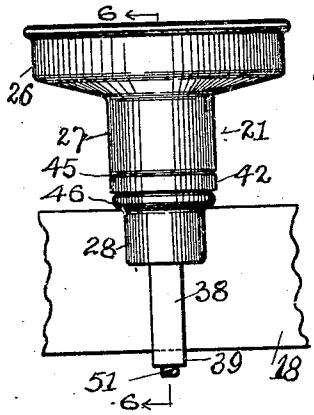


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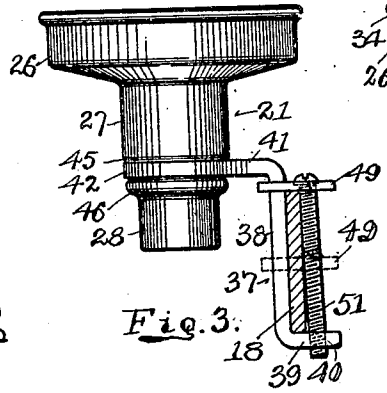


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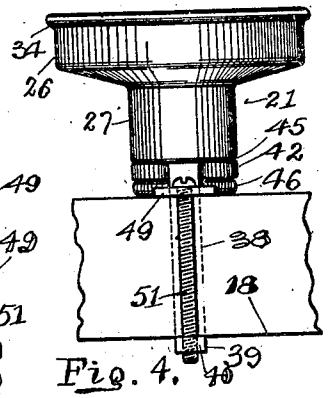


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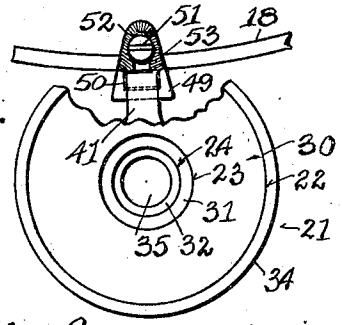


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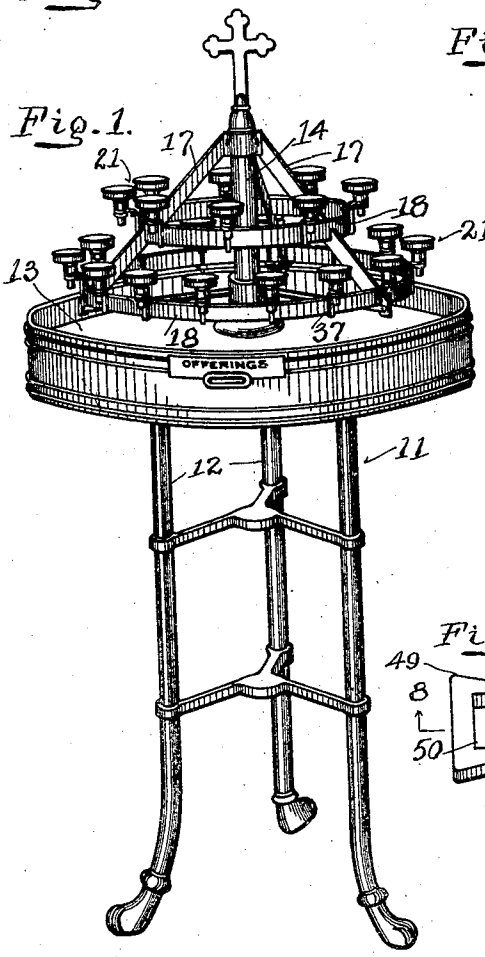


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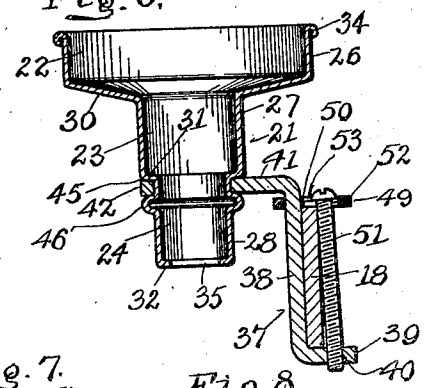


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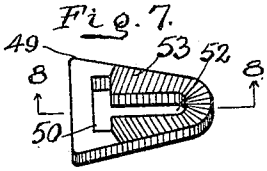


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEO R. LE TANG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Votive Stands, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to votive stands, and it is the object of my invention to provide a candle holder of novel construction for a votive stand whereby candles of various diameters may be readily selectively received in a single candle holder; to provide novel means for supporting the candle holder; and to provide novel means whereby the candle holders may be secured to the supporting members of the votive stand in such manner that their positions may be readily changed and additional candle holders may be readily supplied.

The invention will be further readily understood from the following description and claims, and from the drawing, in which latter:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a votive stand embodying my invention.

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of one of the candle holders and its means of attachment, the supporting band being partly broken away.

Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the same, the supporting band being shown in cross-section, and the clamping means being shown in one position in full lines and in another position in dotted lines, for accommodating bands of different heights.

Fig. 4 is a rear elevation of the same, the supporting band being shown partly broken away.

Fig. 5 is a plan view of the same, the candle holder and the supporting band being partly broken away.

Fig. 6 is a vertical cross-section of my improved device, taken in the plane of the line 6—6 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of one of the clamping washers; and,

Fig. 8 is a vertical cross-section of the same, taken on the line 8—8 of Fig. 7.

The votive stand may be of any suitable form and comprise a frame 11, shown as formed of connected legs 12, a drip pan 13 and a pedestal 14. Hangers 17 extend from the pedestal. Supports 18, for instance of metal, are suitably supported by the hangers and act as supports for the candle holders. These supports are instanced as bands of brass fixed to the hangers, but may be of other or different construction within the scope of the appended claims.

Candle holders 21 are provided, shown in the form of candle receiving cups. These candle holders are preferably so formed as to securely receive a plurality of sizes of candles, being provided with bores 22, 23 and 24, of different diameters, the walls 26, 27 and 28 of which are superposed and are provided with shelves 30, 31 and 32. The shelf 30 is located between the bores 22 and 23 and the shelf 31 is located between the bores 23 and 24, the shelf 32 being located at the bottom of the board 24. The shelves form flange-bottoms for the bores, the candles resting thereon respectively when in the respective bores. The upper end of the wall of the upper bore is preferably curled to form a bead 34, for forming a rounded upper preferably annular end for the candle holder, aiding in the strength and ornamentation thereof.

The candle holder with its various bores and shelves is preferably formed out of a single piece of metal, for instance by spinning the same out of a single sheet of brass.

The bottom of the candle holder is provided with a hole 35, the open upper end of the bore 23 forming a bottom hole for the bore 22, and the open upper end of the bore 24 forming a hole for the bottom of the bore 23. The holes at the bottoms of the respective bores communicate with each other and permit ready escape of the drippings of grease or tallow, incident to the burning of the candle, through the candle holder, especially when the candle has been burnt down so as to melt the bottom end of the candle, the melted grease and tallow dropping into the drip-pan 13 through the holes as soon as an opening has thus been provided for the same.

Holder supporting brackets 37 are provided. These brackets respectively consist of a shank 38 which extends up and down across the height of the supporting band to which it is secured. This bracket is provided with a flange 39 at the lower end of the shank, arranged to be received across the lower edge of the band and to project beyond the face of the band which is opposite to the face across which the shank extends, this projecting end being provided with a threaded hole 40.

The upper end of the shank has a flange 41 projecting therefrom as an arm, which is provided with a ring 42 received about the candle holder, forming a securing rim to which the candle holder is secured. The shelf 31 forms a shoulder 45 arranged to rest upon the upper face of the ring, the wall 28 of the bore 24 being expanded as a bead 46 at the bottom of the ring for securely clampingly holding the ring between said bead and the shoulder 45. This construction forms a neat and strong securing means between the bracket and the candle holder.

The supporting bands to which the candle holders are secured are in practice of different heights, and I have provided means whereby the candle holder may be clamped to the band throughout a range of heights of different bands.

Thus I provide a washer 49 provided with a slot 50. The shank 38 is inserted in this slot, the washer being moved upwardly on the shank toward the arm or flange 41 a sufficient distance to receive the supporting band between the lower flange 39 of the shank and said washer. A screw 51 is received through a hole 52 in the washer and is threaded into the threaded hole 40 of the lower flange 39. This hole is shown as a slot merging into the slot 50. The upper walls of the slot 52 slant downwardly toward the slot 50, as shown at 53, so as to urge the screw at that edge of the supporting band, toward the supporting band, to clamp the supporting band between the shank 38 and the screw 51, the screw also causing clamping action between the washer 49 and the flange 39. Supporting bands of different thicknesses and heights are thus accommodated.

The wide range of clamping action provided for in my device is illustrated in Fig. 3, in which the washer in full lines represents the position of the washer when a supporting band of nearly the height of the shank is employed, and the lower washer in dotted lines represents the position of the washer when a supporting band of a height equal to the distance between said dotted washer and the lower flange 39 is employed. Screws of different lengths may be employed, or the screw may extend through the threaded hole to different extents when employing supporting bands of different heights.

My improved device is simple in construction, neat in appearance, provides releasable attaching means for candle holders for selectively spacing the candle holders in convenient manner on their supporting bands, and increasing the numbers of candle holders in properly spaced relations as the demand for the same increases, and provides simple means whereby candles of different sizes, including vigil lights, may be selectively employed in any of the candle holders.

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

1. In a votive stand, the combination with a support, of a bracket comprising a shank, a flange at the upper end of said shank and a flange at the base of said shank, a candle holder secured to said upper flange, said second-named flange received across the bottom of said support, a washer having sliding connection with said shank, and a screw clampingly connecting said washer and said second-named flange with said support between said washer and said second-named flange.

2. In a votive stand, the combination with a support, of a bracket comprising a shank and a flange at the upper end of said shank, said flange comprising a rim which forms a socket, and a candle holder in said socket, said candle holder comprising a shoulder and a bead which extend outwardly beyond the inner face of the wall of said socket and are located respectively above and below said rim to secure said candle holder to said bracket.

3. In a votive stand, the combination with a support, of a bracket comprising a shank and a flange at the upper end of said shank, said flange comprising a ring, and a candle holder in said ring, said candle holder provided with a shoulder and a bead, said shoulder and said bead annularly arranged and extending outwardly beyond the inner wall of said ring and located respectively above and below said ring to secure said candle holder to said bracket.

4. In a votive stand, the combination of a bracket comprising a shank having a flange at its upper end and a flange at its lower end, a candle holder secured to said upper flange, a washer slidable on said shank, and a screw between said slidable washer and said second-named flange whereby to clamp bands of different heights between said washer and said second-named flange.

5. In a votive stand, the combination of a bracket comprising a shank having a flange at its upper end and a flange at its lower end, a candle holder secured to said upper flange, a washer slidable on said shank, said

washer provided with a slot the upper faces of whose walls are inclined toward said shank, and a screw between said inclined faces and said second-named flange whereby to clamp bands of different heights between said washer and said second-named flange.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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