This invention relates to lamp shade supports, and more particularly to such forms of supports as are associated with and directly connected to the lamp shade.

The invention comprises, as an important feature, a lamp shade support of the character referred to in which a ventilated lamp shade is provided with a supporting element or elements attached to the shade directly at the ventilating opening therein, the supports proper comprising a plurality of members depending from a collar surrounding the ventilating opening, said members being adapted to resiliently grasp the bulb of an electric light, to thereby support the shade.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, which illustrate an embodiment of the invention,

Fig. 1 is a sectional view through a lamp shade and the support; and
Fig. 2 is an inverted plan view of the shade and support.

The lamp shade 3, herein shown to be of dome form, is provided at its top with a ventilating opening 5. Within this opening is located a collar 7, which tightly fits the opening and extends below the inner edge thereof a suitable distance, where it is provided with an out-turned flange 9. The collar 7 extends upwardly through the opening in the shade and is turned over upon the outer surface of the shade, as shown at 10 to provide an ornamental finish for the shade about the ventilating opening.

Encircling the tubular portion 12 is a ring 14, which rests upon the flange 9. The ring 14 is provided with two, or more, downwardly extending arms 16, from which the circular portions 18 extend. The arms 14 and circular portions 18 constitute bulb grasping means, and being of sheet metal they have sufficient resiliency to grasp the lamp bulb upon opposite sides and frictionally maintain the shade in position upon the bulb, but with capacity for adjustment whereby the shade may be shifted to different angular positions relative to the vertical axis of the bulb or lamp.

The collar 7 and its flange 10 may conveniently be made of sheet metal with any suitable finish, and when the collar is inserted in the opening 5 it provides an attractive embellishment to the ventilating aperture of the shade, and at the same time serves the purpose of supporting the ring 14, arms 16, and annular grasping device 18 for supporting the shade from the lamp bulb.

Changes may be made in the details of construction, or the relative arrangement of parts or their configuration and design, without departing from the spirit of the invention, provided that such changes are within the scope of the following claim.

I claim as my invention:

A lamp shade support comprising a tubular member to fit the ventilating opening of a lamp shade, and an outwardly extending flange on said member arranged to lie outside of and to overlap the edge of said opening, a flange on said member located within the lamp shade, a flat ring surrounding the tubular member and supported by said flange, said ring extending directly in a flat plane from the outer periphery of said tubular member to the inner edge of the shade, and depending arms bent downwardly from said ring and terminating in lamp engaging members.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of January A. D. 1928.

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