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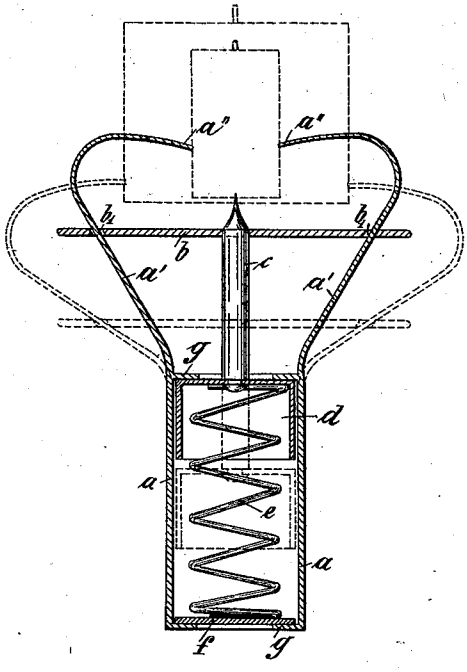

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMANN GLÄSER, a subject of the Emperor of Austria-Hungary, residing at Vienna, Austria-Hungary, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Candle-Holders, (for which I obtained a German Gebrauchsmusterschutz, No. 20,023, of November 17, 1893,) of which the following is a specification.

The principal object of my present invention is to provide a simple, durable and effective holder for candles or the like; and to which end my invention consists of a candle-holder constructed and arranged in the manner hereinafter described and claimed.

The nature and scope of my invention will be more fully understood from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, illustrating in vertical central section a candle-holder embodying the features of my invention.

Referring to the drawing, *a* is a sheath, tube or cylinder provided with a series of spring metal clamps or fingers *a'*, flaring outwardly from the top of said sheath or cylinder *a*, and curved at the upper portions thereof inwardly at *a''*, so as to firmly engage the surface of a candle and hold the same in required position. It may be here remarked that these fingers or clamps *a'*, are so arranged as to accommodate candles of different dimensions as indicated by the dotted lines in the drawing by simply exerting a slight pressure upon a disk *b* to cause the respective fingers or clamps *a'*, of the sheath or cylinder *a*, to be spread apart so as to grasp and hold the candle of the required size to be held by the device of my invention.

b, is a disk provided with openings *b'*, through which are inserted the series of spring clamps or fingers *a'*. This disk *b*, in the middle, is perforated and through it extends the cone-shaped end of a stem or pin *c*, which is fastened thereto and supports the same to position. The said cone-shaped end of the stem or pin *c*, is adapted to permit of the bottom of a candle being brought into engagement therewith so as to hold the same in an upright position in conjunction with the spring clamps *a'*. It may be here mentioned that the said disk *b*, serves as a receiver for trickling grease, tallow or the like from the burning candle. The bottom of the stem or pin *c*, extends downward through an opening in the top of the sheath, cylinder or tube *a*, and engages with a tubular case, shell or hood *d*, which forms a housing for the upper extremity of a spiral spring *e*, engaging at said extremity with the base of the pin or stem *c*, and at the other end with the bottom *g*, of the sheath, tube or cylinder *a*. The hood or shell *d*, also permits in the depression of the spring *e*, of the readjustment of the same within the cylinder or tube without undue movement of the stem *c*, in its connection with the disk *b*, and with the latter in sliding engagement with the spring fingers or clamps *a'*, of the holder, for permitting of the accommodation of candles of different dimensions.

The manipulation of the device as herein-before described for use will be manifestly plain and be clearly understood from the accompanying drawing without further detail explanations herein made in respect thereto.

Having thus described the nature and objects of my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A candle-holder, comprising a sheath, cylinder or tube provided with spring fingers or clamps flaring outwardly and curving inwardly, a disk in sliding engagement with said fingers or clamps, a stem or pin fastened to and supporting said disk and provided with a cone-shaped end adapted to engage a candle and the opposite end of said stem or pin engaging a case, and a spiral spring engaging at one end with said stem or pin and at the other with said sheath, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand in presence of two witnesses.

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