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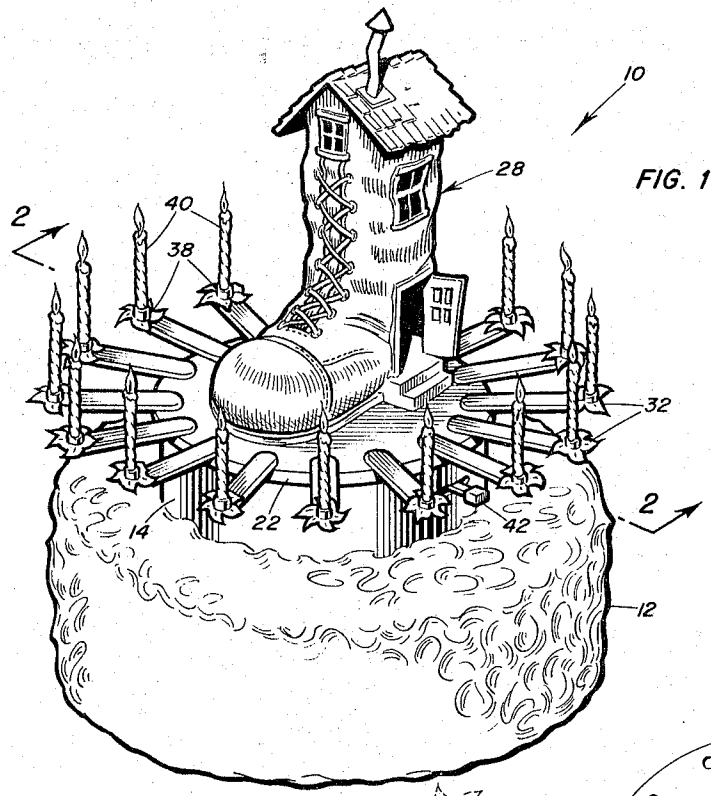


FIG. 1.

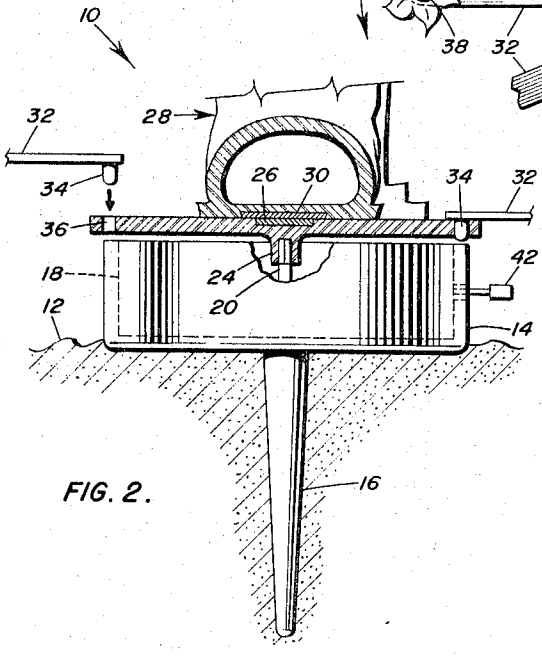


FIG. 2.

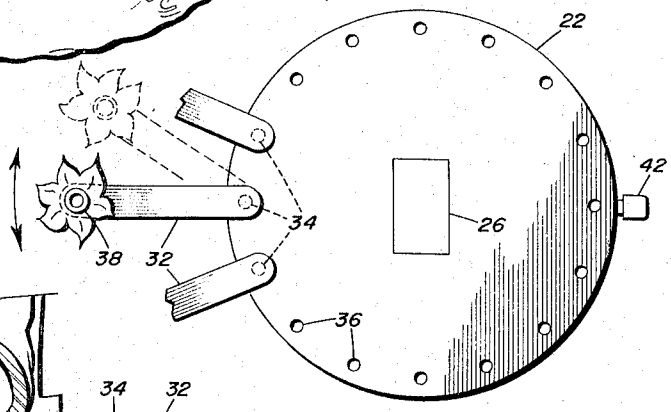


FIG. 3.

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This invention relates generally to music boxes, and more particularly it pertains to a musical rotary centerpiece and candle holder for a cake.

Nothing adds more to the festivity of a gathering than a musical centerpiece. For birthday parties and other occasions, there are now available small turntable music boxes on which a cake rotates while the music plays.

It is an oblect of this invention to provide a more flexible arrangement of music box centerpieces featuring changeable movable centerpieces and candle holders.

Another object of this invention is to provide a mechanized decoration for large or small cakes which is easily removed without disturbing or lifting the cake.

Other objects and attendant advantages of this invention will become more readily apparent and understood from the following detailed specification and single sheet of accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a cake decoration embodying features of this invention;

FIG. 2 is an enlarged detail view taken on line 2—2 of FIG. 1; and

FIG. 3 is a plan view of the turntable.

Referring now to the details of the invention, reference numeral **10** indicates generally a cake decorator. This cake decorator **10** consists of a casing **14**, which is secured to a central depending spike **16** and adapted for impalement on a cake **12**.

The casing **14** houses a music box mechanism **18** having a winding and drive stem **20** which extends vertically and centrally upwardly. A flat turntable **22** is secured by a socket **24** to the drive stem **20** for rotation with respect to the casing **14** as best shown in FIG. 2. A magnet **26** is recessed in the top center of the turntable **22** so that a decoration structure **28** housing an iron plate **30** embedded in its bottom may thus be removably mounted thereon.

A plurality of spaced holes **36** near the edge of turntable **22** serve to receive studs **34** on the ends of narrow arms **32**, each of which carries a candle cup **38** and candle **40** at its outer end. These arms may be pivotally swung

as shown by the dotted line and curved arrow so as to adapt to a large or small cake **12**.

When the start-stop key **42** of the music box mechanism is operated the music plays and the turntable **22** rotates carrying the decoration structure **28** and candles **40** around with it in a very impressive and entertaining manner.

When the cake is ready to be cut it is quite simple to remove the entire decoration **10** by withdrawing its completely; decoration, candles, music box, and spike in one operation, all without disturbing or lifting the cake.

Any number of candles can be mounted as the occasion dictates and the decoration structure **28** exchanged for any other which is suitable.

Obviously many modifications and variations of the present invention are possible in light of the above teachings. It is, therefore, to be understood that within the scope of the appended claims the invention may be practiced otherwise than as specifically described.

What is claimed is:

1. A cake decorator, comprising, a casing, a music box mechanism positioned in said casing, said mechanism having a winding and drive stem extending vertically and centrally upwardly, means including a flat turntable spaced parallel to the upper surface of said casing secured to said winding and drive stem and arranged for rotation with respect to said casing, magnetic means recessed in the top center of said turntable, and a decoration structure having a magnetic material embedded in its bottom removably mounted on said turntable.

2. A cake decorator as recited in claim **1**, wherein a plurality of spaced holes are provided in the edge periphery of said turntable, and means positioned in each hole for mounting a candle.

3. A cake decorator as recited in claim **2**, wherein each means for holding a candle consists of a pivotally mounted arm.

4. A cake decorator as recited in claim **1**, and means for interlocking said turntable with said respect to said casing.

5. A cake decorator as recited in claim **4**, wherein said means for interlocking said turntable with respect to said casing includes a releasable start-stop key.

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