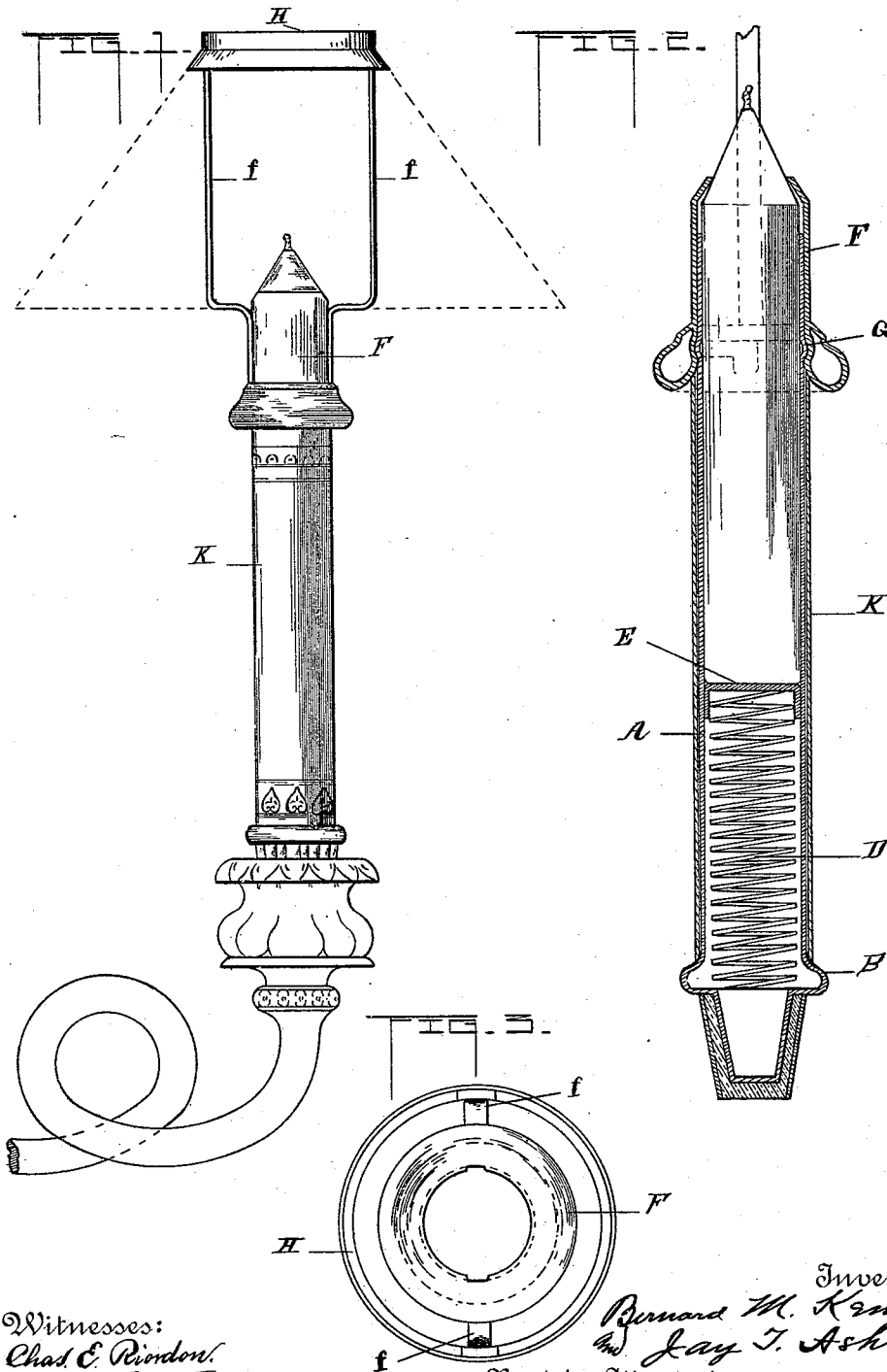


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, BERNARD M. KENT and JAY T. ASHBY, citizens of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Candle-Holder and Shade-Holder, set forth in the annexed specification; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

Our invention relates to improvements in candle and shade holders; and the object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which shall be simple in construction, inexpensive in manufacture, ornamental and attractive in appearance, and reliable and efficient in use.

The invention will first be described in connection with the accompanying drawings, and then pointed out in the claims at the end of this description.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of a combined candle and shade holder embodying our invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the same with the top of shade-holder broken off, and Fig. 3 is a bottom plan of the combined cap and shade-holder.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

A represents a tube, which may be made of tin or any suitable material, and which is preferably formed near its lower end with an integral circular enlargement or projection B, below which the tube extends inwardly toward the center far enough to afford an annular seat or interior horizontal support for a spiral or other suitable spring D, which fits loosely within the tube A and rests upon said annular seat. Below the enlargement B the tube is preferably tapered in the form of a truncated cone, so as to fit a correspondingly-shaped conical opening or socket in a bracket or other support therefor. This latter construction, however, may be varied at pleasure, and the lower terminal of the tube may be constructed to fit any desired form of socket. The upper end of the spring D has fixed to

it a sliding candle support or plate E, on which the candle rests. The spring exerts a constant upward pressure, which forces the candle against the inwardly-turned upper end of the cap F, which fits over the upper end of the tube A, and may be held in position thereon in any desired manner, but preferably by means of a pin or protuberances G on the tube A, registering with a slot and groove or grooves in the cap and forming therewith a bayonet-joint or similar connection, which permits the parts to be readily connected and disconnected at will by placing the cap over the end of the tube with the protuberances in engagement with the slots and then turning the cap to lock it in position.

Fixed to and extending up from the cap F are arms *ff*, which support a ring H, on which the shade rests, said arms being shown as formed integral with the cap F, so that the cap and shade-holder are connected in one rigid structure.

On the outside of the tube A is placed a detachable ornamental cover K, which consists, preferably, of ornamental paper, celluloid, or any other suitable substance which will give a neat and artistic appearance to the article. By using different-colored covers a pleasing effect on the eye may be produced and the article will thus be rendered attractive to the trade. By this construction the candle is held within the metallic tube between the sliding plate and detachable cap, and is constantly pressed upward by the force of the spring, so that it will burn evenly and uniformly until entirely consumed, while the shade is supported at a uniform distance above the light, and is not affected by the consumption of the candle, so that it cannot tip over or lean to one side, and the cap may be removed to permit the introduction of a new candle without displacing the spring or removing the candle-holder from its support. Furthermore, the ornamental cover, which may be made in imitation of candles of various colors, will give the appearance of being the source of light without being consumed, while apparently affording a support for the shade and shade-holder, whereas the actual support for the shade will be the cap, which is removably fitted to the upper end of

the candle-containing tube, with its lower end overhanging or extending below the upper end of the cover.

Having thus fully described our invention, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. In combination with the candle-holding tube having the circular enlargement or bulged portion integral therewith, forming an exterior annular projection near its lower end, the detachable cap and the detachable ornamental cover fitting over said tube between said cap and annular projection, substantially as described.

2. The candle-holding tube having the circular enlargement near its lower end integral therewith, forming an exterior annular projection, and extending thence inwardly, so as to provide an interior annular seat or support for the candle-supporting spring, in combination with said spring, the detachable cap and shade-ring support, and the ornamental cover fitting over the tube, so as to rest on said annular projection, substantially as described.

3. The combination, with the candle-supporting tube constructed with the annular exterior projection and interior annular seat or support for the candle-supporting spring, of the combined cap and shade-ring support detachably secured to the upper end of said tube, the candle-supporting spring seated upon said interior annular support, and the ornamental cover fitted over the tube and adapted to rest on said exterior projection, substantially as described.

4. The combined candle and shade holder

comprising the candle-holding tube having the circular enlargement near its lower end, forming an exterior annular projection, and extending thence inwardly, so as to provide an interior annular seat or support for the candle-supporting spring, and having the protuberance near its upper end, together with the candle-supporting spring seated on said interior annular support, the detachable cap and shade-ring support having the slot for engaging said protuberance, and the ornamental cover, all constructed and adapted to operate substantially as described.

5. The combined candle and shade holder comprising the candle-holding tube having the circular enlargement near its lower end, extending inwardly, so as to provide an interior annular seat or support for the candle-supporting spring, and having the protuberance near its upper end, together with the candle-supporting spring seated on said interior annular support, and the detachable cap fitting over the upper end of said tube and provided with the angular slot for engaging said protuberance, said cap being formed integrally with the upwardly-extending arms having the shade-ring supported thereon, all constructed and adapted to operate substantially as described.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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