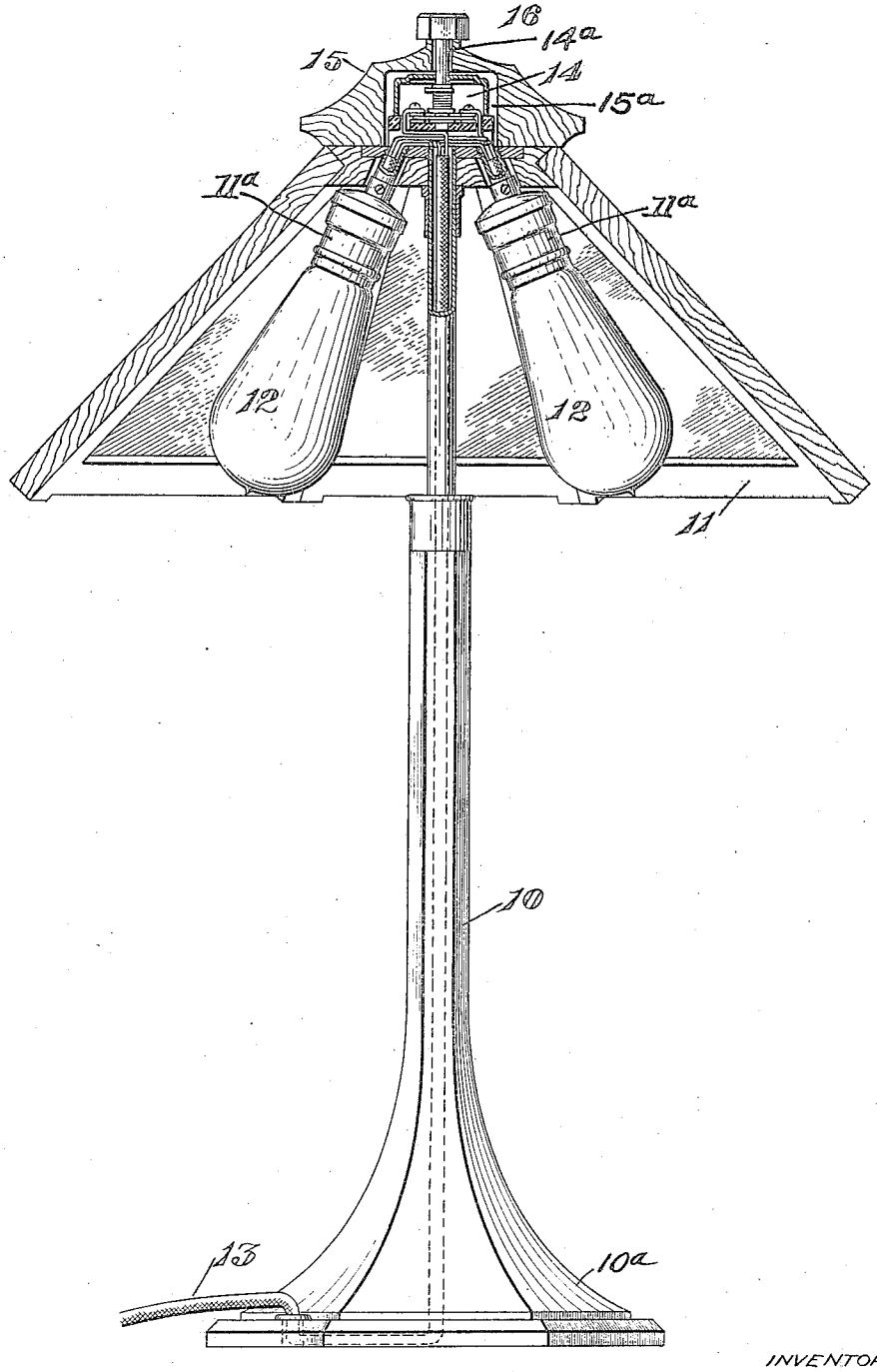
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HUBERT DUNN, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Francisco, in the county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Electric-Lamp Stands, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to electric lamp stands and more particularly to that type of stand having a standard with a shade at the top and in which electric wire extends up from below to operate the lamp beneath the shade. In prior lamps of this type it is usual to operate the electric switch by means of cords or buttons arranged beneath the shade. At best these switch operating means are unsightly and a great deal of groping about is required to locate them. In the present invention I locate the switch at the top of the standard and employ a button for operating the same, which button extends up through the top of the lamp stand and forms an ornamental finish for the same. With a button so located it is readily accessible, and furthermore instead of detracting from the appearance of the lamp it becomes ornamental.

In the accompanying drawing the figure shows a side elevation partly in section of a lamp stand embodying my invention.

Referring in detail to the accompanying drawings, the lamp comprises an upright standard 10 formed with a base 10^a. The upper end of the standard supports a shade 11, within the upper end of which is mounted a pair of downwardly extending sockets 11^a for the reception of electric bulbs or lamps 12. The sockets mentioned are preferably of standard design and one of their terminals is electrically connected to a switch 14. The other terminal is connected to one wire of a cable 13 which extends through the base and upwardly through the standard as shown. The other wire of the cable 13 is connected to the switch 14.

The switch 14 is mounted on the upper end of the shade 11 and nests within a recess 15^a formed in a cap piece 15. This cap piece may be of any ornamental design and is preferably formed with its lower surface complementary to the top surface of the shade so that it may appear as a continuation thereof.

For the purpose of permitting convenient operation of the switch, it is provided with an operating shank 14^a which extends upwardly through the cap piece and is provided with a button 16. The button may also serve to maintain the cap piece in position.

The convenience of a switch button so located will be readily appreciated and it is also obvious that the button may be made ornamental and serve as a decoration for the top of the lamp stand.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

A portable electric lamp of the type described comprising an upright standard having a base, a lamp shade mounted on said standard at the top thereof, a plurality of lamp sockets arranged within said shade and secured to the top thereof, lamps depending from said sockets, a pair of electrical conductors extending upwardly through said standard by means of which the lamps may be connected to a source of electrical energy, a switch mechanism secured at the top of the shade and exterior thereof, said switch being electrically connected to said conductors and said sockets, a cap piece having a bottom surface complementary to the top of the shade and having a recess formed therein for enclosing and concealing said switch, said switch having its operating shank protruding upwardly through the center of said cap piece and an operating button on said shank exterior of the cap piece whereby the switch may be actuated and the cap piece held in position.

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