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FIG. 1

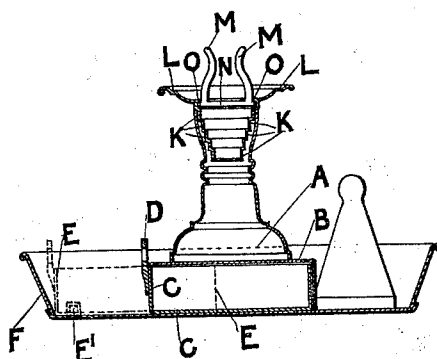
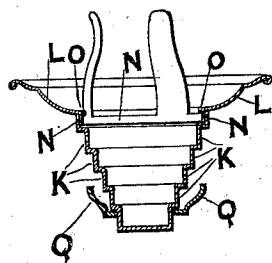
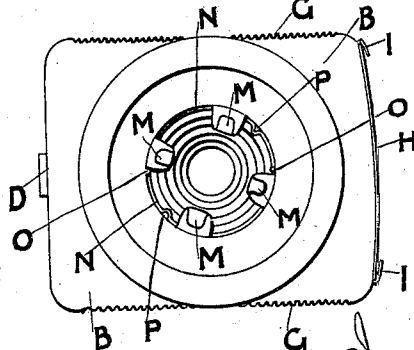


FIG. 2



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FIG. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, EDWIN GILBERT, residing at 36 Queen Street, GEORGE GILBERT, residing at 33 Crompton Street, and SAMUEL GILBERT, residing at 50 Queen Street, Derby, in the county of Derby, England, subjects of the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in and Relating to Lanterns, Candlesticks, Candelabra, and the Like, of which the following is a specification.

The objects of the invention are, first, to provide a receptacle or drawer for matches which will not fall out nor readily admit of the matches falling out, and, secondly, to provide a socket for the reception of the candle which will not only accommodate any-sized candle, but may also be made as a loose part to fit any ordinary candlestick or the like, as will be hereinafter explained.

Referring to the drawings which form a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a cross-section through a candlestick, showing the application of our invention. Fig. 2 is an enlarged cross-section of the socket portion of our invention; and Fig. 3 is an enlarged plan showing the socket and match box or receptacle, the other portions of the candlestick or the like being omitted in the two latter views as not being necessary for the illustration of our invention.

In carrying the first portion of our invention into effect we form at or near the base A of the candlestick or the like a casing or framework B, into which slides a drawer C, with any suitable device, such as D, for operating it backward and forward. The drawer is shown pulled out by dotted lines E on Fig. 1, and it will here be seen that it is impossible for the said drawer to fall out, the side of the candlestick at F acting as a stop to that end. The matches will also be prevented from falling out by the same means. We may, however, provide any other stop, such as E', to effect the same purpose. The sides of the match-box may be serrated or roughened in any suitable manner, as at G, or a slip of emery-paper or the like H may be placed between the clips I to act as striking

devices, so that either ordinary or safety matches may be used.

In carrying out the second part of our invention we provide a socket of somewhat peculiar shape, so that externally it will be adapted to fit any of the ordinary varying sizes of candlestick or candle-holder of any description, and internally it will be adapted to receive any of the ordinary varying sizes of candles. This is effected, as will be seen upon referring to the drawings, by forming the said socket with a series of steps K, so that it increases in diameter as it rises. The usual device L is also provided to catch any falling melted wax, tallow, or composition. Inside this socket we arrange a clipping device consisting of two or more, but preferably four, arms M, which may be formed of any suitable resilient metal or material to clip the candle. These arms are fixed to a ring N, which is adapted to slide around under the studs O, and so fix the clipping device into position. Two corresponding recesses P are formed in the ring N to admit of its being removed from and replaced in the socket when desired. We do not, however, bind ourselves to this particular method of fixing the clipping device in the socket, as it will be evident that it may be fixed thereto in several ways, such as by the well-known bayonet-joint. We may also provide a clip with spring-arms Q to be fixed in any suitable manner externally and near the bottom of the movable socket, so as to compensate for any slackness or bad fitting of the movable socket in the candlestick-socket.

It will be seen that the candle will be held doubly securely in the socket at the top by the clipping device, and at the bottom it will fit into one or other of the varying diameters of the socket.

It will be understood that the different parts of our invention may be formed of any metal, material, or composition suitable for their respective purposes.

Having now described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In combination with the base having a

raised rim, the candlestick having a hollow lower end seated in said tray, and the drawer or receptacle in said hollow portion and arranged to slide out into the open portion of
5 the base, substantially as described.

2. In combination with a socket having a series of steps forming shoulders upon which the candle may rest, the studs O projecting inwardly over the upper step of the series and
10 the ring resting upon the upper step held by

said studs and having upwardly-projecting spring-arms, substantially as described.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands in presence of two witnesses.

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