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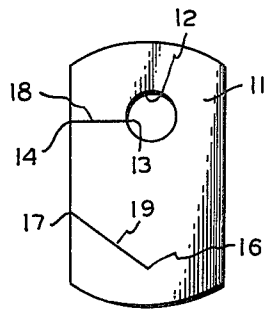


FIG. 1

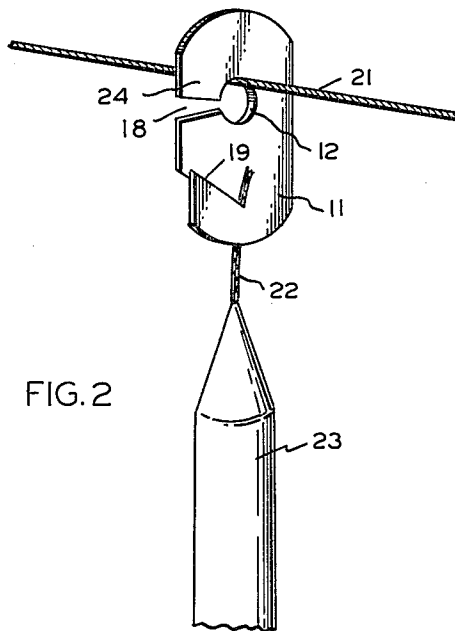


FIG. 2

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This invention relates to a new and novel device for hanging candles by their wicks.

It is an object of this invention to provide a simple and inexpensive device by which individual candles can be hung by their wicks while they are being decorated.

A device constructed in accordance with this invention is inexpensive to manufacture and simple to use.

The decoration of most candles is usually best accomplished by hanging the candle by its wick. Thus, one hand can be employed to rotate the candle while decorating it with the other. Since commercial candles available to the hobbyist have wicks that are too short to tie to a cord, rod or other device from which the candles are to be hung, a clip or clasp is required that will firmly grip the wick of the candle and hang securely from the cord or rod during the decoration process.

The invention, both as to its organization and method of use, together with further objects and advantages thereof, will best be understood by reference to the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing.

In the drawings, FIGURE 1 is an elevational view of the clip constituting the present invention; and FIGURE 2 is a perspective view illustrating the clip in use.

In accordance with this invention, a plate 11 of light gauge bendable plastic or metal is provided with a hole 12 therethrough, preferably located in the upper portion or half of the plate. The plate 11 is slitted at 18 from a point 13 at the edge of hole 12 to a point 14 somewhere at the edge of the plate 11. The plate 11 is also slitted with a second slit 19 from a point 16 located beneath the hole 12 to a point 17 thereabove on an edge of the plate 11. It is not necessary for the first slit 18 to emerge from the same edge of the plate 11 as does the second slit 19, although it has been so shown.

The invention is used as illustrated in FIGURE 2. The plate is bent so as to open or expose the slit 18 as shown, thus forming a hook 24 which may be hooked over any suitable hanger such as a suspension string 21. The slit 19 is also opened slightly, as shown in FIG. 2, to provide a tapered opening into which a string, as for example the wick 22 of a candle 23, may be wedged. The natural resilience of plate 11 causes the wick 22 to be firmly gripped, thus allowing the candle 23 to be safely suspended from the suspension string 21. Once the plate 11 has been hooked over the suspension string 21, it is not necessary for the slit 18 to stay open; it may be deliberately closed if desired to insure securement to the string 21.

It is preferred to direct the slit 19 downward from the edge point 17 to its inner terminal point 16, in order

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that any slippage of the wick 22 will force it further into the slit and thus bind it more tightly.

The slit 18 intersects the hole 12 below the center line thereof in order to provide a proper hook 24 that will insure its engagement over the string 21 or other hanging means. While the slit 18 is conveniently made horizontal its attitude is not critical.

The plate 11 is shown in a generally oval configuration, although its shape is not critical. A rectangular or round configuration would be equally functional, but for manufacturing purposes it has been found that the shape shown is substantially optimum.

An important feature of the invention is the low cost at which the clip can be manufactured. Rapid molding techniques can produce the device from plastic materials at low cost and it can also be produced very inexpensively from thin metal sheet by a single stamping.

While the instant invention has been shown and described herein in what is conceived to be the most practical and preferred embodiments, it is recognized that departures may be made therefrom within the scope of the invention which is therefore not to be limited to the details disclosed herein but is to be afforded the full scope of the claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A clip for suspending objects from a hanger means comprising:

a plate of flat bendable material having
a hole therethrough;
a slit extending from said hole to an edge of said plate, and

a slit extending from a point beneath said hole to a point above said first joint on an edge of said plate.

2. A clip for suspending objects from a hanger means comprising:

a plate of flat bendable material having
a hole therethrough in the upper portion thereof;
a slit extending from said hole below the center line thereof to an edge of said plate, and
a slit in the lower portion of said plate extending upwardly from a point beneath said hole to a point thereabove on an edge of said plate.

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