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Fig. 1.

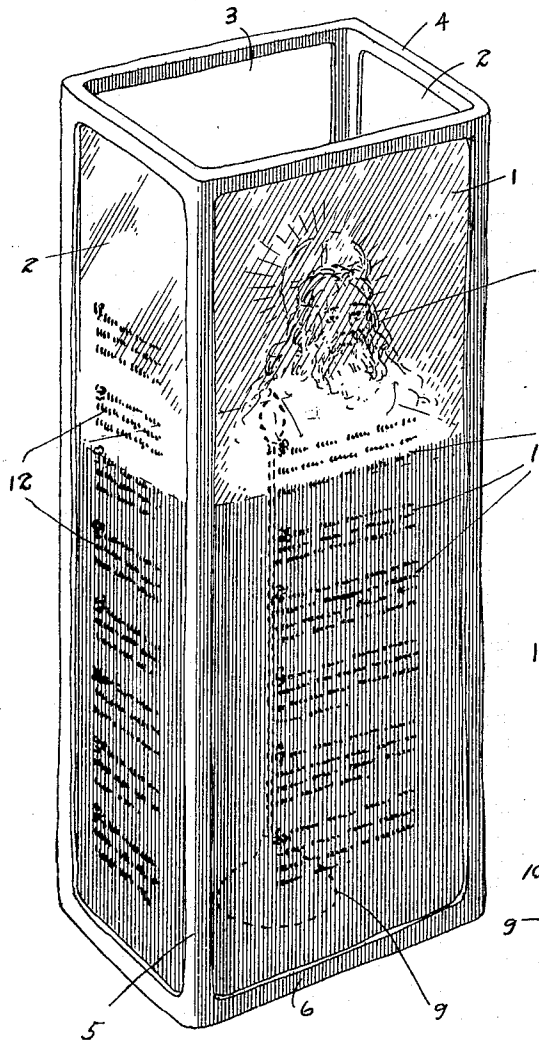
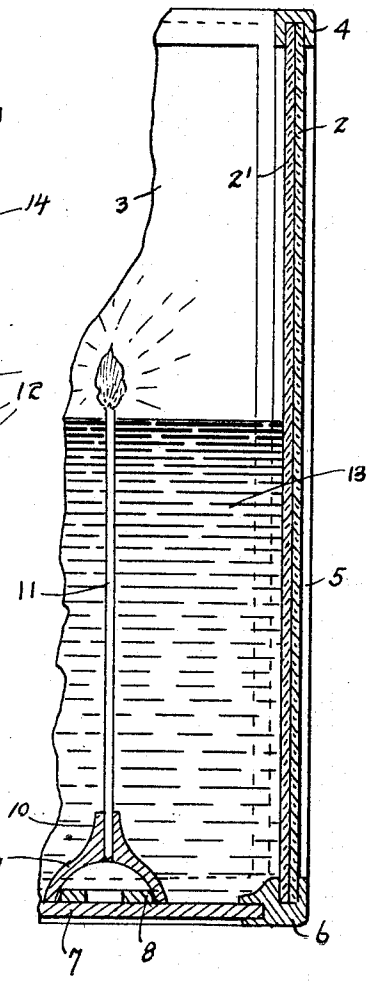


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to religious auxiliaries in general, but in particular to a devotional accessory which may be termed a prayer vase, and the object of the invention is to provide such an accessory which will assist in the devotions of a person at prayers and the concentration by providing in special arrangement an illuminated series of prayers surmounted preferably by an illuminated representation of a patron saint of the devotee and the individual prayers of the series to be successively more brightly illuminated by a gradual change in the relation of the illuminating means thereto, and all of the above of a construction which will provide for ease of manufacture while taking care of a large number of illuminated designs and at the same time present a finished structure which will be acceptable to the church as a proper and dignified part of its equipment.

In the drawings accompanying this application I show the preferred form of my invention, tho it will be manifest that it may take other forms within the scope of the appended claims.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my prayer vase shown complete with taper burning at the level of the oil, and Figure 2 is a sectional elevation of one side wall and bottom of the vase showing the construction thereof and also the means for centralizing the taper within the vase.

In further detail the drawings show a rectangular vase provided with a glass front 1, glass sides 2 and a rear wall 3 preferably of white glass, porcelain, or silvered glass, tho if silvered it should have a frosted surface so as not to constitute a plain mirror.

In actual construction the front and side walls may be double, of two sheets of glass, one sheet bearing a transparent or translucent religious design and the other being a protective sheet covering the design, all sides, bottom, and upper edges being bound preferably with a lead or other soft metal strip as at 4, 5, and 6 cemented to the glass plates so as to make the joint oil tight.

Centrally upon the bottom plate 7 is cemented a ring 8 and over which ring loosely stands an inverted funnel-like pedestal 9 provided with an upwardly extending neck 10 in which is supported a taper 11.

The taper 11 is preferably of round cross-section, is rigid enough to stand vertical and wedges tightly into the pedestal so that the pedestal may be lowered into or removed from the vase by holding the upper end of the taper in the fingers or in a tweezer.

As a feature of this invention the front panel 1 and sides 2 are inscribed with successive parcels of religious data 12 such as prayers, and preferably on the front panel the prayers are surmounted with the picture of a religious leader such as one of the saints 14. The picture and prayers are of a nature so as to be illuminated by a light from within the vase, and may be painted or printed upon the glass or photographically or otherwise transferred or impressed on one of the double sheets of glass 2—2′ and covered with the other.

In use, the prayer vase is filled about four-fifths with a heavy oil 13 such as sperm or a mixture of similar non-flashing properties, of a depth so that the taper 11 just projects above the level of the oil and the taper is then lighted.

The oil being of a colored and heavy nature will cause the flame to more strongly illuminate the inscriptions on the vase above the oil level as indicated in Figure 1 of the drawing while the gradual lowering of the oil level and burning down of the taper in the same proportion will gradually unfold as it were, or successively illuminate successively lower inscriptions or prayers.

The rear wall 3 of the vase being in the nature of a reflector will throw the illumination forward and sidewise for more effectively lighting the inscriptions in the front and side walls.

A vase of this kind has been found to be a great aid toward concentration of one at prayer as it has no disturbing or modernized mechanical distracting features, yet it gives a steady even illumination of the subject matter while gradually unfolding successive matter pertinent to the religious observance at issue.

I claim:

1. A prayer vase provided with light transmitting walls and inscriptions thereon arranged one above the other, a source of light and a reflecting surface within said vase arranged to descend slowly to successively illuminate said inscriptions one below another.

2. A prayer vase provided with light transmitting walls and religious inscriptions

thereon arranged one above the other, a unitary light emitting source and a reflecting surface within said vase arranged to descend slowly to successively illuminate said inscriptions one below another, said inscriptions including a picture of a religious leader at the upper portion of one of the sides arranged for illumination before the remainder of the inscription on that side.

3. A prayer vase provided with light transmiting walls and inscriptions thereon arranged one above the other, a single source of light and a reflecting surface within said vase arranged to descend slowly to sucessively illuminate said inscriptions one below another, said vase having a portion of its vertical wall made internally light reflecting.

4. A prayer vase provided with light transmitting walls and inscriptions thereon arranged one above the other. a unitary light emitting source and a body of heavy oil within said vase feeding said light both arranged to slowly lower and successively illuminate said inscriptions one below another above the surface of said oil, said vase having substantially flat vertical walls and one of said walls only provided with an inwardly light reflecting surface.

5. A prayer vase provided with light transmitting walls and inscriptions thereon arranged one above the other, a unitary light emitting source and a body of heavy oil within said vase feeding said light both arranged to slowly lower and successively illuminate said inscriptions one below another above the surface of said oil, said vase having substantially flat vertical walls joined by soft metal strips cemented thereto.

6. A prayer vase provided with light transmitting walls and inscriptions thereon arranged one above the other, a unitary light emitting source and a body of heavy oil within said vase arranged to slowly descend to successively illuminate said inscriptions one below another, said vase having substantially flat vertical walls joined by soft metal strips cemented thereto and a similar strip covering the upper edges of the vase.

7. A prayer vase adapted to hold oil and provided with locating means on the upper side of its bottom, and a taper supporting pedestal formed for location within and on the bottom of the vase by said means.

8. A prayer vase adapted to hold oil and provided with a locating device projecting above its bottom, and a taper supporting pedestal formed to engage said device for location thereby.

9. A prayer vase adapted to hold oil and provided with a locating ring projecting above its bottom, and a taper supporting pedestal formed like an inverted funnel to engage said device for location thereby.

10. A prayer vase adapted to hold oil, a pedestal supporting a vertically disposed taper therein, said pedestal resting on the bottom of the vase and means for positioning said pedestal in said vase.

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