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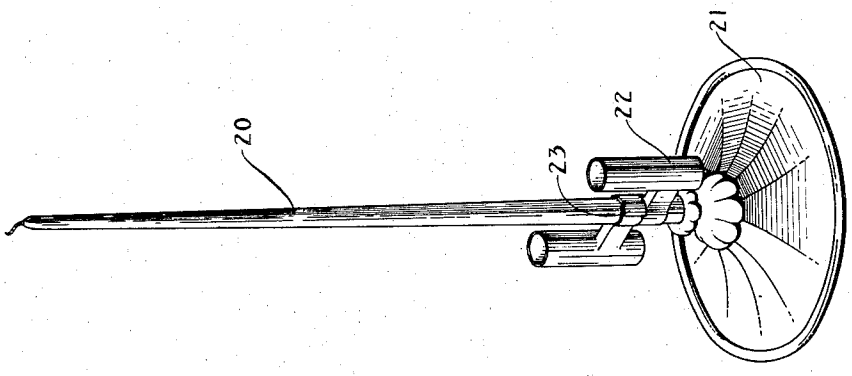


Fig. 4.

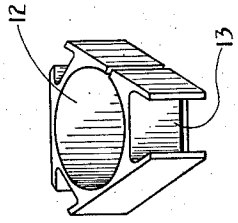


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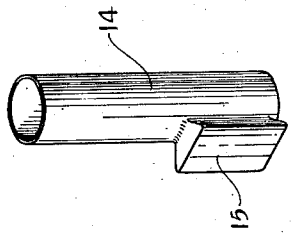


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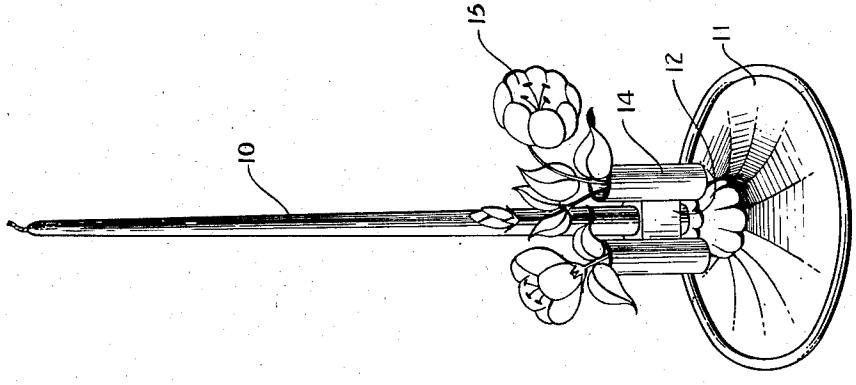


Fig. 1.

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This invention relates to a flower holder and particularly to a flower holder adapted to be used on a candle or the like. Many and varied types of flower holders and flower arrangements for use on dining tables and in the home have been heretofore proposed. Such holders have, however, been generally undesirably large, bulky and space consuming. There has not been, to my knowledge, any arrangement by means of which a candle and candle base could be used to hold flowers so as to make an integral arrangement about a candle which would be particularly adapted for use on dining tables and which would permit varied arrangements of flowers with respect to candles without the use of bulky, space-consuming flower holders.

I have invented a new and novel flower holder adapted for use with candles which is simple, economical of space and versatile in its varied combinations and applications.

According to a preferred embodiment of my invention, I provide an expansible ring slidable over a candle and gripping the candle intermediate the length thereof, means on the ring receive the stem of a flower and hold it in a liquid such as water or nutrient solution. Preferably the ring is provided with dovetail grooves receiving a corresponding dovetail member on the flower-receiving means. In the preferred embodiment the flower-receiving means is a hollow cylindrical member which is held in the upright position on the ring.

The many advantages and objects of my invention will become more apparent from a consideration of the following description and the accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a flower holder according to my invention;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the flower holder ring of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a perspective view of a flower-holding means according to Figure 1; and

Figure 4 is a perspective view of an alternative form of my invention.

Referring to the drawings I have illustrated a candle **10** in a candle base or holder **11**. A split ring **12**, preferably of plastic material, is slidable over the candle **11**. Dovetail grooves **13** are provided at spaced intervals about the ring **12**. Each of the dovetail grooves **13** is provided with stops at the bottom which may be integral with the bottom of the groove. A vial **14** provided with a dovetail projection **15** is attached to the split ring by inserting the dovetail projection **15** in the groove **13**. The vial **14** is thus held in an upright position paralleling the candle **11**. The vial is filled with water or nutrient solution and flowers **16** are inserted therein.

In the alternative form illustrated in Figure 4, I have shown a candle **20** in a candle base or holder **21**. A vial **22** is fixed on a split ring **23** placed in sliding engagement about the candle. A plurality of such vial and split ring assemblies may be placed one above the other along the candle and each ring and vial may be adjustably positioned on the candle to space the vials intermediate the ends thereof.

While I have illustrated and described several preferred embodiments of my invention it will be understood that it may be otherwise embodied within the scope of the following claims.

I claim:

1. In combination, a candle, resilient split ring means extending substantially around the circumference of the candle and in engagement therewith, at least one dovetail groove in said expansible ring means, hollow liquid-containing means, and a dovetail projection on said hollow liquid-containing means fitting into the dovetail groove in the expansible means whereby to removably hold the liquid-containing means on the expansible ring.

2. A flower holder for candles and the like comprising expansible ring means adapted to extend substantially around the circumference of a candle and in engagement therewith, at least one dovetail groove in said expansible ring means, hollow liquid-containing means, and a dovetail projection on said hollow liquid-containing means fitting into the dovetail groove in the expansible means whereby to removably hold the liquid containing means on the expansible ring.

3. A flower holder for candles and the like comprising resilient split ring means adapted to extend substantially around the circumference of a candle and in engagement therewith, at least one dovetail groove in said expansible ring means, hollow liquid-containing means, and a dovetail projection on said hollow liquid-containing means fitting into the dovetail groove in the expansible means whereby to removably hold the liquid-containing means on the expansible ring.

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