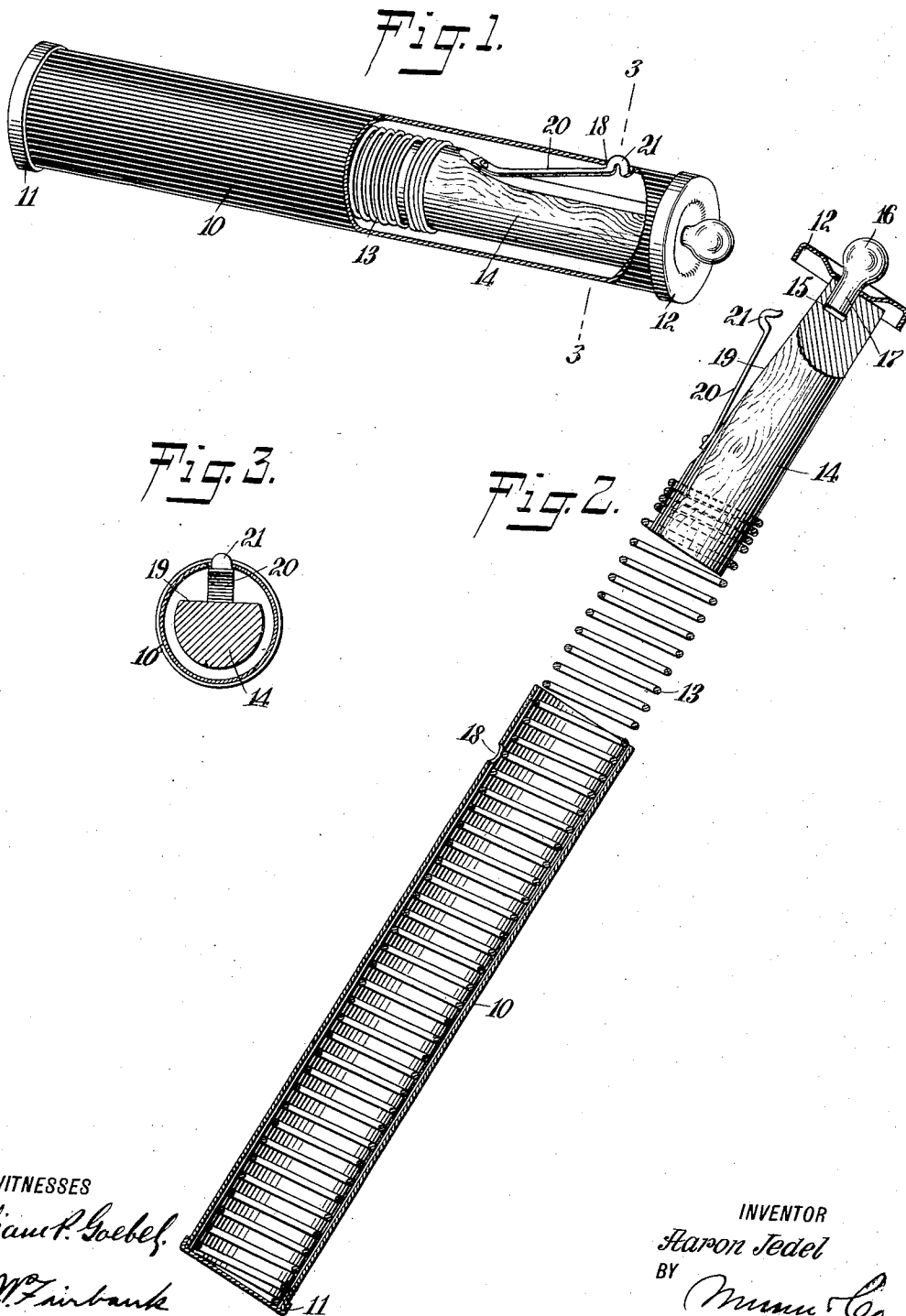


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AARON JEDEL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Trick Electric Pocket-Lamp, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to certain improvements in trick apparatus, and more particularly to that type of apparatus in which a movable part may be unexpectedly released during the handling or manipulating of the device.

One object of my invention is to construct the device so that it will have the exact appearance of a pocket electric light with the battery casing, light bulb and switch or push button. Instead of providing the interior of the battery casing with a battery and with connection to the bulb, I provide an extensible member, so mounted that when the switch or push button is operated to turn on the light, the extensible member will be released and a portion of the device will be projected outwardly to the consternation of the person who pressed the button with the expectation of closing an electric circuit and turning on the light. The general combination of elements may be embodied in other forms than in a pocket electric light, without departing from the spirit of my invention, and certain of the structural details are of importance for use in other types of apparatus of the same general character.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a device constructed in accordance with my invention, a portion of the outer casing being broken away and the parts being in operative position; Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section through the device, the parts being shown in extended or discharged position; and Fig. 3 is a transverse section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

In the specific form of apparatus illustrated, I employ a cylindrical casing 10, substantially in the form of a metal tube and having an outer coating to make the casing simulate, as near as possible, the battery casing of a small pocket electric light. The

ends of the casing are closed by caps 11 and 12, one of which, 11, is permanently secured in place and the other of which, 12, is detachable from the casing. Within the casing is a coil spring 13, one end of which may be soldered or secured in any other suitable manner to the cap 11 or to the lower or innermost portion of the casing. At the outer end of the coil spring is a head 14 of any suitable material, for instance, wood, and permanently secured to the outer or free end of the coil spring 13. The outer end of this head is secured to the cap 12 and is provided with a cavity or recess 15 in its outer end and opposite to an opening through the cap. A glass bulb or knob 16 is provided with a stem 17, which extends through the opening in the cap 12 and into the cavity or recess 15 in the outer end of the head 14. The glass stem 17 is glued in the recess and the bulb serves to hold the cap and head together. The bulb or knob 16 is made to simulate, as near as possible, a small electric light bulb, and is preferably hollow, although if made solid, its solidity would not be noticed at first glance. The coil spring is of such strength that when released it will project the head, cap and bulb outwardly from the end of the casing a considerable distance, but as all of the parts are secured together, none of them can become detached or lost.

For normally holding the spring in its compressed state and with the cap 12 in engagement with the end of the casing, the casing is provided with an opening 18 in one side thereof adjacent the cap, and the head is cut away at one side to provide a flat surface 19. Secured to this surface is a spring 20, terminating at its free end in a knob or push button 21, which may extend out through the opening 18 and prevent longitudinal movement of the head. This knob 21 has the same general form and appearance as the push button on a circuit-closing switch of an ordinary pocket electric light.

With the parts assembled and the coil spring under compression, the head and coil spring are entirely concealed from view and the cap 12 is in engagement with the end of the casing. The parts are all held in their proper relationship by the knob 21. If the device be handed to a person unfamiliar with its construction, he assumes of course that it is a pocket electric light, and will almost instinctively press the button 21 in

order to see the light. The pressing of the button releases the coil spring 13 and the head light and cap are projected outwardly to the position indicated in Fig. 2. This, of course, is a great surprise to the person operating the same and causes amusement to the onlookers.

Various changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of parts within the terms of the appended claims, without departing from the scope of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. An imitation pocket electric lamp, comprising a casing, a cover normally closing one end of said casing, a head within the casing and terminating adjacent said cover, a glass bulb upon the outer surface of said cover and having a stem extending through the cover into said head to secure the bulb, cover and head together, a coil spring within the casing and attached to said head and normally tending to project the latter outwardly from the casing, and a spring catch carried by the head and having a portion normally extending into an opening in the

wall of the casing, to hold the first mentioned spring under compression.

2. In combination, a tubular casing, a cap normally closing one end thereof and having an opening therethrough, a head within said casing and secured to said cap and having a recess in its outer end, a glass bulb outside of said cap and having a stem extending through the opening in the cap into the recess in the head and secured within said recess, a coil spring within said casing and secured to said head for projecting outwardly the latter together with the cap and bulb, and a spring secured to the side of said head and having a knob extending outwardly through an opening in the casing and normally holding the first mentioned spring under compression, the spring being released upon the pressing inwardly of said knob.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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