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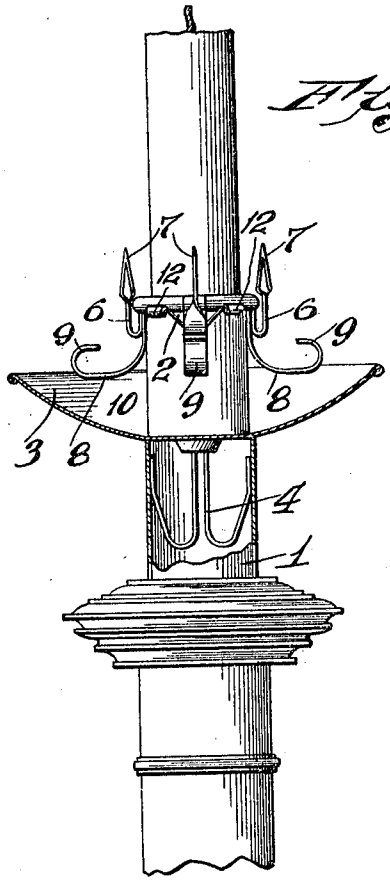
Fig. 1.



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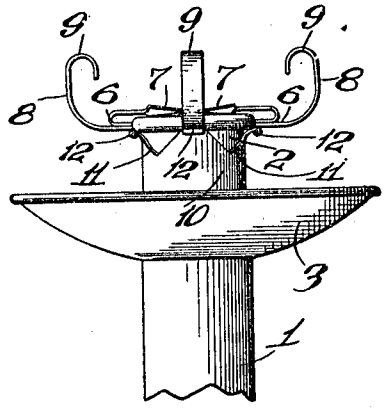

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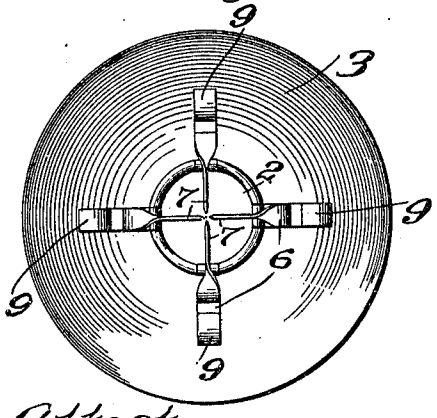

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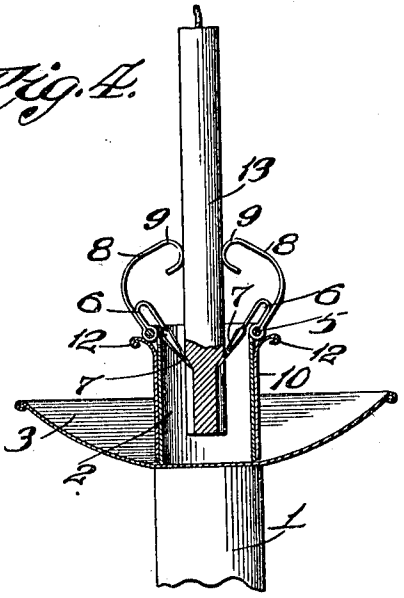

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK J. PRIMAVESI, a citizen of the United States, and resident of St. Louis, Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Candlesticks, of which the following is a specification containing a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to candlesticks or candelabra and my object is to provide an adapter for candlesticks in which candles of different diametrical dimensions may be held.

To the above purposes my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangement of parts which will be hereinafter more fully described, pointed out in the claims and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is an elevation of my improved adapter for candlesticks partly in section and illustrating it placed on a candlestick or on one arm portion of a candelabrum and showing the adapter out of engagement with the candle which is shown as of a size to fit the socket; Fig. 2 is an elevation illustrating the adapter as arranged to receive a candle of lesser diameter than the socket; Fig. 3 is a plan with the adapter in the same position as in Fig. 2; and, Fig. 4 is an elevation partly in section showing a candle held therein of a considerably less diameter than the socket proper.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawings: 1 designates the candlestick proper. Over the open end portion of the candlestick is positioned my improved adapter, which comprises a socket 2 and a drip cup 3. Springs 4 are secured to the bottom of the drip cup 3 arranged in a cluster, the free ends of which normally spring outwardly to engage the inner face of the candlestick 1, to securely hold the drip cup and socket vertically over the candlestick. The upper end of the socket is crimped and in the crimped end portion is a wire 5 upon which is pivoted a plurality of adapting arms 6, the inner end of each adapting arm is provided with a point 7, and its outer end 8 is bent substantially at a right angle relative to the pointed end and its free end portion 9 is bent into substantially semi-circular form, the end 8 being of greater length than the inner end.

Fig. 1 of the drawings illustrates the arms thrown outwardly away from the socket 2 to permit the use of a candle of the same diametrical dimension as the candle socket.

To position the arms to receive a candle of lesser diameter than the socket, a sleeve 10 loosely embracing the socket 2 is provided having portions of its upper margin removed to form notches 11. The remaining portion 12 of which being crimped or doubled over to impinge the lower face of the arm 6 thereby holding the pointed portion 7 in a horizontal plane. A candle 13 is then positioned over the pointed ends of the arms 6 and gradually moved downwardly until the smooth end portion 9 of the arms engages the candle 13. Thus it will be seen, the points will be seated in the body portion of the candle which is then pushed down to the desired distance in the socket and firmly held therein in a vertical position by the pointed ends 7 of the adapting arms.

In seating a candle of lesser diameter than the socket, the sleeve 10 is turned to a point where its crimped upper portions 12 engage the under face of the arms 6, thereby causing the arms to assume a horizontal position, and to seat a candle of the same size as the socket the sleeve 10 is turned so that the points 12 thereon are moved away from the arms and permitted to fall into the notches 11.

I claim:

1. In a candlestick, a socket, arms pivoted to the socket, the inner ends of which arms are pointed, a sleeve embracing the socket having projections to engage the arms and hold them in a horizontal plane.

2. In a candlestick, a socket, arms pivoted to the socket, the lower ends of said arms arranged to seat in a candle below the pivotal point and the other ends of said arms arranged to engage and not seat in the candle above the pivotal point.

3. In a candlestick, a socket, a continuous wire adjacent the upper margins of said socket, arms carried by said wire, the lower ends of said arms being pointed and arranged to seat in a candle and the upper ends of said arms arranged to engage and not seat in the candle.

4. In a candlestick, a socket, springs ar-

ranged on the socket to hold the socket in a candlestick, arms pivoted to the socket, the inner ends of the arms being pointed and the outer arms of greater length than the inner arms, and a sleeve embracing the socket having projections to hold the arms outwardly at times.

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

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