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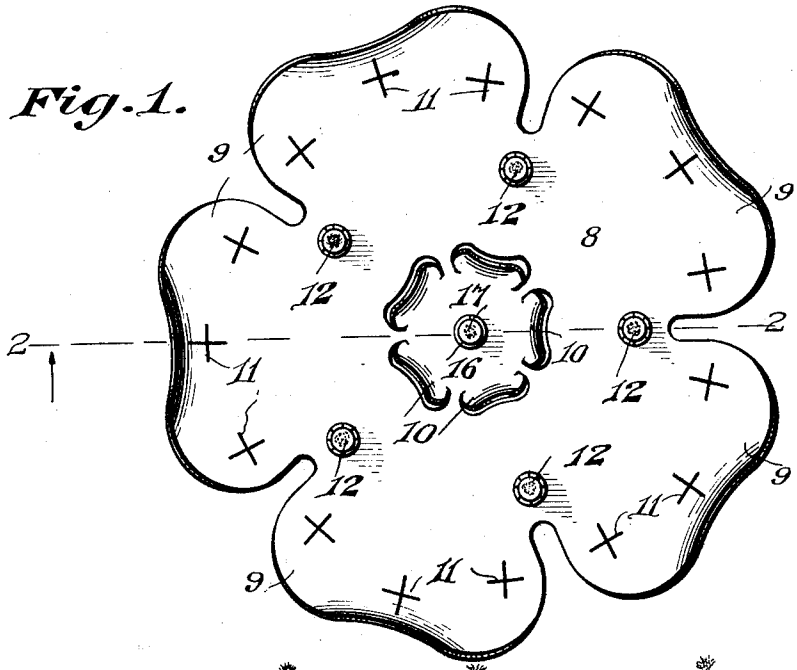


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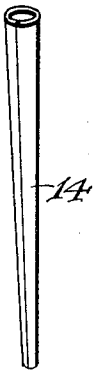
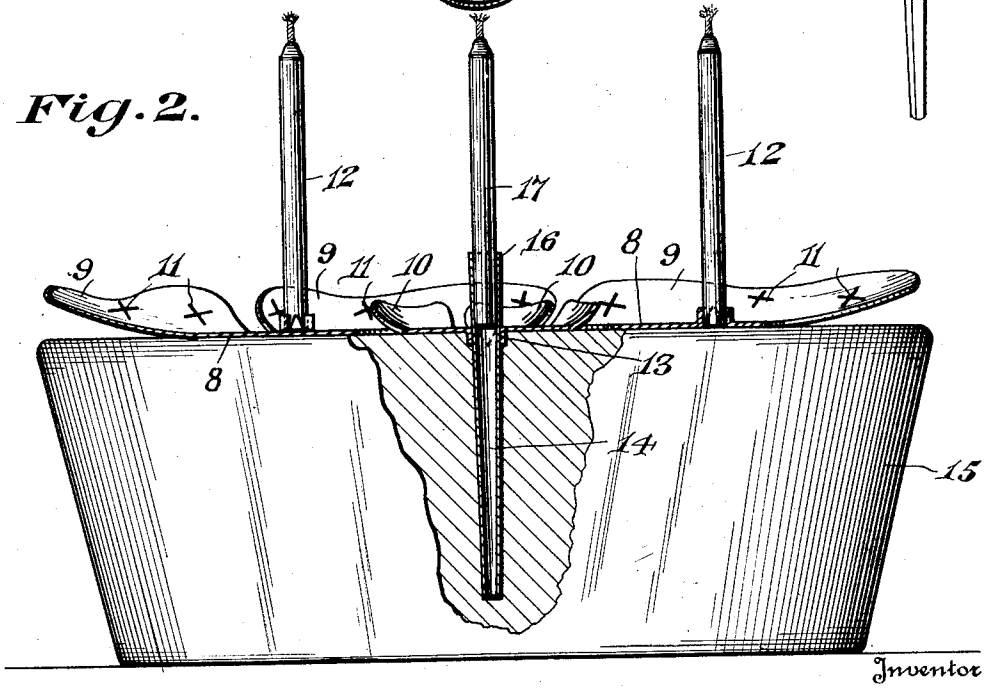


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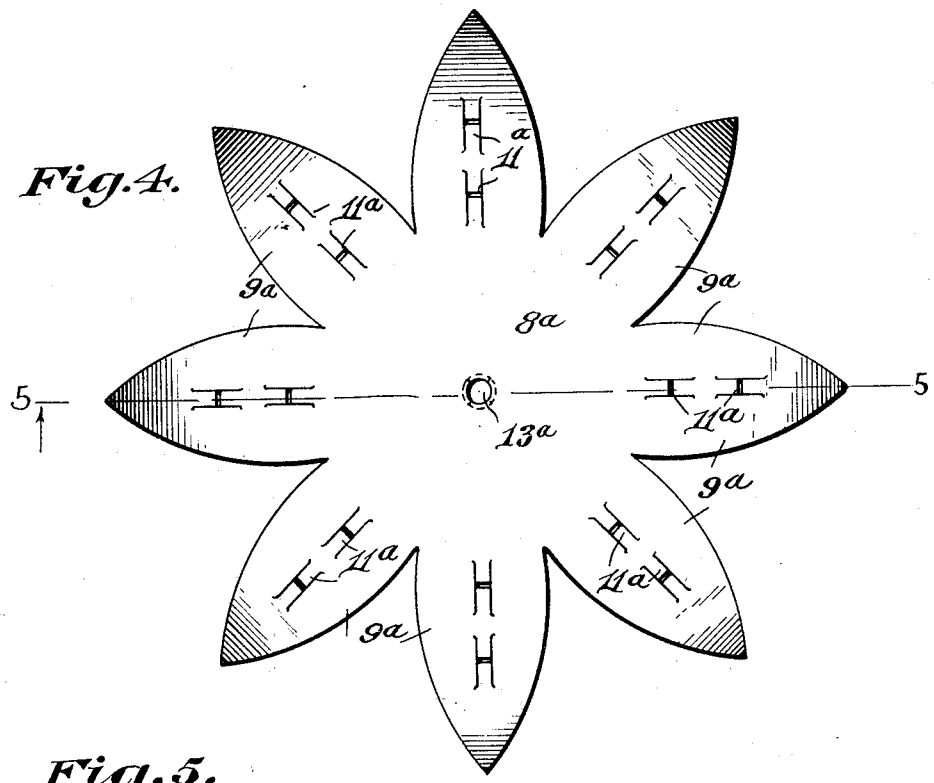


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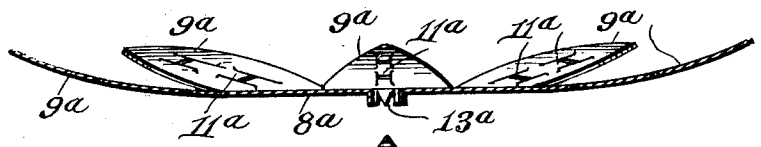


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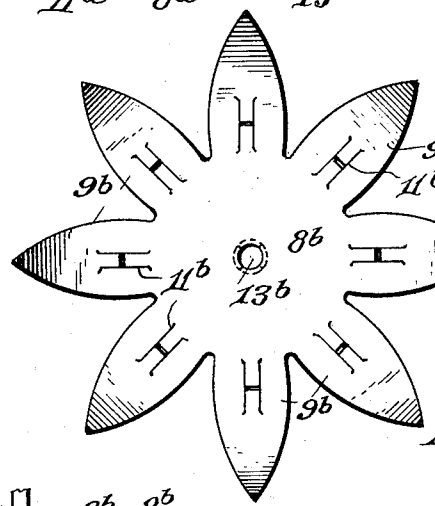
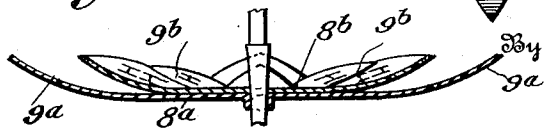


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It is quite the custom on anniversary days, as for example, birthdays, to decorate a cake with small candles equal in number to the years that have passed since the initial occasion. As age creeps on and years increase, it becomes somewhat of a problem to arrange the candles in artistic form because it is the usual practice to have a candle holder for each candle. More than that the wax from the small candles used drips down upon the cake, creating undesirable conditions.

The primary object of the present invention is to provide a holder of an artistic but simple character, on which various numbers of candles can be mounted, and which when mounted, will be arranged in pleasing formation.

Another object is to provide a holder of this character that is very simple in character, so that it can be cheaply manufactured, and is thus made saleable at a low charge.

The holder moreover will receive the dripping wax and the like, and prevent its falling on the cake, the structure being readily removable so that the cake can be cut and used as desired and without candle drippings being thereon.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a plan view of one embodiment of the invention.

Figure 2 is a view in elevation and partly in section of the holder in place on a cake, and on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the anchor post.

Figure 4 is a plan view of another embodiment of the invention.

Figure 5 is a sectional view on the line 5—5 of Figure 4.

Figure 6 is a plan view of a smaller form of the type shown in Figure 4 and which may be used independently or with the structure of Figure 4.

Figure 7 is a vertical sectional view showing an assembly that may be employed of the structure, such as exemplified in Figures 4 and 6.

In the embodiment disclosed in Figures 1, 2 and 3, a base tray 8 is employed that is of sheet material, and may be of aluminum, silver or of any substance that will be relatively stiff, so as to hold its shape. The marginal portions of the tray are petaliform, as shown at 9, and these portions are preferably outwardly and upwardly turned. Other petal-like leaves, as 10, may be struck from the central portion of the tray and turned upwardly.

Portions of the margins and of the main body, if desired, are suitably cut, as shown at 11, and these portions may be upturned to provide holding elements that will embrace small candles, as 12. Any or all of these cut portions may be utilized as desired.

Through the center of the tray is an opening 13 adapted to receive a downwardly tapered tubular holding post 14 that detachably passes therethrough and is embedded, as shown in Figure 2, in the central portion of the cake 15 on which the holder is mounted. This post when in engagement with the tray is stopped so that its upper end projects above the same and the bore thereof constitutes a socket 16 in which may be placed a central candle 17.

It will be understood that these structures may be suitably ornamented and may be tinted to represent flowers, leaves, or the like.

A slightly modified form of structure is illustrated in Figures 4 and 5. The tray 8*a* is provided with outstanding petals 9*a* that taper to a point and these petals have H-shaped cuts 11*a*, providing fins that can be turned up to form candle-embracing elements. The central portion has an opening 13*a* to receive the above described anchoring post.

In Figure 6 substantially the same structure is shown on a smaller scale at 8*b*, with its petals 9*b* and central opening 13*b*. In this case but one set of cuts 11*b* is shown in each petal. The structures of Figures 4 and 6 may be separately manufactured and sold or may be assembled with the smaller tray resting on the larger and secured by a single post, as illustrated in Figure 7.

It will be evident that this structure constitutes an attractive article of manufacture, which can be cheaply produced, and when mounted on a cake, will hold any reasonable number of candles. All drippings from the

candles will fall upon the tray, and when it is desired to cut the cake, it is only necessary to remove the central post, whereupon the tray with the assembled candles can be detached, leaving the cake unobstructed and unbroken except where the central anchor has been embedded.

From the foregoing, it is thought that the construction, operation and many advantages of the herein described invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art without further description, and it will be understood that various changes in the size, shape, proportion and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

What I claim, is:

1. A multiple candle holder for the adornment of cakes or the like comprising a base tray having means for mounting a plurality of candles thereon, and an anchor post insertible through the tray and into a cake for securing the base tray thereupon, said anchor post having its upper end provided with means for mounting a candle thereon.

2. A multiple candle holder for the adornment of cakes or the like, comprising a substantially flat tray that will rest on a cake or the like and has an upturned petaliform margin, said tray having means thereon for holding a plurality of candles, and a tapered anchor post of tubular metal that passes through the tray for engagement in the cake, the bore in the upper end of the standard forming a candle receiving socket.

3. A multiple candle holder for cakes and the like comprising a sheet metal tray having means thereon for mounting a plurality of candles, and means at the center of the tray for embedment in the cake to hold the tray thereon.

4. A multiple candle holder for cakes and the like comprising trays of different areas adapted to be placed one upon the other and having candle holders, and common means for securing the superposed holders on a cake or the like.

5. A multiple candle holder for cakes and the like comprising trays of different areas adapted to be placed one upon the other and having candle holders, said trays having alined openings, and a fastener that passes through the alined openings and secures the trays on the cake and in associated relation.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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