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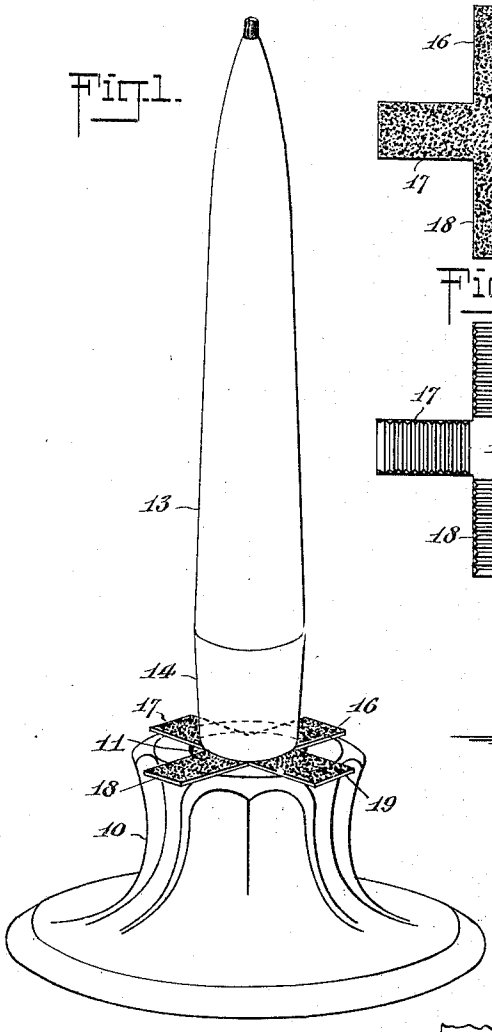


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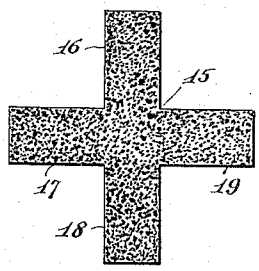


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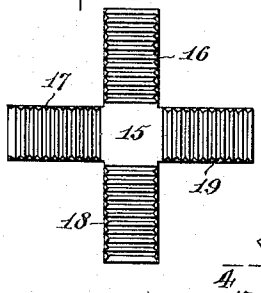


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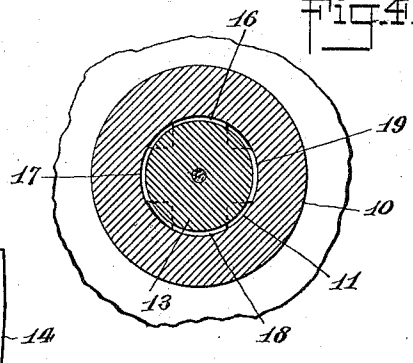
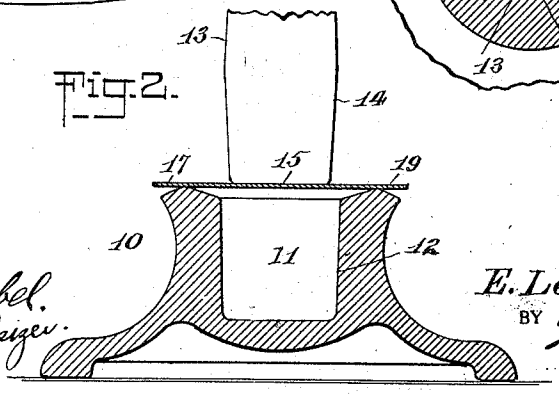


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to a candle support and is an improvement over my United States Patent No. 1,559,304 of October 27th, 1925, entitled Candle holder.

An object of this invention is to provide an extremely simple article which can be readily attached to a candle to adapt it to be held firmly in the socket of the candle support or stick.

A further object is to provide a simple device which can be manufactured in large quantities at a very small cost.

A further object is to provide a device which can be readily attached to a candle and will require practically no skill in the attachment to the candle and in the insertion in the socket of the holder.

The invention is illustrated in the drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the candlestick with the holder in position about to be inserted into the socket of the candlestick;

Figure 2 is a vertical section through the candlestick socket showing the support or holder and the candle in place about to be inserted;

Figure 3 is a vertical section showing the candle and the holder in place in the socket;

Figure 4 is a section on the line 4—4 of Figure 3;

Figures 5 and 6 are plan views of different forms of holders.

The form of the invention shown in the drawings is a preferred form, although it is understood that modifications in the construction and arrangement of the parts and in the character of the materials used may be adopted without departing from the spirit of the invention as set forth in the appended claims.

It is a well-known fact that when a candle is to be inserted in the socket of a candlestick, it is oftentimes too small. Consequently it will be so loose in the socket that it cannot be made to assume a perfectly upright position and is inclined to tilt in one direction or another. Thus the beauty of symmetry of the candle in the stick is marred by this disarrangement and in addition if the candle is disposed at an angle from the vertical the tallow from the candle as it burns is liable to drip on the table or other support on which the candlestick rests. Furthermore, if the candle is not firmly disposed in the socket it is liable to drop out of the socket when the candlestick is moved from place to place. To overcome these difficulties which are thus encountered I aim to provide a simple, metal article which can be readily attached or fastened to the lower end of the candle and which will be disposed between the lower portion of the candle and the socket of the stick when the candle is shoved into the socket.

This attachment, or candle holder, as I call it, is generally in the form of a sheet of material, preferably a winged sheet, namely, a small portion of material having a center portion which is adapted to lie against the bottom of the candle with wings or arms extending in a plurality of directions therefrom and adapted to extend up along the sides of the candle when the candle is shoved into the socket. Preferably the surface of the attachment which lies against the candle is rendered rough or uneven, so that it will grip or bite into the surface of the candle to some extent to insure a firm engagement between itself and the candle.

In applying the candle support it is merely necessary to dispose one of the articles on top of the candlestick over a socket, centrally disposed thereon, and then to place the candle with its bottom resting on the center of the sheet, and then to push the candle into the center of the socket. This movement will cause the folding of the arms or wings of the support up against the lower wall of the candle as it is pushed into the socket. Because of the fact that most sockets are slightly wedge-shaped the forcing of the candle into the socket will only more firmly engage the support with the candle, and both of them in the socket.

In the preferred form of the invention shown in the drawings I aim to more suitably connect candlestick 10 having a socket 11 with preferably tapered walls 12, with a candle 13 having a lower end 14 which is preferably, although not necessarily tapered. The attachment which acts as a candle support is a sheet of material having a central portion 15 and arms or wings such as 16, 17, 18 and 19, extending therefrom in a plurality of directions, preferably symmetrically disposed with respect to each other, and a center portion 15. Preferably the upper surfaces, as shown in Figures 5 and 6, are roughened. As shown in Figure 5 the surface is covered with a layer of gritty or abrasive material, whereas in Figure 6 the

surface is rendered irregular by corrugating or seaming it. Any other suitable manner of rendering this surface irregular may be desirable. This roughened surface of the candle support or sheet is adapted to be disposed upwardly and centrally over the socket of the candle stick 10 as shown in Figure 1. Then the candle is disposed on the sheet with its base portion disposed over the central part 15 of the sheet or support. The candle is then shoved into the socket and as this movement takes place the arms of the support are folded up along the sides of the candle as shown in Figure 3. This causes a most effective engagement between the support and the candle and between the socket and the support, together with the candle.

This candle support or sheet may be made of any suitable material, preferably heavy paper, cloth, or other suitable substances, with one surface roughened as above mentioned. By being of the general form shown it can be readily manufactured by a stamping method, making it very cheap to manufacture. The simplicity not only of manufacturing the article but of applying it to use will render it especially attractive to the housewife. The general grip of the candle in the socket with this attachment applied is so firm that invariably the candle and the stick can be lifted by grasping the candle itself without thus withdrawing the candle from the socket.

What I claim is:

1. In combination, a candlestick having a socket, a candle having a lower portion adapted to be inserted in the socket, and a candle support comprising a sheet of material adapted to be folded around the lower end of the candle when it is inserted in the socket, the surface of the sheet bearing against the candle being roughened to insure a firm engagement.

2. A candle support which is adapted to be disposed against and around the lower edge of a candle when the candle is inserted in the socket of a candle stick and which comprises a sheet of material having winged portions extending therefrom and having a surface roughened.

3. An attachment for candles which comprises a winged sheet of material to be disposed against the base of the candle, the surface contacting with the candle being roughened, and the winged portions of the sheet adapted to be folded against the sides of the candle as it is inserted into the candle stick socket.

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