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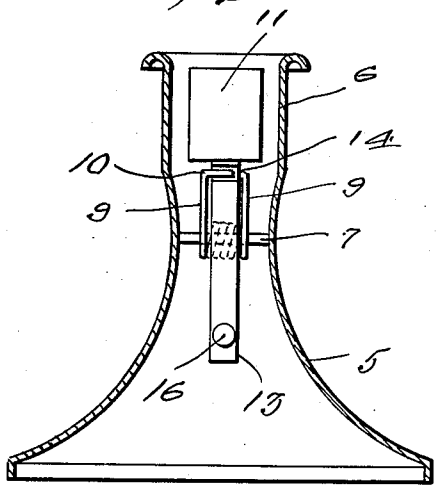


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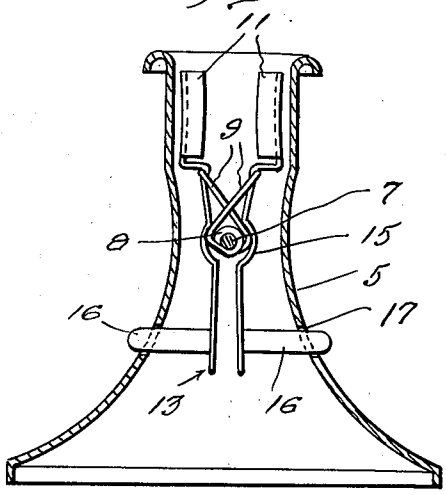


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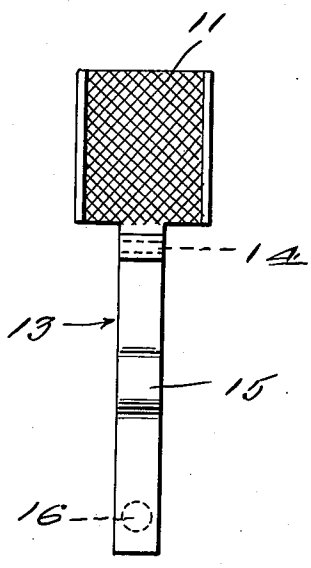
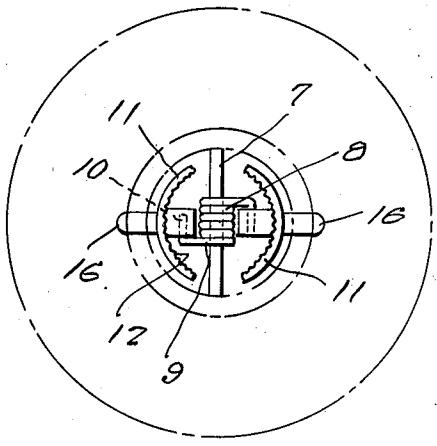


Fig. 3.



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The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in candle holders, particularly for candlesticks, and has for its primary object to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a device of this character embodying a novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts through the medium of which candles of various diameters may be supported and held in vertical position in a candlestick.

Other objects of the invention are to provide a candle holder of the aforementioned character which will be comparatively simple in construction, strong, durable, highly efficient and reliable in use, compact, light in weight, and which may be manufactured at low cost.

All of the foregoing and still further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from a study of the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing wherein like characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, and wherein:

Figure 1 is a vertical sectional view of a conventional type candlestick with my invention shown in end elevation, applied thereto.

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view of a candlestick with the invention shown in side elevation, applied thereto.

Figure 3 is a top plan view of the invention.

Figure 4 is an enlarged detail elevational view of one of the clamping members.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, it will be seen that the reference numeral 5 designates a conventional type candlestick, having the usual opening 6 in the upper end thereof in which a candle is inserted.

A rod or bar 7 is mounted in the opening 6 and held securely in place by welding or soldering the ends of said bar to the inner wall of the opening 6.

Mounted on the bar 7 is a coil spring 8 the ends of which terminate in upwardly directed opposed levers 9 having inwardly turned arms 10.

A pair of jaws 11 each of which is curved longitudinally as well as transversely and is roughened on its inner face as shown at 12 in Figure 3 is mounted in the opening 6. Each jaw 11 has extending therefrom and integral therewith a supporting lever 13 which has a groove formed therein as at 14 to receive one of the spring arms 10. The supporting levers 13 each have a curved portion 15 intermediate their ends at the point, where they pass around the coil spring 8.

Operating handles 16 are secured to the lower end portions of the levers 13 and project through openings 17 in the base of the candlestick 5 to operate the jaws 11 when it is desired to insert a candle between them or remove one therefrom.

The operation of the device is thought to be manifest but may be briefly described as follows:

The spring arms 9 exert pressure on the levers 13 and tend to close the jaws 11. When a new candle is to be placed in the holder the handles 16 are pressed together to open the jaws 11. The new candle is then inserted between the jaws 11 and the handles 16 released to permit the closing of the jaws, by the spring 8 and arms 9, to hold the candle securely in the candlestick.

The jaws 11 are curved longitudinally to permit compensation for various size candles.

Although I have shown and described herein a preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be definitely understood that I do not desire to limit the application of the invention thereto, and any change or changes may be made in the materials and in the structure and arrangement of the parts within the spirit of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed is:

In a candlestick having a candle receiving socket therein, a rod mounted transversely in said socket, clamping jaws in said socket, grooved levers extending from said jaws and supporting the same on said rod in said socket, a spring on said rod between said levers, arms on said spring engageable in said grooves for closing said jaws and handles on said levers extending through said candlestick for opening said jaws.

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