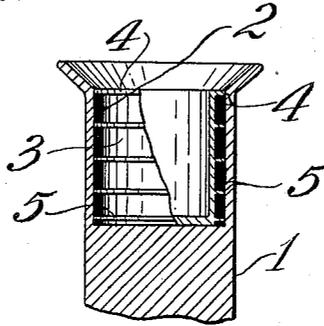


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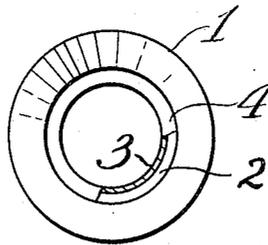
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CASPER H. BOURGEOIS, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Chicago, Cook county, State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Candle-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The main object of this invention is to provide an improved form of candle holder which will insure perfect alinement and firm support for candles in the socket of a candle stick or similar supporting structure, regardless of slight variation in the shape or size of the candles, or irregularities in the surface thereof, and which will also prevent the wax or candle grease from entering between the holder and socket, thus insuring that the holder may always be readily withdrawn from the socket. This object is accomplished by the device shown in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a vertical section of the upper end of a candle stick, showing a holder constructed according to this invention seated in the candle socket, the holder being partly broken away to illustrate its sectional structure. Fig. 2 is a top plan of the same, the holder being again partly broken away.

In the drawing, the candle stick or support is designated 1, and it is shown with the usual substantially cylindrical socket 2 having a flared rim. In the form shown, the socket 2 is provided with an elastic lining of soft rubber which forms the holder proper within which the candle is seated, and which as a whole is designated 3 in the drawing. The holder 3 is preferably in the form of a cap comprising a sleeve closed at its lower end. The periphery of the sleeve is spaced away from the inner walls of the socket 2 by means of an outwardly disposed flange 4 at its upper end and a plurality of projections 5, preferably also in the form of annular flanges. The flanges 4 and 5 are preferably narrow, so that while tightly fitting the walls of the socket 2, they will readily yield to permit the cap with the candle inserted therein to be pushed into the socket 2. The cap is preferably of an internal diameter slightly less than that of the size of candle for which it is intended, so that it may be stretched over the candle. The

yielding flanges insure firm support for the candle and accommodate themselves to the ordinary slight variations in the diameter of the candles, or to distortion thereof from a perfectly cylindrical shape.

In operation, the cap is first slipped over the lower end of the candle and is then inserted, together with the candle, into the socket of the candle stick. The projections insure perfect alinement of the candle within the socket, and the upper flange prevents the possibility of any of the wax or candle grease entering the space below. The holder is thus always easily withdrawn from the socket. As the inner periphery of the holder is cylindrical, it will adhere more tightly to the candle than will the flanges and projections to the inner walls of the socket. The holder may therefore be withdrawn from the socket by pulling out the candle. If the candle is burned too low to permit of being thus pulled out, it may be broken up within the holder to a sufficient depth to permit the insertion of the finger for taking hold of the rim of the holder and withdrawing it from the socket.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. A candle holder, comprising a soft rubber sleeve adapted to be slipped over the end of a candle, an integral outwardly disposed annular flange extending around said sleeve and adapted to fit within a socket of larger diameter than said sleeve to prevent the entrance of wax between said sleeve and the walls of the socket, and horizontally disposed resilient projections spaced apart vertically on said sleeve below said flange adapted to engage the walls of the socket for centering said sleeve.

2. A candle holder, comprising a soft rubber sleeve adapted to be slipped over the end of a candle, integral horizontally disposed thin annular flanges extending around said sleeve at its upper and lower edges in combination with a candle holder socket, said flanges being adapted to engage the walls of said socket for centering said sleeve therein, and said upper flange being also adapted to prevent the entrance of wax between said sleeve and the walls of said socket.

3. A candle holder adapted to hold a candle in a candle-stick socket and compris-

ing a soft rubber cap having on its periphery  
a plurality of outwardly disposed, thin, an-  
nular flanges spaced apart vertically and  
each adapted to engage the walls of the  
5 socket and support a candle concentrically  
therein, one of said annular flanges being  
located at the upper end of said cap.

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