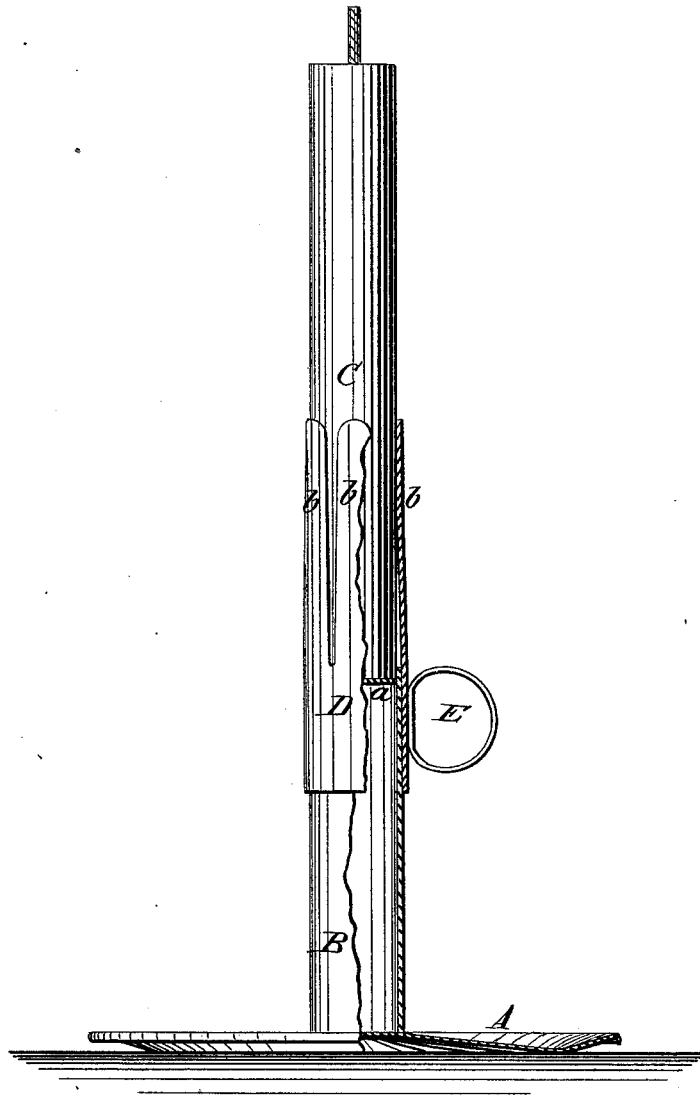


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IMPROVEMENT IN CANDLESTICKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW JACKSON SMITH, of Ukiah City, in the county of Mendocino and State of California, have invented a new and Improved Candlestick, of which the following is a specification:

The object of this invention is to provide a candlestick that will hold the candle more firmly than the stick now in use, admits of the burning of the whole of the candle, and can be cleaned without trouble.

It consists of a cylinder fixed in an upright position to an ordinary candlestick-bottom, and adapted to receive and support the lower end of the candle. Over this is placed a thimble or ferrule with prongs or fingers, forming springs. These springs fit over the candle and sustain it in an upright position, and by means of it the candle can be burned down to the end without wasting.

In the accompanying drawing, my improved candlestick is represented with a part cut away to expose the socket in which the bottom of the candle is placed.

Referring to the drawing, A represents the base or bottom of the candlestick, from the center of which rises a cylinder, B. Near the top of the cylinder is placed, on the inside, a piece, *a*, forming thus a shallow socket to receive the bottom of the candle C.

Over B is placed a thimble, D. The upper

part is slit downward, forming thus fingers *b*, which are slightly bent in to give them a spring. To the thimble is soldered a ring, E, for holding the candlestick and sliding the thimble up and down on the cylinder.

The operation of the device is as follows: The thimble is pushed down as far as it will go, thus leaving the socket above it. The end of the candle is then inserted in the socket, and the thimble pushed up until the fingers *b* clasp it, as shown in the drawing.

This arrangement holds the candle securely, prevents it from wobbling about, and enables it to be held until it is burned down to the end.

A candlestick made in this manner is more easily adjusted and cleaned than the old style, while its construction is simple and economical.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

As an improvement in candlesticks, the cylinder B, provided with piece *a*, forming thus a shallow socket to receive the end of the candle, in combination with the thimble or ferrule D, with spring-fingers *b*, to clasp and support the candle, substantially as described.

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