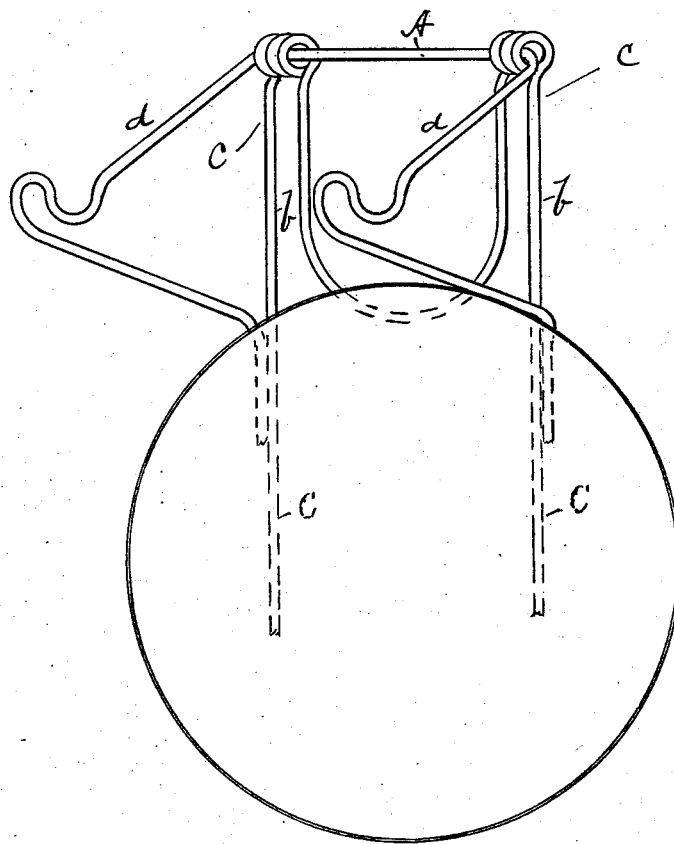


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LANTERN-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN LUFKIN, of Monroe, in the county of Waldo and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Lantern-Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, that will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, which shows an isometrical perspective of my invention.

Same letters show like parts.

My invention relates to an improvement in that class of lantern-holders made from wire or like material, provided with proper clasps for holding the lantern, and having a frame of said wire extending upward upon each side of the center of the lantern at its rear, adapted to support an arm or yoke for securing said frame and attached lantern in the situation desired.

An example of this class of lantern-holders is described in the Letters Patent No. 234,045, issued to me and to Edmund H. Nealley, (assignor of one-half,) November 2, 1880, though I do not limit myself to the construction of the frame therein shown in respect to those parts not affected by the present invention. In this patent, it will be observed upon examination, the upper ends of the wire frame C, extending upward upon each side of the center and behind the lantern, are disconnected at the top, the result being that in consequence of the flexible nature of the wire the frame lacks the desirable stability.

My present invention and improvement is designed to remedy this; and it consists in connecting the upper end of said frame, or others of similar construction in this particular, by a cross-bar, which may be entirely distinct from the other parts of the frame, or form a part thereof, or of its adjuncts performing other functions besides those of a connecting-bar, the object being to connect the upper ends of the

frame at or near their extremities, so as to give stability thereto, and also to serve as a handle, whereby the lantern may be carried in situations where a rigid handle is preferable to the jointed bail commonly used.

In the drawing annexed the upper part only of the frame of the lantern-holder is shown, this only being necessary to illustrate my present invention. At *b b* are shown the sides of the frame C, referred to.

A shows the cross-bar, uniting upper ends of the frame C, near its extremity, while at the same time it serves as a rigid handle, as aforesaid, by which the attached lantern may be carried.

The cross-bar A, as here shown, forms a part of a wire, *d*, which assists in securing the frame to the lantern by means not necessary here to be described, as they form the subject of another application now on file in the Patent Office; but, as before stated, I do not limit myself by defining the functions which may be performed by the cross-bar *a* in addition to those herein described, the gist of my invention being to unite the upper ends of said frame in such a manner as to confer stiffness to said frame and to serve as a rigid handle for carrying the lantern, the latter being, however, a secondary consideration.

What I claim as my invention is—

In a lantern-holder of that class made from wire or like material, provided with proper clasps for holding the lantern, and having a frame of said wire extending upward upon each side of the vertical center of said lantern, the cross-bar A, uniting the upper ends of said frame, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of May, 1882.

EDWIN LUFKIN.

Witnesses:

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