

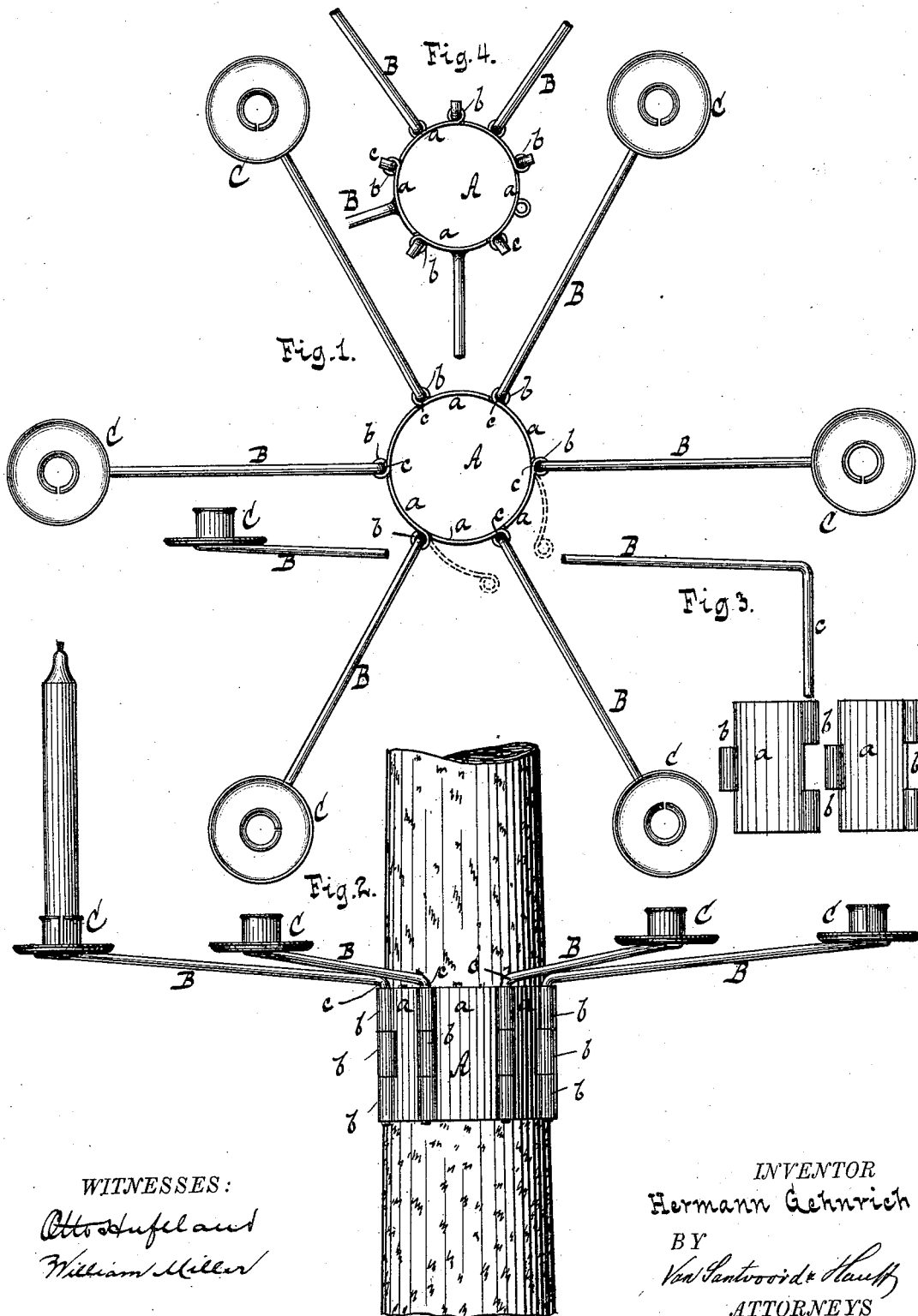
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMANN GEHRICH, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Candle-Holders for Christmas-Trees, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in candle-holders for Christmas-trees; and it consists in certain novel features of construction, which are fully pointed out in the following specification and claim, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a plan view of my invention. Fig. 2 is an elevation showing it attached to the stem of a Christmas-tree. Fig. 3 is a view of the parts forming my invention detached. Fig. 4 is a modification.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts. In the drawings the letter A designates a ring composed of two or more sections, *a*, each of which has eyes *b* formed on two of its edges, so that when they are properly brought together a hinge-joint is formed by the insertion of pintle *c* through these eyes. This ring A supports a number of arms, B, to the outer end of which are firmly secured candle-holders C, which carry the candles used in illuminating the tree. It is obvious, however, that in place of these candle-holders any other article used in decorating the Christmas-tree may be secured to or suspended from these arms, particularly such as are too heavy to be safely attached to the outer ends of the branches of the tree; or the arms may be arranged to carry both the candle-holders and the articles of the nature above described. These arms, by preference, consist of a wire, the inner end of which is bent downward so as to form the pintle *c*, thereby forming the joint for two sections of the ring, while at the same time leaving it free to turn in the eyes *b*, it being desirable to have the arms adjustable to permit their proper ar-

rangement. This latter result may also be accomplished by forming separate eyes or loops, *e*, on the sections and joining these sections by other pintles, as shown in Fig. 4. When desired, one or more arms may be rigidly secured to each section.

To permit the ring to be passed around the stem of the tree it is necessary to make it in two sections with a hinged joint; but as this construction would not always be practicable on account of the varying thicknesses of the stems of the trees I prefer to make each ring in three or more sections, each of the form first described, with eyes on two edges, as shown in Fig. 3. These sections are so constructed that any number of them may be used to form the ring A, or that one or more of them may be taken from a ring or added thereto to obtain the required size, the sections being joined either by the bent end of an arm, B, or by a separate pintle.

By the form of construction above described I am enabled to furnish candle-holders for Christmas-trees which may not only be attached to the stems of trees of different size, but may also be adjusted so as to fit securely at different places of the same tapering stem.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A candle-holder for Christmas-trees, consisting of the ring A, made in three or more sections, *a*, each having eyes *b* on two of its edges, the arms B, having pintles *c* engaging the eyes of the ring-sections, and candle-holders C, carried by the outer ends of the arms, all substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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