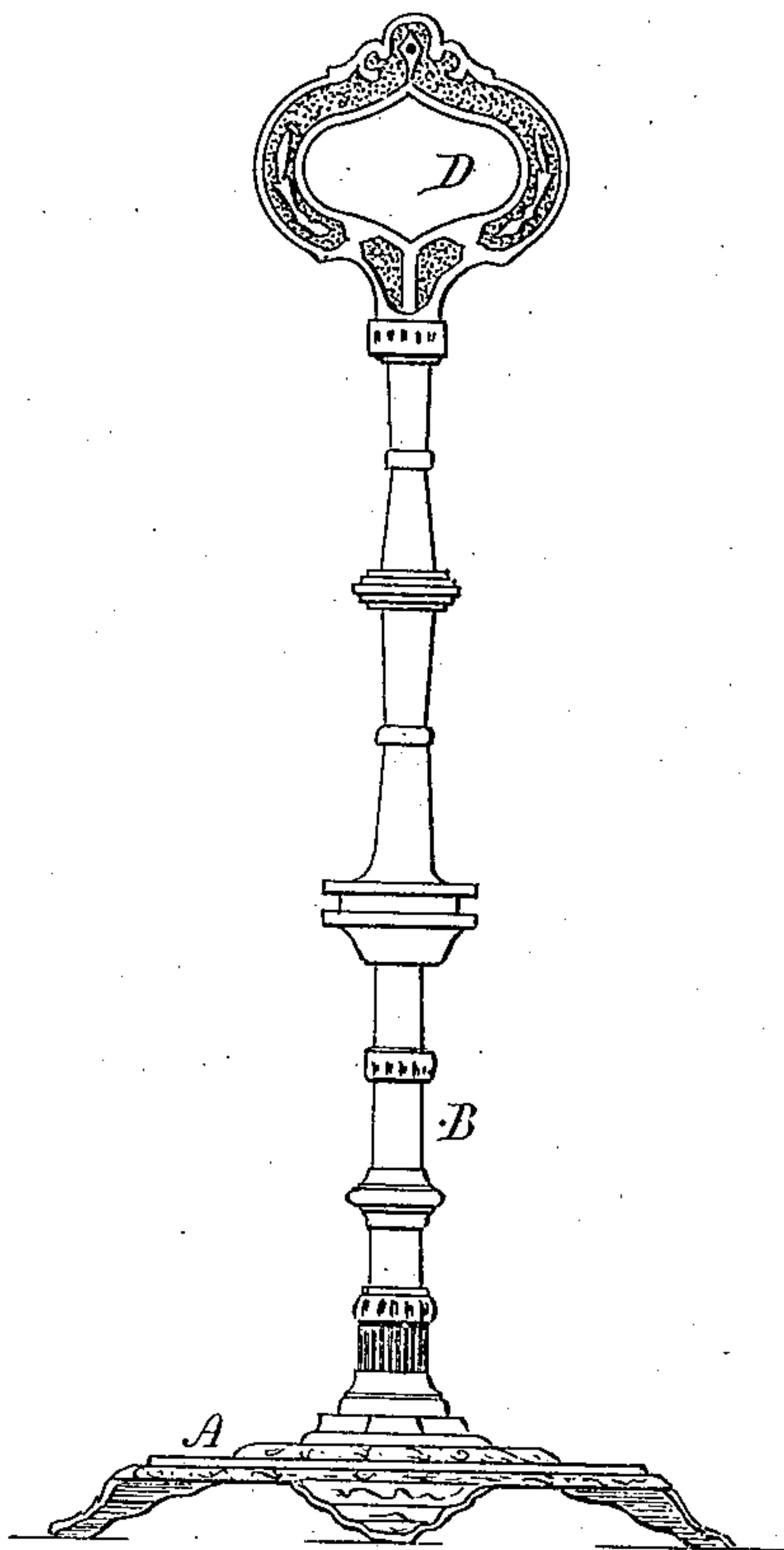


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD B. MANNING, of Middletown, in the county of Middlesex and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Table-Casters; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawing constitutes part of this specification, and represents a side view of the base and handle.

This invention relates to an improvement in the construction of table-casters. As heretofore constructed the base of the caster has been made from white or other similar soft metal. This in use is easily bruised or bent; consequently, without extremely careful use, the base is soon marred or out of shape; and, further, that, as the bearing for the turn-table or center comes entirely upon this part of the caster, it quickly wears away, and the center is loose; and, further, the handle is easily bent, and no article of table use is so soon misshapen or disfigured as the caster. To overcome these difficulties is the object of this invention; and it consists in forming the base and center post from cast-iron plated with nickel.

A is the base cast in suitable molds from

iron, the center post B usually cast in the same piece. The ornamentation is cast in the surface and polished, and then plated with nickel. The base thus constructed cannot be bruised by use, and may be formed in delicate outlines, and with light feet upon which to rest, which, if formed from white metal, would render the article practically useless, so easily would it be bent out of shape. Formed from hard metal the turning of the center will not wear away but remain firm and strong. D is the handle, by preference formed in the same manner from cast-iron, thus giving to that part of the caster the same rigidity as that specified for the base. Another great advantage of this construction is that the base may be constructed at a very greatly-reduced cost, not only in material, but in the ornamentation.

I claim as my invention—

As an article of manufacture, the base for a table-caster formed from cast-iron plated with nickel, and with or without the handle D, as specified.

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