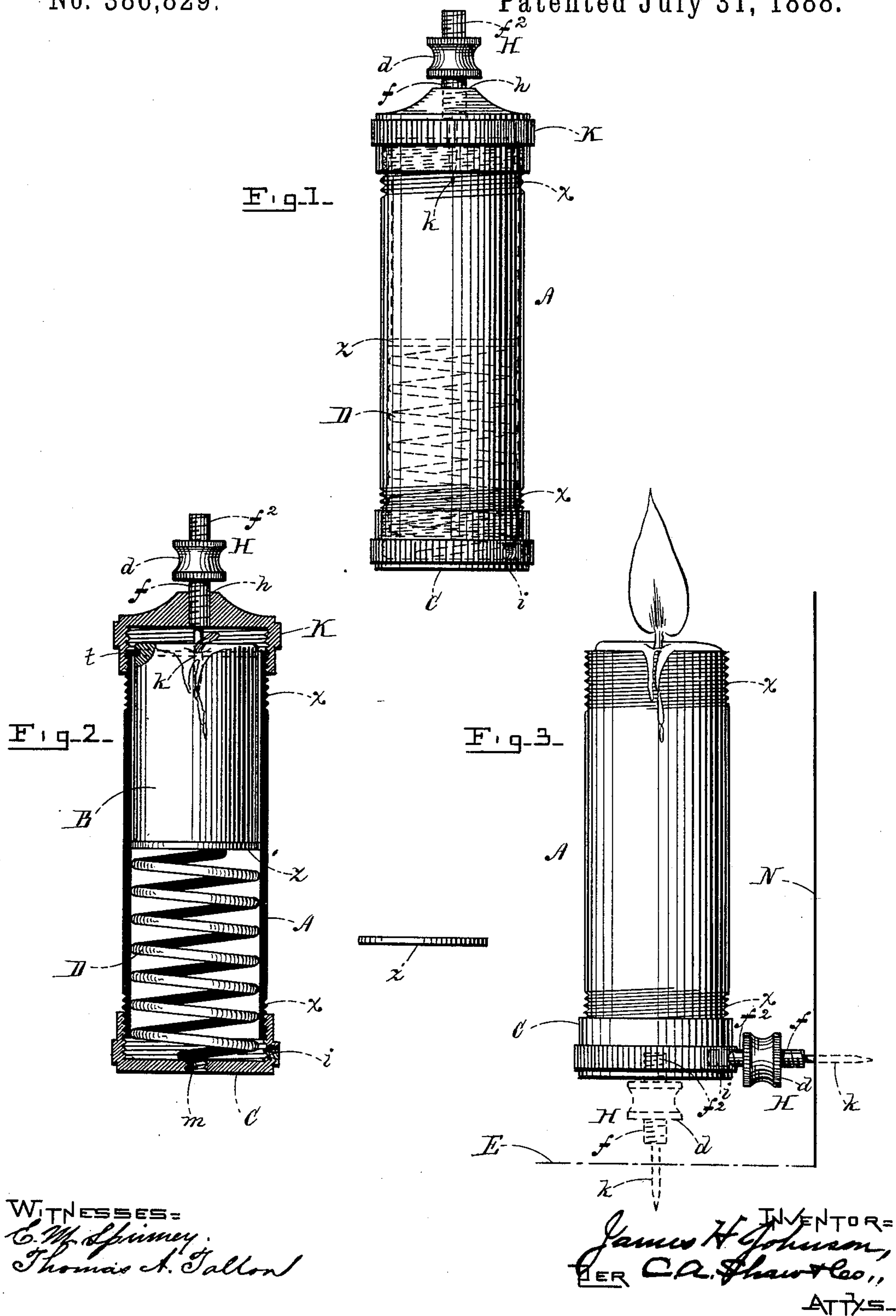


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES H. JOHNSON, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, State of Massachusetts, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Pocket Candle-Cases, of which the following is a description sufficiently full, clear, and exact to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which said invention appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which--

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved candle-case; Fig. 2, a vertical longitudinal section of the same, some of the parts being shown in side elevation; and Fig. 3, a side elevation of the case, represented as in use, with the cover removed.

Like letters and figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in the different figures of the drawings.

My invention relates to that class of candle-cases which are employed by night-watchmen, policemen, and persons engaged in similar occupations; and it consists in certain novel features, as hereinafter fully set forth and claimed, the object being to produce a simpler, cheaper, and more desirable article of the character described than is now in ordinary use.

The nature and operation of the improvement will be readily understood by all conversant with such matters from the following explanation.

In the drawings, A represents the body of the case, and B the candle.

The body of the case consists of a metallic cylinder exteriorly screw-threaded at each end, as shown at *x*, and of such size that the candle B will fit closely therein.

The candle B is disposed within the body A and rests upon a follower or metallic plate, *z*, which is secured to one end of a coiled spring, D. The lower end of the spring D rests upon an interiorly-screw-threaded cap, C, which closes the lower end of the body A. Said cap is provided in its bottom with a centrally-disposed screw-threaded hole, *m*, and in its side with a similar hole, *i*, adapted to receive the threaded head of a brad, H, as hereinafter described.

The body A is provided with an interiorly-screw-threaded cover, K, in which is a cen-

trally-disposed threaded hole, *h*, similar to that in the cap C. The body is also provided at its upper end with an inwardly-projecting annular flange, *t*, the purpose of said flange being to prevent the candle B from being forced out of said case by the spring D faster than may be required for use when the cap K is removed.

The brad H consists of a sharp steel pin, *k*, provided with a screw-threaded head having a centrally-disposed rosette, *d*, the threaded portions extending above and below said rosette, as shown at *f* and *f*<sup>2</sup>, and being adapted to be inserted in the holes *h m i*.

In the use of my improvement the candle B and spring D are inserted in the body A, as described, and the cap C and cover K screwed onto the respective ends of said body. When the candle is not in use, the brad H is inserted in the hole *h* of the cover K by means of its threaded portion *f*, its pin *k* penetrating the candle near the wick, as shown in Fig. 2, and being entirely concealed within the body A, in which condition the case may be readily carried in the pocket. When it is desired to use the candle, the cover K is removed and the brad H unscrewed and inserted by means of the threaded portion *f*<sup>2</sup> of its head in the hole *m* of the cap C and the pin *k* forced into the floor E, or any other convenient object, thus supporting the case in an upright position and obviating the necessity of holding it in the hand. By inserting the threaded portion *f*<sup>2</sup> of the brad in the hole *i* on the side of the cap C the pin *k* can be driven into the wall N and the case sustained in a vertical position, as shown in Fig. 3. As the candle is consumed, the heat softens it at the top and permits the spring D to force it gradually upward past the flange *t*, thus enabling it to be gradually and entirely consumed.

Having thus explained my invention, what I claim is--

1. In a device of the character described, the combination of the following instrumentalities, to wit: a hollow cylindrical body exteriorly screw-threaded at each end and adapted to receive a candle, a coiled spring disposed in said body and provided at its inner end with a plate or follower for supporting the candle, a screw-cap for closing one end of said body and compressing said spring, said cap being provided with a screw-threaded hole in its



bottom and also in its side for receiving a supporting brad, an interiorly screw-threaded cover for said body, said cover being provided with a centrally-disposed screw-threaded hole  
5 for receiving said brad, and a supporting-brad provided with a rosette and with a head having two exteriorly-screw-threaded portions, one of said portions being adapted to fit the holes in said cap and the other the hole in said  
10 cover, substantially as set forth.

2. In a pocket candle-case, the combination of a cylindrical body adapted to receive a candle and provided with an inwardly-projecting

flange at its upper end, a screw-cap fitted to the lower end of said body and provided with 15 threaded holes in its bottom and side adapted to receive a screw-threaded supporting-brad, a screw-cover fitted to the upper end of said body and provided with a centrally-disposed screw-threaded hole for said brad, and a screw- 20 threaded supporting-brad inserted in the hole in said cover, substantially as set forth.

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