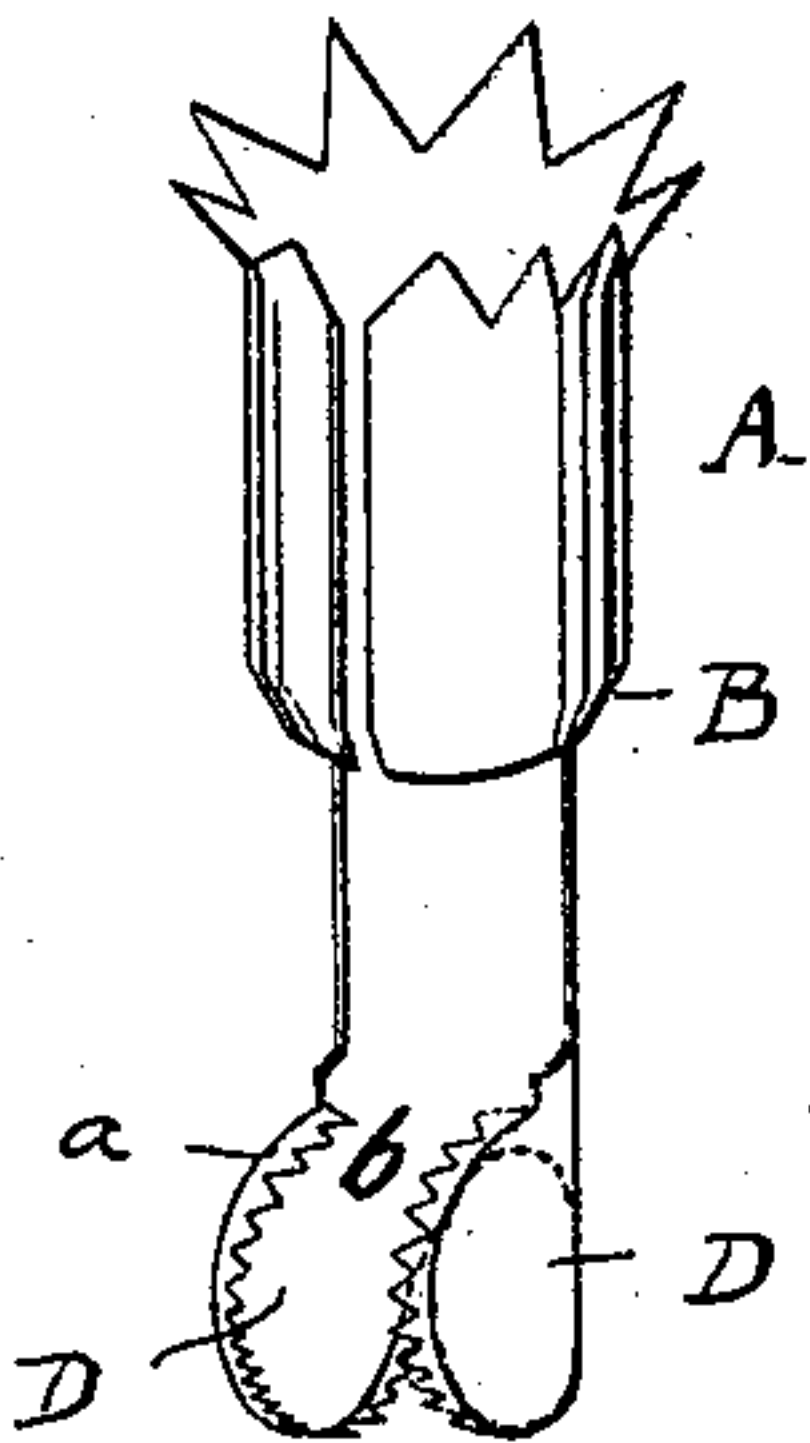


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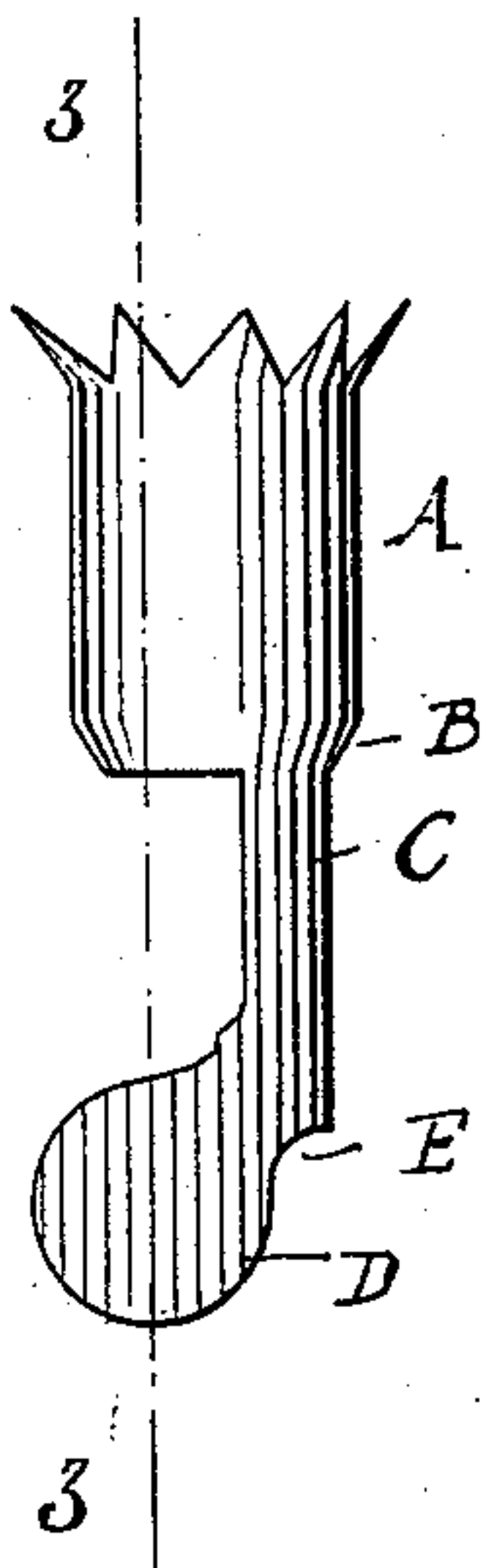
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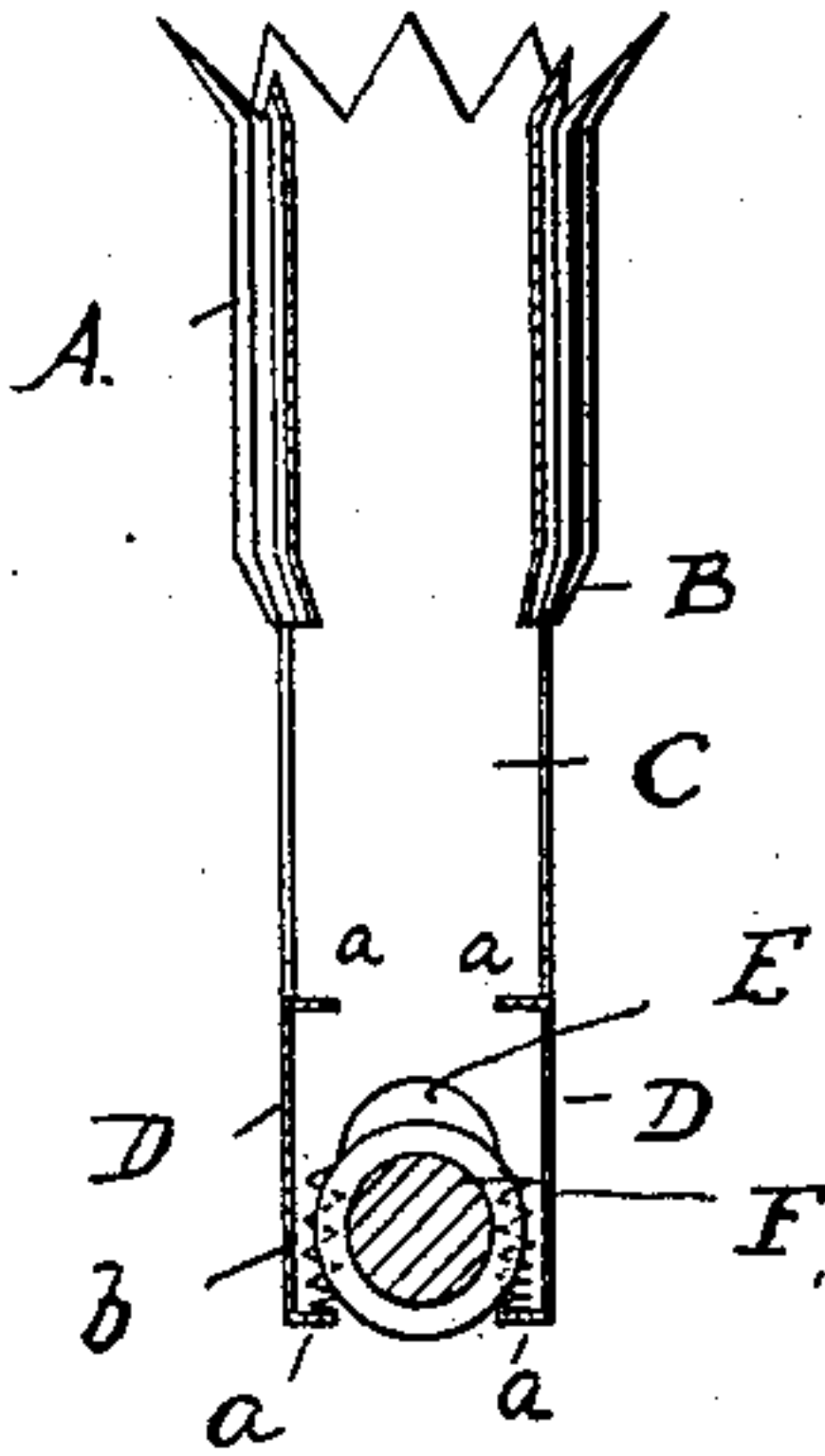
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*Fig: 1.*



*Fig: 2*



*Fig: 3.*

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## CHRISTMAS-TREE CANDLE-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HEINRICH SCHLUETER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Stapleton, in the county of Richmond and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Christmas-Tree Candle-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a metal holder for Christmas-tree candles, which holder is made of a single piece, is strong and durable, simple and cheap in manufacture, can readily be applied on the branches and twigs of the tree, and holds firmly and securely on the same.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification and in which like letters of reference indicate like parts in all the figures, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved Christmas-tree candle-holder. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a vertical transverse sectional view of the same on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2, also showing the branch of the tree in section.

The tubular socket A, bent up from sheet metal, is provided at its bottom with the shoulder B, on which the lower end of the candle can rest. From the bottom of said socket A the semitubular extension C, made integral with the socket, extends downward and is provided at its bottom with two parallel forwardly-extending wings D, made integral therewith and separated from each other about the diameter of the socket. The edges of said wings are rounded and are folded over inward and toward each other to form the flanges *a*, which are serrated to form a curved row of teeth *b* along the edge of each wing, which teeth project toward each other. A recess E is formed in the lower end of the extension C and between the wings D, so that the holder can straddle the branch or twig F.

The candle G is placed into the socket A, and the holder is placed on the branch or twig F in such a manner as to straddle it, one wing D being at each side of the branch or twig. The teeth *b* bite into the bark of the branch or twig, and thus hold the holder securely in place, as the spring tension of the wings presses them against the twig or branch.

In case the twig or branch is smaller than the distance between the wings D, the wings can readily be pressed between the thumb and a finger, and thus the teeth *b* be pressed into the twig or branch.

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

A Christmas-tree candle-holder, having a socket for receiving the candle, a downward extension on the socket and in a continuous line with the outer surface of the same, two wings projecting from the lower part of said extension and under the bottom edge of the socket, which wings extend in the same direction and are provided along their free edges with inward, laterally-extending teeth, the bottom edge of said extension being between the inner ends of the wings and directly below the socket, whereby when the holder is applied, the wings can be clamped on a twig and the bottom edge of the extension can rest directly on the twig embraced by the wings, substantially as herein shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 19th day of December, 1896.

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