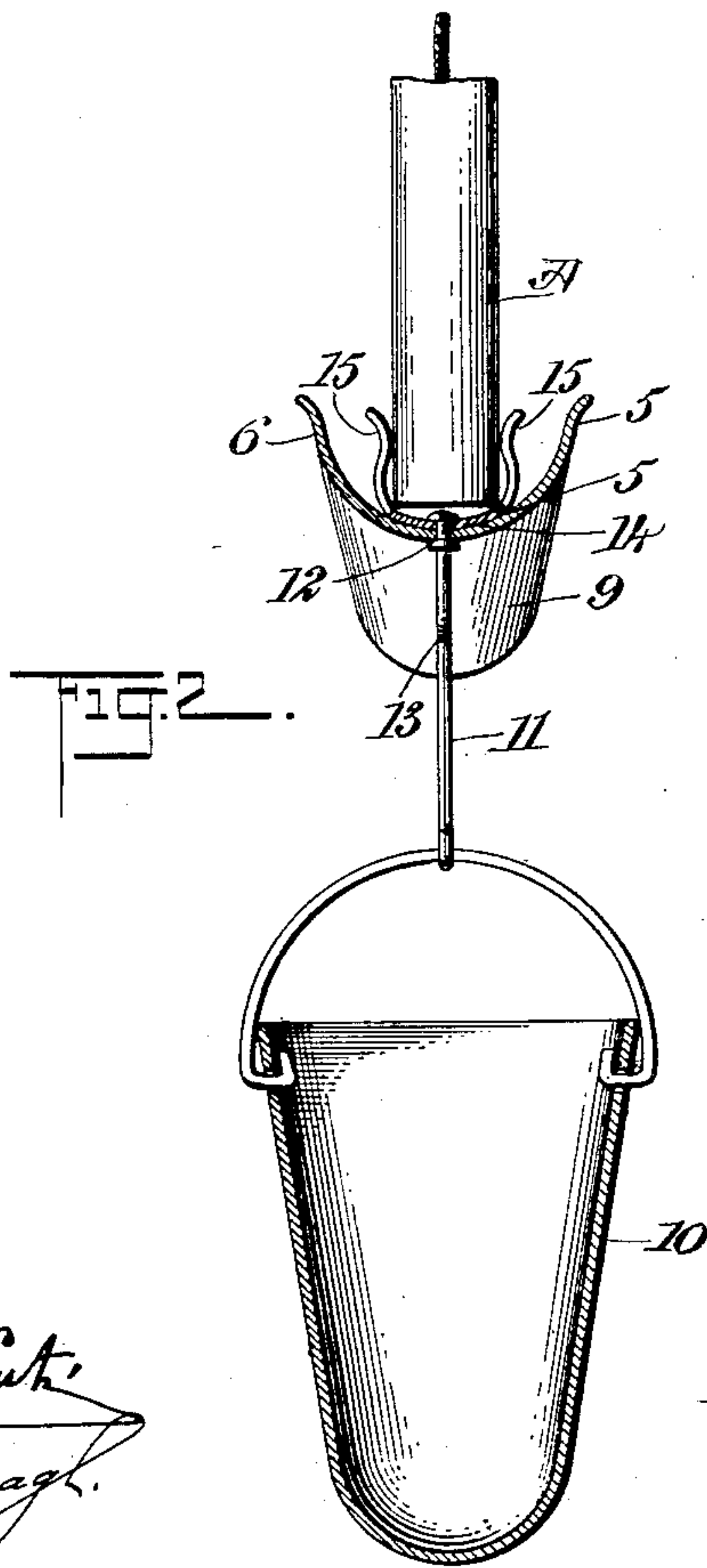
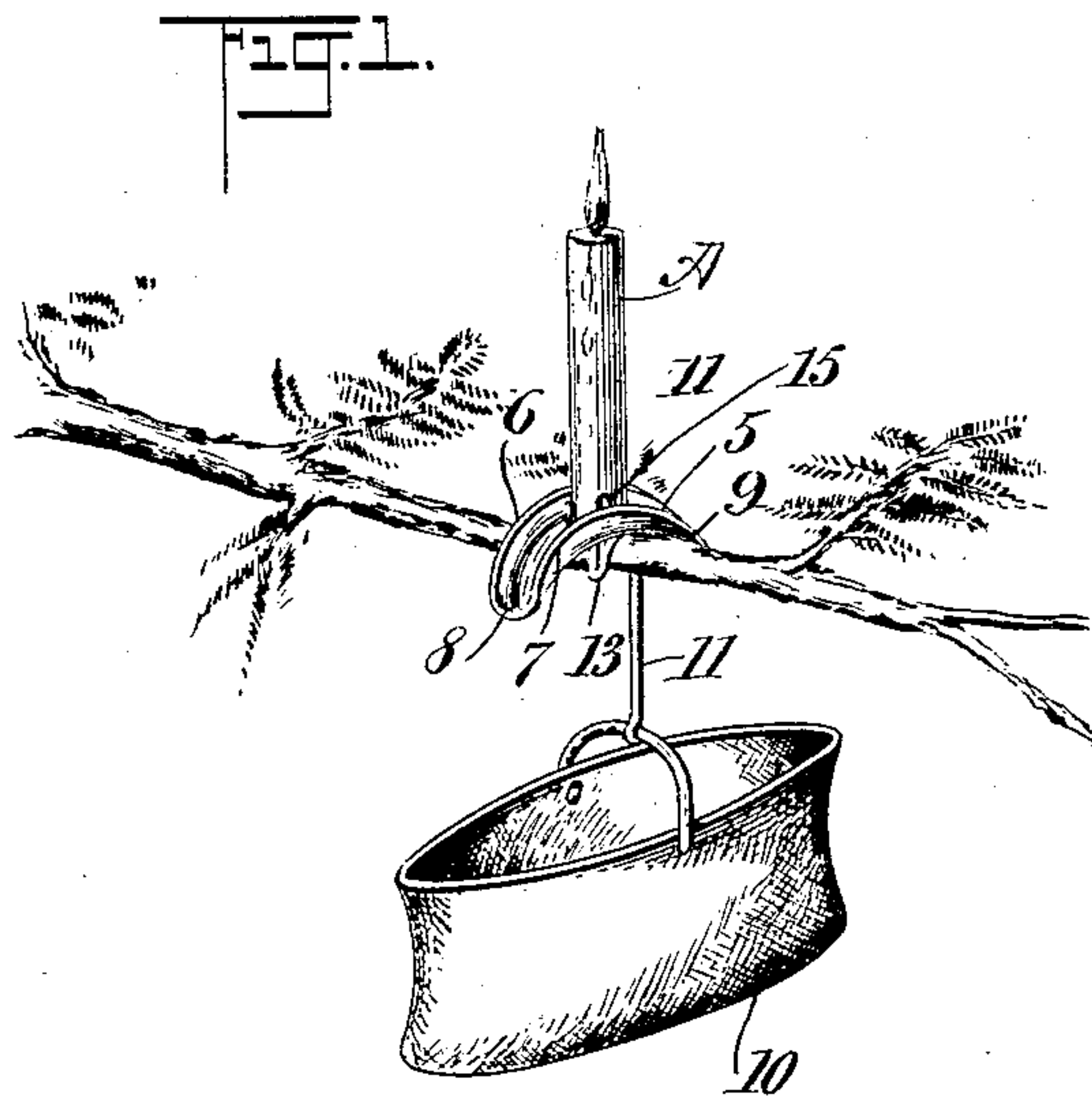


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PAULINE RUMMELIN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Portland, in the county of Multnomah and State of Oregon, have invented new and useful Improvements in Candle-Holders for Christmas Trees, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to certain novel and useful improvements in candle-holders for Christmas trees.

In carrying out the present invention I have particularly in view providing a device of the class described which will combine the functions and features of a holder for sustaining the candle in a vertical position when on the tree and a receptacle for containing the grease, wax, or the like dripping from the candle.

A further object of my invention is to provide a candle-holder and grease-receptacle which will combine the essential and desired features of simplicity, safety, positiveness in the performance of the designed functions, and inexpensiveness as to cost.

With these and other objects of a similar nature in view my invention consists in the construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, as is described in this specification, delineated in the accompanying drawings, and set forth in the appended claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improvement and showing the method of attaching the same to a tree-bough, and Fig. 2 is an enlarged sectional view of my improvement.

Referring now to the accompanying drawings in detail, 5 designates the base member or drip-saucer of my improved candle-supporting device, such member being of elongated concavo-convex form, the longitudinal side portions 6 and 7 being bent or turned upwardly, so that a guideway is formed for the grease or wax dripping from the candle, such grease or wax being adapted to travel along the oppositely and downwardly curved walls 8 and 9 of the portion 5 and run or drop into

a receptacle 10, suspended beneath the candle-holding base or saucer from a rod 11, connected, as at 12, to the aforesaid base or saucer. This rod is formed, as will be seen by reference to Fig. 1, with a U-shaped curve acting as an elbow, through the medium of which the candle-holder may be attached to the tree. Arranged approximately centrally of the upper wall or surface of the drip-saucer is a candle-retaining clamp 14, formed with a number of spring-prongs 15 15, which are adapted to press against and hold the candle-body A at the lower end portion thereof.

From the above description, taken in connection with the drawings, the construction and operation of my improved device will be readily apparent. The receptacle 10 is connected to the wire or rod 11, and the candle-holding portion or drip-saucer is then secured to the bough or limb of the tree by hooking the curved or bent portion 13 of the rod over the same, as heretofore described. When the candle, which is shown at A, is lighted and begins to burn, the candle grease or wax will run down the side of the candle into the downwardly-curved portions of the drip-saucer and be directed into the receptacle 10.

It is of course to be understood that there may be modifications and variations as to the details of my improved article without departing from the essential features of the invention or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof. For instance, the receptacle 10 may be of any desired or fanciful shape—that is to say, may be formed to represent canoes, inverted umbrellas, and similar articles—which will render the device ornamental, and the suspending-wire 11 may be bent into suitable shape to enable the same to readily grasp the bough of the tree.

It is to be noted that the device which I have provided is an exceedingly simple one and is very useful, preventing, as it does, the grease or drippings of the candle dropping to the floor, injuring and damaging the carpet, while at the same time the weight of the receptacle will assist in keeping the candle-retaining drip-saucer and its candle-clamp in an upright position, therefore always holding the candle in a vertical plane with respect to the bough of the tree.

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

1. The combination of a candle-holder, a
5 drip-saucer having downwardly-curved portions, a depending rod passing through the drip-saucer and the candle-holder and designed to hold the saucer and the clamp rigidly connected, said depending rod having a
10 compound-curved portion designed to fit over the bough of a tree, and a receptacle suspended from the rod beneath the drip-saucer and designed to receive the drippings of a candle held in the candle-holder.

15 2. The combination of a candle-holder, a drip-saucer having flanged sides and downwardly-curved end portions, and a receptacle connected to and suspended beneath the drip-saucer and designed to receive the drippings
20 of a candle, which are directed by the downwardly-curved portions of the saucer into said receptacle, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination of a candle-holder, and a drip-saucer arranged beneath the candle-
25 holder, said drip-saucer having flanged side

portions and downwardly-curved end portions, substantially as set forth.

4. The combination of a drip-saucer having downwardly-curved end portions, and a candle-clamp formed of a plurality of spring-like
30 members, secured to the upper surface of said drip-saucer, substantially as set forth.

5. A device of the class described, comprising a drip-saucer having downwardly-curved end portions, a candle-clamp secured approxi-
35 mately centrally of the upper surface of the drip-saucer, a rod depending from the saucer and having a curved or bent portion adapted to grasp the bough of a tree, and a receptacle
40 suspended from the lower end of said rod and designed to receive the drippings of a candle, flowing from the downwardly-curved portions of the saucer, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of
45 two subscribing witnesses.

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