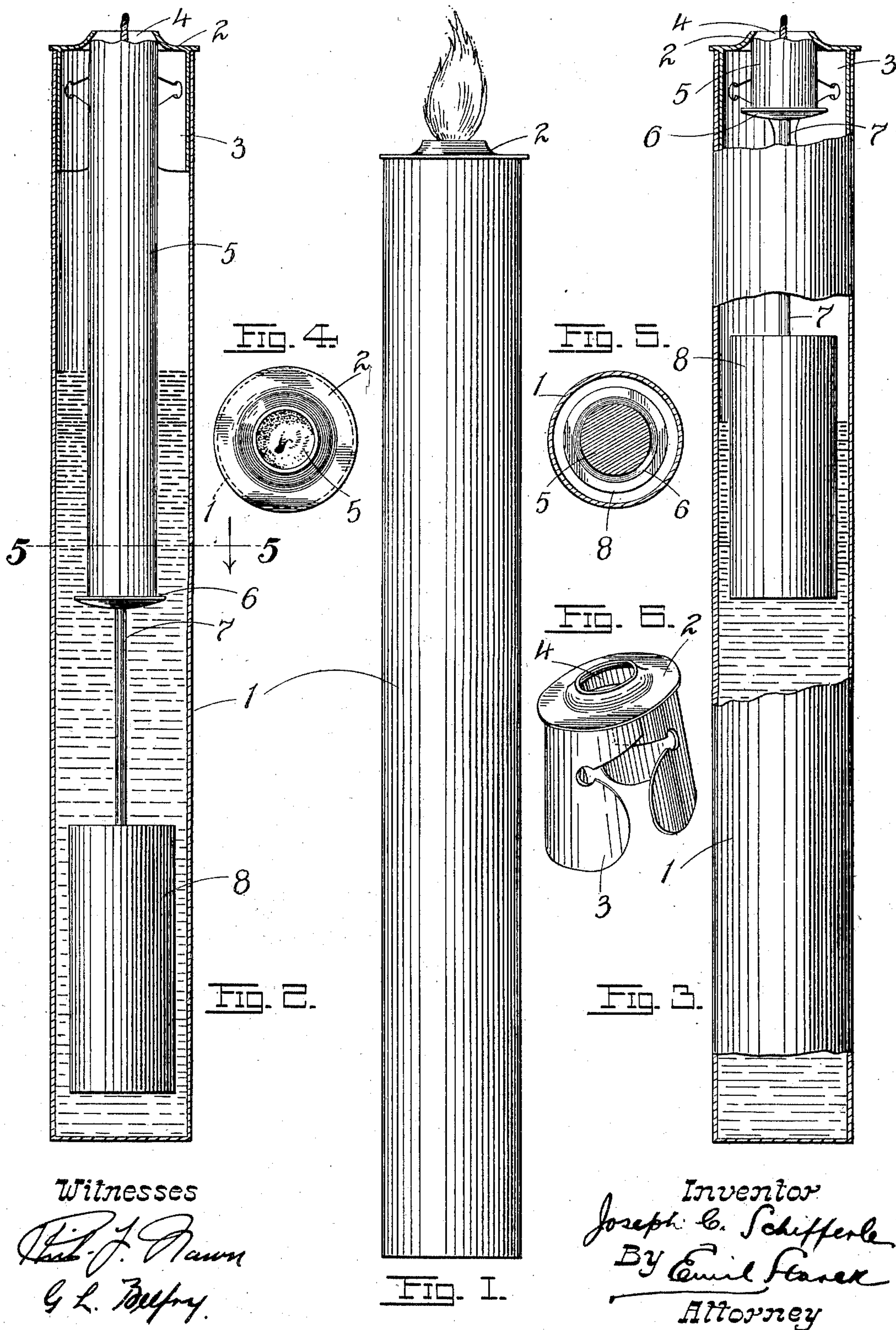


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH C. SCHIFFERLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Candlestick-Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention has relation to improvements in candlestick-holders; and it consists in the novel construction and arrangement of parts more fully set forth in the specification and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of the holder. Fig. 2 is a middle vertical longitudinal section thereof, showing the position of the float when supporting a full candle length. Fig. 3 is a similar section showing position of the float with candle almost wholly consumed. Fig. 4 is a top plan of the device. Fig. 5 is a cross-section on the line 5 5 of Fig. 2, and Fig. 6 is a perspective of the removable plug or cap-piece.

The object of my invention is to construct a holder for a candlestick wherein the latter will permanently retain the burning end of the candle in a fixed position without the use of springs or any other mechanical adjusting mechanism, the present device depending on the buoyancy of a float by which the candle is directly supported.

In detail the device may be described as follows: Referring to the drawings, 1 represents an outer casing or tube adapted to contain water or other liquid, said tube having a closed bottom and being provided at the top with a cap-piece 2, held in position within the tube by the resilient arms 3, the cap-piece having an opening 4 for the passage of the wick and flame of the candle 5. The candle is permanently supported on the upper terminal platform 6, secured to a stem 7, projecting centrally from a float 8 in the water.

When the candle is of full length, it of course submerges the float beneath the surface of the water, the float gradually rising as the candle diminishes, the upper end of the latter being permanently held against the cap-piece by

the buoyancy of the float until the last vestige of the candle disappears. The platform 6 being somewhat dish-shaped catches any drip incident to the burning of the candle, thereby avoiding any loss whatsoever. The mouth of the opening 4 of the cap-piece tapers upwardly, closing over the edge of the candle, this arrangement insuring the retention of the bulk of the fused tallow or paraffin of the candle within the depression generally formed about the wick.

The present form of holder is specially applicable for church service, insuring, as it does, a uniform and constant flame, as is clearly apparent from the drawings.

I do not, of course, wish to be limited to the precise details here shown, as these may in a measure be departed from without in any wise affecting the nature or spirit of my invention.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A candlestick-holder comprising a suitable tube or casing, a float mounted therein, a stem secured to the float, a platform at the upper end of the stem for the support of the candle, a cap-piece closing the upper end of the tube and having a tapering mouth, the walls of the mouth bearing against the edge of the upper end of the candle and insuring the retention of the liquid hydrocarbon formed about the wick, substantially as set forth.

2. A candlestick-holder comprising a suitable tube or casing, a float mounted therein, a stem secured to the float, a platform at the upper end of the stem for the support of the candle, a cap-piece, having resilient arms and a tapering mouth, closing the upper end of the tube, the walls of the mouth bearing against the edge of the upper end of the candle and insuring the retention of the liquid hydrocarbon formed about the wick, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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