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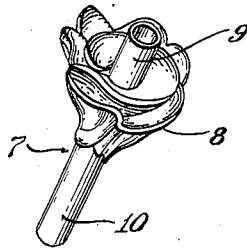
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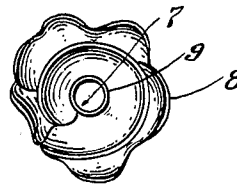
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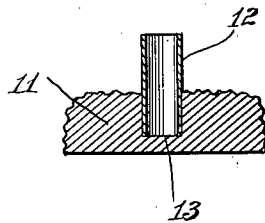
*Fig. 1.*



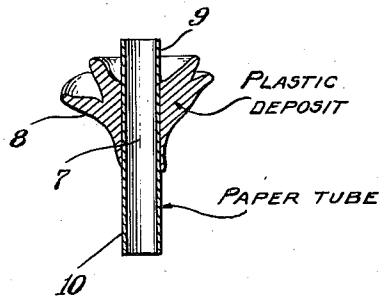
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## CAKE CANDLE HOLDER

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This invention relates to cake candle holders. For many years it has been customary to provide holders each composed of a helix of wire constituting a candle socket with a central mounting stem for insertion in a cake and an ornamental body of plastic squirted onto the helix. In order to avoid the use of metal it has been proposed to cast a body of plastic with a recess for insertion of a candle, but to make a satisfactory holder in this manner is expensive. 10

Accordingly I have made many experiments in order to produce a satisfactory holder at low cost and without the use of metal.

The solution lies in the use of a paper tube to which is secured the ornamental body. In its preferred form the body is cast on to the tube between its ends. The upper end of the tube constitutes a candle socket and the lower end serves as a stem for insertion into the cake.

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the preferred form of the device. 20

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same.

Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view of the same.

Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view of a modification. 25

The tube 7 is formed of paper similar to that used for artificial straws, very thin and resilient and somewhat absorbent, but capable of being handled without injury.

The body 8 is formed of plastic material such as sugar paste usually squirted onto the tube while it is being rotated. On account of the character of the tube the plastic adheres firmly to it. 30

The upper end 9 of the tube constitutes a socket capable of accommodating the lower end of a candle. As the tube is resilient it readily adapts itself to the candle—even if the end of the candle is deformed or not symmetrical. The lower end 10 constitutes a stem adapted to be thrust into a cake. As the wall of the tube is very thin, it acts as a knife edge to facilitate such thrust. 40

It will be seen that the tube acts as a socket for a candle, a stem and penetrating tool, a support for the plastic body and as a handle for the device. Furthermore the elongated plastic body acts as a reinforcing agent preventing the too ready collapse of the tube. 5

In the modification shown in Fig. 4 the ornamental plastic body 11 is formed upon the end of the tube 12 which constitutes the candle socket. The body may be cast separately with a recess 13 into which the tube is inserted. As the tube is resilient it is not necessary to form the recess 13 with any special accuracy. The tube readily accommodates itself to the recess. 10

I claim:

1. A candle holder comprising a central artificial straw and a plastic ornamental body deposited upon and secured to the straw between its upper and lower ends, the upper end of the straw projecting above the body and constituting a socket for receiving a candle, said body flaring outwardly from the upper end of the straw, and the lower end of the straw constituting a stem for insertion into the top of a cake. 15

2. A candle holder comprising a central resilient artificial straw and a plastic ornamental body deposited upon and secured to the straw, the upper end of the straw constituting a resilient socket for receiving a candle, said body flaring outwardly from the straw, and the lower end of the straw constituting a stem for insertion into the top of a cake. 20

3. A candle holder comprising a resilient central artificial straw and a plastic ornamental body deposited upon and secured to the straw, the upper end of the straw projecting above the body and constituting a resilient socket for receiving a candle, said body flaring outwardly from the straw. 25

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