

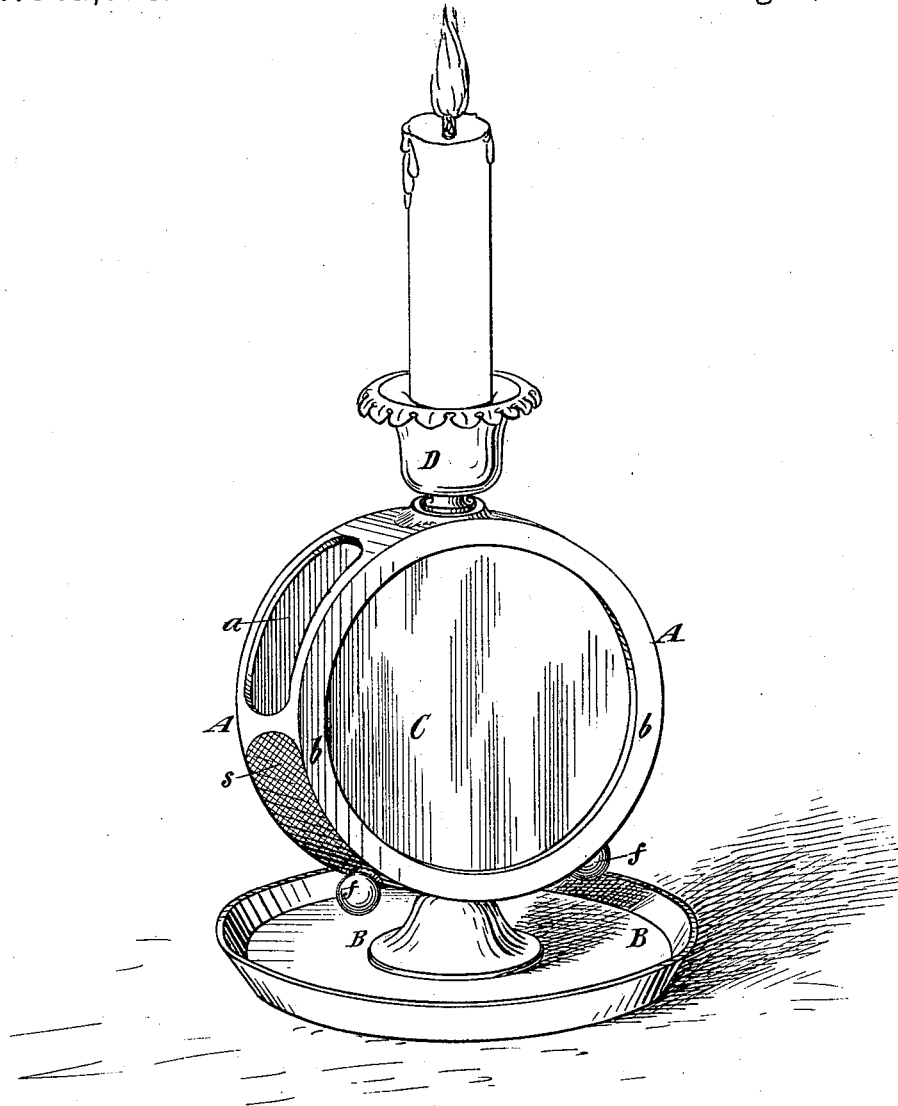
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM TROTTER, Jr., of Oyster Bay, in the county of Queens and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Match-Box and Candlestick, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists in certain combination of parts hereinafter particularly described and claimed, including a match-box of circular form, mounted so that its axis will be in a horizontal plane, and having one or more openings in its periphery for the reception of matches, an open-top tray forming a support for the match-box and a receptacle for burnt matches, a luminous plate or tablet applied to the flat face of the match-box, and a candle holder or socket supported on the match-box, and beyond which the match-box projects laterally.

The accompanying drawing represents a perspective view of a match-box and candlestick embodying my invention.

A designates the match-box, which is of circular form, with opposite flat sides. It may be made of paper, card-board, terra-cotta, or other ceramic ware, sheet metal or other material, and in its periphery is formed an opening, *a*, for the reception of matches. The match-box may have a similar opening on each side, if desired, and each opening may have a lid.

B designates a base, upon which the match-box is supported with its axis in a horizontal plane, and which may be formed of thin sheet metal like the base or bottoms of ordinary candlesticks, or of any other suitable material. This base may serve as a tray for the reception of burnt matches or other refuse, and it may be secured to the match-box A by a screw inserted through it from its under side.

The match-box A may have a luminous plate or tablet, C, secured on its face by an ordinary bezel, *b*, and this plate or tablet may be of glass and have the phosphorescent paint or compound applied to its inner surface; or the said paint or compound may be applied to the match-box and covered and protected by a transparent glass plate or tablet.

When the match-box is made of terra-cotta

or other ceramic ware the paint can be applied to its exterior and burned in, and the match-box may have a roughened surface, as at *s*, produced in any suitable way, upon which to strike matches.

D designates a holder or socket for a candle, which may be screwed or otherwise secured to the top of the match-box, and when attached thereto the match-box forms a body for a candlestick.

A candlestick might be formed with a body similar to the match-box, the openings *a* for matches being omitted, and in either case the match-box or body A might be provided with feet *f*, instead of the tray or base B.

It will be observed that the openings *a* are in the portion of the match-box which projects beyond the candle holder or socket.

When the match-box is not intended to serve as a body for a candlestick it may be provided at or near the top with a hole in the back, or a ring, whereby it may be suspended.

The base or tray B and the candle holder or socket D may be of bright sheet-brass, or they may be lacquered, and the match-box A may be decorated in any suitable manner.

By my invention I provide a very convenient article, because both the candlestick and match-box are made visible in the dark by a single luminous plate or tablet, and the article may be made so as to present a handsome appearance at a small cost.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The match-box A, of circular or analogous form, having one or more openings, *a*, the luminous plate or tablet C and bezel *b*, and the circular tray B, on which said box is supported, substantially as specified.

2. The combination, with the match-box A, having one or more openings, *a*, a luminous plate or tablet, C, and bezel *b*, of the tray B, supporting said box, and the candle holder or socket D, supported upon said box, substantially as specified.

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