

# A NEW CANDLESTICK PATENT

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A new candlestick patent has recently been found. The patent was granted on February 9, 1909, to the inventor, Thomas Gossack of Taft, Montana. As you can see from the original patent drawings, his new candlestick has a very unique candle holding device. According to the specifications, Gossack came up with the idea for a candlestick that would burn a candle for four hours without changing. This was going to be accomplished simply by using a much larger candle. The cylinder for holding the giant candle also had a device for measuring time. As the candle burned, it would be raised inside the cylinder by a spring. This would also move a pointer which would indicate on a dial how many hours and minutes the candle had burned.

Another feature incorporated into this candlestick was the use of a match safe (he calls

it a match box) just like that of the Lindahl candlestick patented four years earlier. The only difference between the two is that Gossack's match safe had a roughened surface at the end of the screw cap for striking the matches on instead of around the tube like the Lindahl's.

I doubt very much if Gossack's candlestick was ever put into production. I have no idea where the miners were going to buy such a large candle, and even if they could, the candlestick would be so heavy you probably wouldn't be able to use the spike. Never the less, there is always the chance that Gossack's invention might turn up somewhere in an old trunk. There are a number of patented candlesticks of which only one example is known to exist at this time.

