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## LANTERN OR LAMP.

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To all whom it may concern: Be it known that I, MICHAEL C. HARNEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented 5 an Improvement in Wick-Raisers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to those wick-raising devices in which a vertical shaft, a horizontal shaft, and contrate or crown wheels

- 10 connecting the shafts are employed to adjust the wick from beneath the fount or reservoir, the vertical shaft being secured to the outside of the fount or reservoir, its lower end being passed down through the base, and provided 15 with a wheel, by which it may be turned.
- My improvement consists in certain details of construction, hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims, whereby the means for operating the wick-shaft tend to hold the
- 20 latter to its bearings, thus preventing the displacement of the burner cone or cap by the elevation of the wick-shaft, as in previous devices where the means for turning the wickshaft are located beneath or on one side of the 25 latter.

The accompanying drawing is a perspective view of a lantern having my wick-raising device, a portion of the body of the lantern being removed to exhibit the application of 30 the device.

A is the base; B, the body; C, the fount or reservoir; D, the burner without the cap or cone; E, the wick shaft having contrate or crown wheel F; G, the vertical shaft having

- 35 contrate or crown wheel H, located over the wick-shaft crown-wheel; I, strap for securing the body of the vertical shaft to the reservoir; J, the air-chamber between the body and the fount, having a floor, K, provided with open-
- 40 ing for passage of the vertical shaft; and L, a lock-nut beneath the floor to hold the teeth of the crown-wheel H down to engage the teeth of the crown-wheel F, when adjusted on the threaded end of the vertical shaft, which car-45 ries the regulating-wheel M.
- By the arrangement of the various parts as shown there is not any liability of the displacement of the wick-shaft, burner, or cap or

cone, because the nut beneath the floor can be adjusted on the vertical shaft, and the latter 50 with its crown-wheel to a nicety to sufficiently engage the crown-wheels without displacing the wick-shaft.

I am aware that crown wheels have been employed to connect the vertical and hori- 55 zontal shafts. Also, that a nut has been employed, by which the vertical rod of a wickraising device could be adjusted. Also, that the vertical shaft has been strapped to the outside of the fount, and its lower end passed (o down through the floor of the lantern, where it has been provided with a hand-wheel. Such construction, therefore, I disclaim as used and applied separately. The advantage of my arrangement will be seen to be in so adapting 65 the various parts as to permit them, when combined in the manner shown in my device, to provide means by which the horizontal crown-wheel can be adjusted to the vertical crown-wheel by simply adjusting the nut on  $7^{\circ}$  the thread of the vertical shaft beneath the floor.

Having thus described my invention, the following is what I claim as new therein and desire to secure by Letters Patent: 75

1. The combination, with a fount having a burner provided with a wick-shaft having a crown-wheel, of a vertical shaft having a crown-wheel at its upper end over the wickshaft crown-wheel, and a screw-thread at its So lower end provided with a lock - nut, and a regulating wheel, as set forth.

2. The combination, with a fount, a burner provided with a wick-shaft, and a crownwheel on the wick-shaft, of a vertical shaft 85 having a crown-wheel at its upper end above the crown-wheel of the wick-shaft, and screwthreaded at its lower end, a lock-nut on the screw-thread to adjust the vertical shaft, a regulating-wheel, and a lantern-body having 90 an opening in its floor, through which the vertical shaft extends, as set forth.

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