

Folding Gimballed Candlestick

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When George Gaspari of California notified me that he had acquired a "Folding Gimbal" candlestick I couldn't hardly beleive it! George was kind enough to let me examine his find and attached are pictures of a truly amazing stick. The first two photos show the stick folded and extended for use. Unfortunately the hook is missing but one can imagine a relative short hook that not only rotates but folds onto the spike. The inventor may have never finished the folder realizing how impractical the invention was for mine use. What ever the case, the creator decided to go a step further than known existing gimbles.





The spike folds neatly into the handle and keeps the gimbal from rattling about. The last photo compares the "Folding Gimbal" to two of the patented Gimbals; ie: the Rasmussen (patented 1903) and the Weed (patented 1906). If the candlestick does anything, it illustrates the amazing effort of our forefathers to develop a better widget.

