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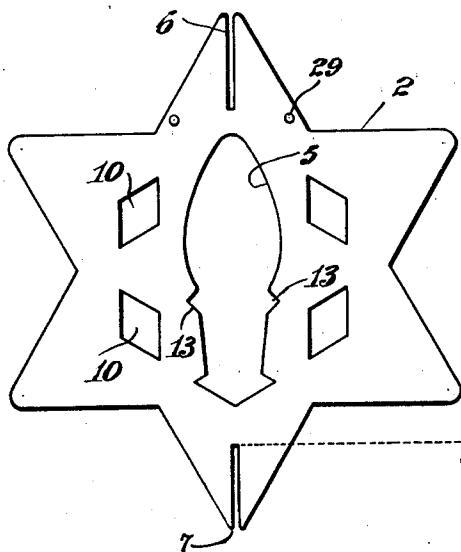


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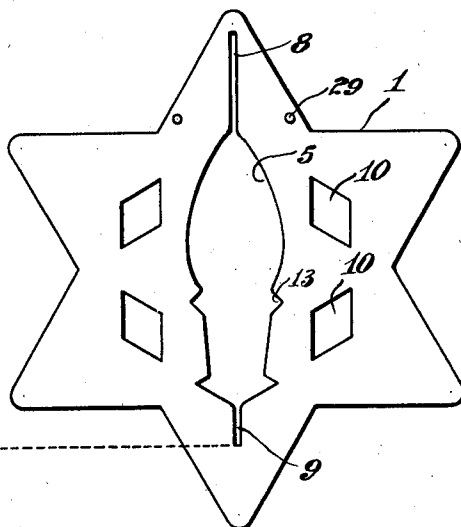


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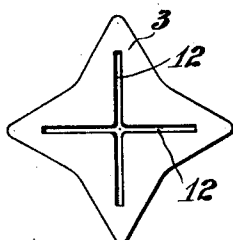
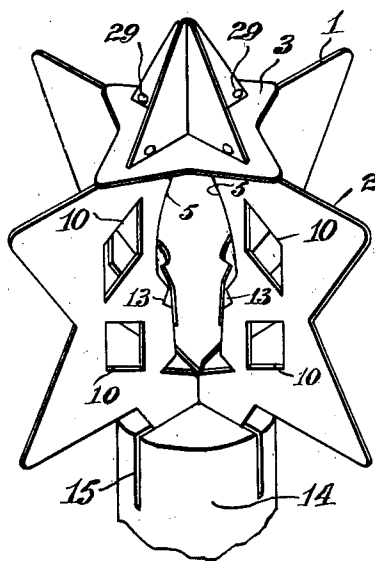


Fig. 1.



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CHRISTMAS-TREE ORNAMENT.

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This invention relates to ornaments constructed from flat material and relates more particularly to ornaments for Christmas trees.

5 An object of the invention is the provision of an ornament for a Christmas tree which can be cheaply and easily constructed from sheet material.

Another object is the provision of such an ornament which can readily be taken apart and be packed in a small amount of space.

10 A further object is the provision of a Christmas tree ornament made from sheet material, which ornament is made of a minimum number of pieces, all of which are mutually interlocked by means of notches cut out of said sheets.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be brought out in the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings.

20 In the drawings, Fig. 1 represents a star constructed in accordance with my invention. Figs. 2, 3 and 4 illustrate the separate pieces which fit together to form the star shown in Fig. 1.

30 In Fig. 1 reference numerals 1 and 2 indicate two star shaped profile sections having a plurality of cut-out portions 10 and a central cutout portion 5. Element 2 is provided at its top with a cut-out notch 6 and at its bottom with a cut-out notch 7, while element 1 is provided at its top with a cut-out portion 8 and at its bottom with a shorter cut-out portion 9. As shown in Fig. 1, elements 1 and 2 are mutually interlocked at right angles and are held against relative angular displacement by means of element 3 which fits down over the ends of the pointed section of the star profiles. The element 3 is provided with a pair of intersecting slots 12 and is held in position on the star profiles by means of projections 29 on the profiles, over which the element 3 is forced. When the star is to be made of tin or the like the projections may be embossed on the profile sections. Each of the profile sections 1 and 2 is provided with a cut-out portion 5 which has a pair of notches 13 that serve to hold the socket of a miniature lamp bulb which is to be positioned within the star when the star is in use. The entire star is assembled by positioning element 2 at right angles with element 1 and with slot 6 of element 2 coinciding with the long slot of element 1. When the two elements are in this

position they are pushed together with the two slots 6 and 8 interlocking, far enough so that element 2 can be pushed half way through element 1, after which element 2 is pushed downwardly with slot 7 coinciding with slot 9, until the point of the profile star elements are on a line with each other. When elements 1 and 2 have been thus assembled element 3 is positioned over the top of the other two elements and slid downwardly over the intersecting points of the two star shaped elements and forced over the projection 29, as shown in Fig. 1. The entire star is then assembled and may be hung upon a Christmas tree or, if desired, may be held in a socket member 14 which consists of a block or stick of wood having a pair of intersecting slots 15 in it, within which the lower points of the star members may be thrust. The star could thus be held in socket 14 and set on a plane surface or could be mounted on the end of a long stick or even on the sawed off top of a Christmas tree.

40 If it is desired to make the star from rigid material such as plate glass, bakelite, or the like, it is necessary merely to make the slot 6 in element 2 slightly wider than the thickness of element 1 so as to give the necessary clearance to allow the two pieces to be fitted together in the manner heretofore disclosed. The element 3 with such construction might be made of rigid material also and be positioned on the top side of the star so that it would not fall off, or, if desired, might be made of flexible material, in which case the two rigid star profile sections would be provided with projections 29 similarly to the ordinary type of construction, which projections would serve to hold the element 3 in position on the star profile sections so that the star could be used in any position desired without danger of its coming apart.

50 When the star is made of tin, plate glass, or the like, it will be obvious that the profile elements and the locking element 3 will all act as reflectors for the light emitted by the lamp bulb placed at the intersection of the profile members. The reflection of the light from the different surfaces of the star produces a very pleasing and realistic effect.

While I have, for the purpose of illustration, described a particular embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that various modifications and adaptations suggesting themselves to one skilled in the art may be

made without a departure from the spirit of the invention, as set forth in the following claims. For example, while I have described my invention as embodied in an ornamental star for a Christmas tree it is obvious that other objects such as lanterns, table lamps, chandeliers and the like can be constructed in a similar manner.

What I claim is:

1. An ornamental object, a pair of profile elements having notches therein, said profile elements being mutually interlocked by means of said notches and being prevented from relative angular displacement by means of a notched element positioned over the ends of said profile elements, said profile elements having projections thereon for maintaining said notched element in position.

2. In a Christmas tree ornament, a pair of flat elements cut to an ornamental outline, an aperture intermediate the edges of each element, said elements being held interlocked mutually at right angles by means of a pair of notches in each element, one notch of each of said pair of notches being relatively long and the other being relatively short, the notches in one of said elements extending to the outside edge of the element and the notches in the other of said elements extending to the aperture in the element, said long notches and said short notches coinciding, and means for preventing relative angular displacement of said elements.

3. In a Christmas tree ornament, a pair of rigid profile elements having a cut-out center portion, both of said elements having a pair of notches cut in opposite points thereof,

one of each of said pair of notches being longer than the other, notches in one of said elements extending through the outer edge of the element and the notches in the other of said elements extending to the cut-out center portion, both of said elements being joined together by means of said notches and held against angular displacement by means of a third member, the long notch extending to the outside edge of one of the elements being slightly wider than the thickness of the other of said elements.

4. An article of manufacture comprising a pair of profile elements having a cut-out center portion, notches in each of said elements, whereby said elements are mutually interlocked, means for securing said elements against relative angular displacement and notches in the inner edge of said cut-out portion for holding a lamp socket.

5. In an ornamental object for a Christmas tree, a plurality of mutually interlocked star shaped profile members, a cut-out center portion in said members for receiving a lamp, said members having a reflecting surface for reflecting the light emitted by said lamp.

6. An ornamental star comprising two star shaped profile elements intersecting each other at right angles, a cut-out center portion in each of said elements for receiving a lamp bulb, means for holding said elements against relative angular displacement, said means serving as a reflector.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification, this 25th day of July, 1927.

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