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CHRISTMAS TREE HOLDER AND DISPLAY STAND
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No model.
To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB A. ROMPEL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Belleville, in the county of St. Clair, State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Christmas-Tree Holders and Display-Stands, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a device for holding or sustaining a Christmas tree or the column, post, &c., of a display-stand or other object, the same embodying a base, an adjustable socket rising therefrom, and means for closing said socket and clamping the trunk of the Christmas tree, the column, post, &c., within the same, the construction of parts being hereinafter described, and the novel feature pointed out in the claims.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a holder, stand, &c., embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a vertical section thereof. Fig. 3 represents a perspective view of a detached portion.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the base of the device, and B designates a socket rising therefrom, said socket consisting of the members C and D, the member C being integral with said base, and the member D being movable to and from said member C, so as to adjust the diameter of the bore of said socket to trunks of Christmas trees, columns, posts, &c., of different thicknesses, it being noticed that the upper portion of said base has a radial slot E therein, and the lower end of the member D has an inverted -T head F depending therefrom, the shank of said head occupying said slot and underlapping the side walls of said slot, so while said member D is permitted to be moved to and from the member C it is prevented from disconnection from the base.

On the member D are the ears G, through which are passed the limbs H of a yoke J, the crown of the latter freely encircling the stationary member C of the socket, said limbs being screw-threaded and engaged by the thumb-nuts K, which are adapted to bear against the ears G.

The operation is as follows: The nuts K are unscrewed and the member D is moved outwardly, thus opening the socket to the required extent, after which the trunk of the Christmas tree, a column, post, &c., is placed between the members C D, and the member D closed against said trunk, &c. The nuts are then rotated, whereby both members of the socket tightly embrace said trunk, &c., and firmly sustain the same in upright position. When the nuts are unscrewed, the member D may be withdrawn from the position it occupied, thus relieving the trunk, &c., and permitting removal of the latter.

In order to sustain the crown portion of the yoke and prevent dropping of the same and consequent jamming of the limbs H in the ears G, the member C is provided on its exterior with the shoulder or ledge L, on which said crown is seated and rested, the effect of which is evident.

It will be seen that the device is prevented from overturning, and as constructed is of a simple, inexpensive, and practical nature.

Various changes may be made in the details of construction shown without departing from the general spirit of my invention, and I do not, therefore, desire to be limited in each case to the same.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a holder of the character stated, a base, an adjustable socket rising therefrom, a closing and clamping device for said socket, said socket consisting of a stationary member which is integral with said base and a movable member provided with ears freely receiving the limbs of said device and nuts engaging said limbs.
2. In a holder of the character stated, a base, an adjustable socket rising therefrom, a closing and clamping device for said socket, said socket consisting of a stationary member which is integral with said base, a movable member provided with an ear freely receiving a limb of said device, a shoulder on said stationary member back of said ear, the crown of said device being sustained on said shoulder and means on said limb for tightening said device.

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