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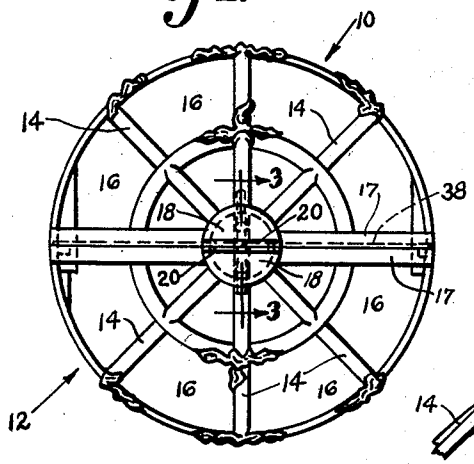


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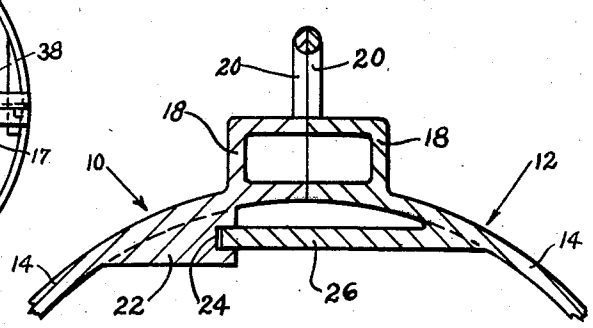


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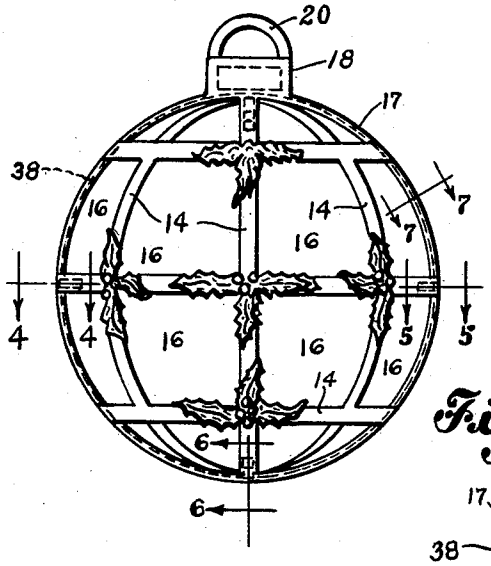


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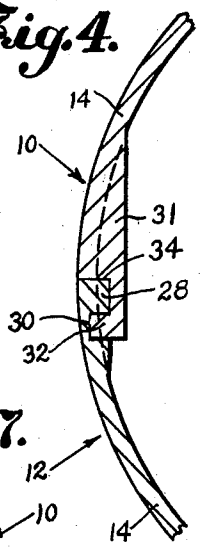


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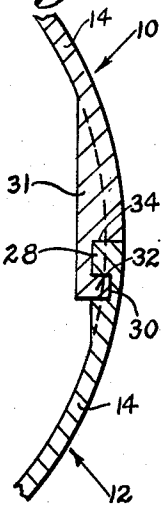


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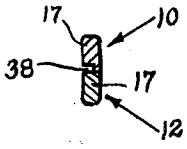
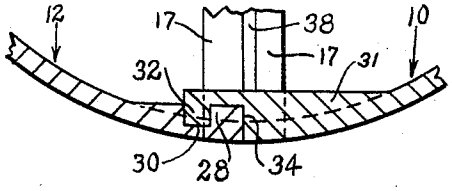


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This invention relates to an ornament for Christmas trees and other decorative purposes, especially to ornaments that are suspended from a tree or other support.

One object of my invention is to provide an ornament in a plurality of sections with novel fastening means whereby said sections can easily be joined or taken apart.

Another object is to provide such an ornament with means to receive and hold an article, such as a bell, suspended in the interior of said ornament and so said article will be visible from the outside, and which can be removed and another article substituted for it.

A further object is to provide a section of said ornament with a circumferential recess to receive a flat sheet, such as a picture, and which is held in position by a contact face of the other said section.

A still further object is to provide such an ornament that is economical to manufacture, the sections of which are simple to join and to separate, and that are durable.

The foregoing and other objects which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, may be accomplished by a construction, combination and arrangement of parts such as is disclosed by the drawings. The nature of the invention is such as to render it susceptible to various changes and modifications, and therefore, I am not to be limited to the construction disclosed by the drawings nor to the particular parts described in the specification; but am entitled to all such changes therefrom as fall within the scope of my claims.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a top plan view of my ornament.

Fig. 2 is a side elevational view thereof as it appears in suspended position.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 5 is an enlarged sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 6 is an enlarged sectional view taken on the line 6—6 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 7 is an enlarged sectional view taken on the line 7—7 of Fig. 2.

As illustrated, my ornament has two half sections as shown, which are given the numerals **10** and **12**. Each section is formed of ribs or bars **14**, some of which extend laterally, in position of use, and others extend at a right angle thereto. The two sections, when brought together, form an open-work, ball shaped ornament, to hang on a Christmas tree.

Each said section **10** and **12** has a neck portion **18** at its upper part, in position of use, from which extends a loop portion **20**. Said neck portions **18** and loop portions **20** match each other, to form a single neck and loop as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, with said neck portions **18** and loops **20** in contact with each other.

Said half section **10** has an interior protrusion **22**, which is an extension from a rib **14** adjacent said neck

portion **18**, and which has a slot **24** therein that extends laterally inward from a side extremity thereof, in position of use. Said other section **12** has an interior suspension bar **26** that extends laterally, in position of use, from a said rib **14** and enters said recess **24** when the two sections **10** and **12** are brought together. This provides a suspension bar to hang an article on, such as a bell, for instance, and also helps in joining said two sections evenly together.

In order to fasten said sections **10** and **12** together, I provide inwardly projecting knobs **28** on said section **12** at three different places, one knob being at the bottom and two at opposite sides in position of use. Next to each said knob **28**, an outwardly extending recess or indent **30** is provided in said section **12**.

Said section **10** has three thickened portions **31** at the ends of which, in each instance, are outwardly projecting knobs **32** next to each of which is an indent or recess **34** projecting inwardly, which indents **34** receive said knobs **28** that are on said section **12**, said knobs preferably fitting therein, when the two sections **10** and **12** are joined. Also said knobs **32** on said sections **10** enter, and preferably fit, into said three indents **30**. These three points of engagement of said knobs **28** and **32** in said recesses **34** and **30** respectively, hold said sections **10** and **12** firmly together, at the bottom and two sides, while said suspension bar **26** also aids in making this union.

Said sections **10** and **12** are ordinarily made of a plastic material that has some resilient qualities, hence said knobs **28** and **32** can be sprung into said recesses **34** and **30**, and also sprung out when it is desired to open said ornament as, for instance, to change the article inside. The aforementioned parts of each said section are preferably integral.

My ornament may also receive a picture or flat sheet, for instance, in which event a circumferential recess **38** is provided in a said section **10** or **12**. It is shown in Figs. 1 and 7, the recess **38** being shown as formed in the outer or contact face of a said rim **17** of said section **10**, commencing at a point spaced inwardly from the peripheral or exterior surface of said rim and extending inwardly from said face to an intermediate point in the depth of said rim for the entire circumference of said section **10** except for any obstructions such as said knobs. The sheet or picture lies in said recess **38**, filling that space so the adjoining face surface of said rim **17** of said section **12** contacts the sheet holding it tightly when in closed position. This recess extends all around said rim **17** except where there are said knobs or other obstructions, and the sheet would have to be cut out to avoid said obstructions.

Of course, said sections **10** and **12** can be joined by cement, omitting said knobs and recesses, using said suspension bar **26** to hold the same article permanently.

What I claim is:

1. An ornament comprising two sections each embodying a rim that defines the inner edge extremity of its said section and having a contact face, one said section having a recess that extends from said contact face inwardly and terminates at an intermediate point in the depth of said rim, said rims of said sections being of such size and so formed that the faces thereof contact each other when said sections are brought together.

2. An ornament comprising two sections each embodying a rim that defines the inner edge extremity of its said section and having a contact face, one said section having a recess therein that commences at a point spaced inwardly from the circumferential outer surface of said rim and extends from said contact face inwardly, said rims of said sections being of such size

and so formed that the faces thereof contact each other when said sections are brought together.

3. An ornament in combination with a sheet of material, said ornament comprising two sections each embodying a rim that defines the inner edge extremity of its said section and having a contact face, the first said section having a recess therein that commences at a point spaced inwardly from the circumferential outer surface of said rim and extends from said contact face inwardly, said sheet extending into said recess, said sheet being substantially the same thickness as the depth of said recess whereby it is substantially flush with said face of said rim having said recess, said rims of said sections being of such size and so formed that the faces thereof contact each other when said sections are brought together.

4. An ornament in combination with a sheet of material, said ornament comprising two sections each embodying a rim that defines the inner edge extremity of its said section and having a contact face, the first

said section having a recess therein that commences at a point spaced inwardly from the circumferential outer surface of said rim and extends from said contact face inwardly, said sheet extending into said recess and extending across said ornament between said sections, and diametrically across the ornament, said sheet being substantially the same thickness as the depth of said recess whereby it is substantially flush with the said face of said rim having said recess, said rims of said sections being of such size and so formed that the faces thereof contact each other when said sections are brought together.

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