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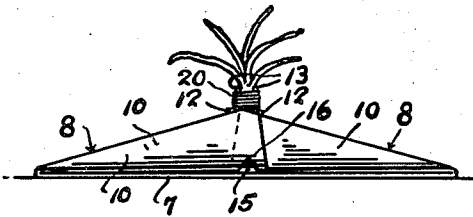


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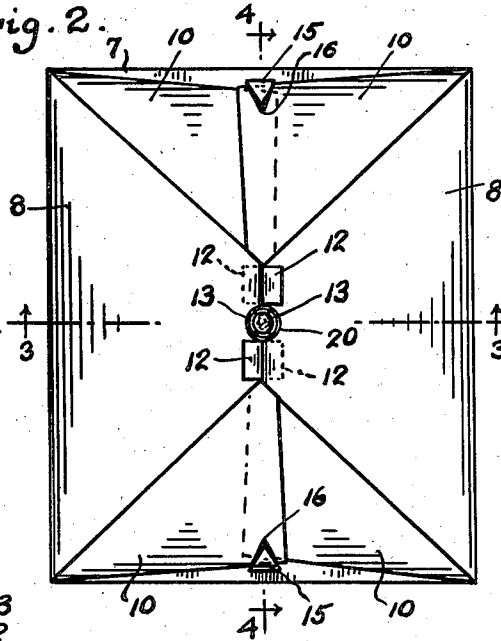


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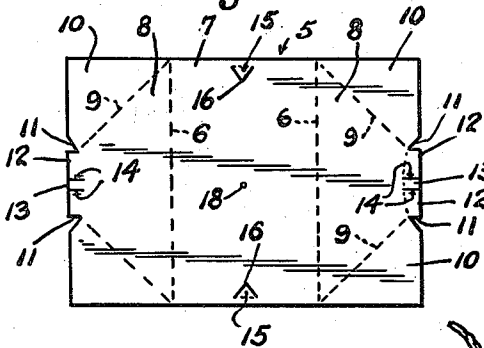


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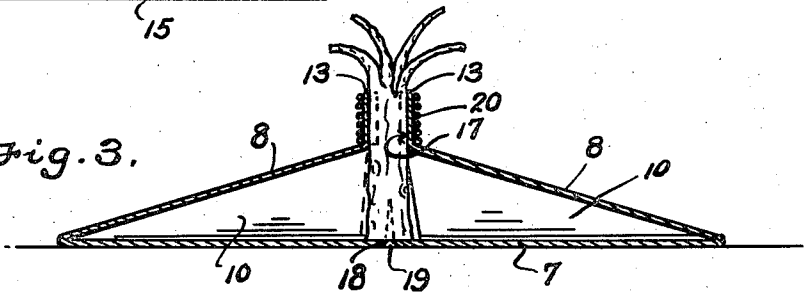
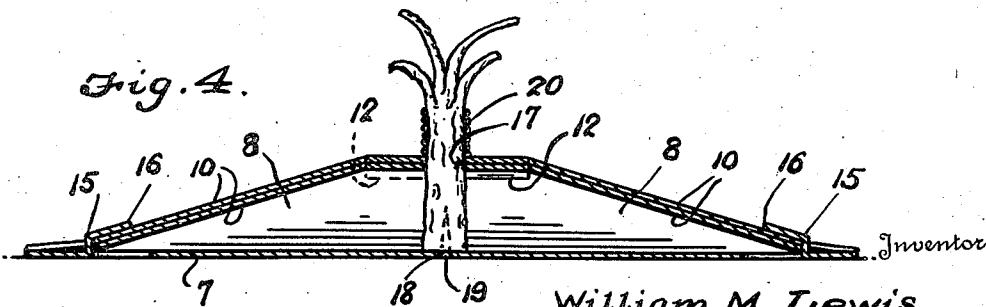


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to supports and more particularly Christmas tree stands.

The primary object of this invention resides in so constructing a Christmas tree stand as to simulate the pitched roofs of colonial or other similar designs of houses so as to enhance the appearance of the base of the tree and thereby harmonize the same with the decorations of the limbs and area therebeneath.

Another object of this invention resides in so constructing a Christmas tree stand from a single sheet of heavy cardboard or other suitable material to simulate the roofs or loft portions of pitched roof houses.

A further object of this invention resides in so constructing a Christmas tree stand from a blank sheet of material so it can be set up to simulate the pitched roofs or upper portions of houses.

A still further object of this invention resides in the particular manner of securing a Christmas tree in upright position to the stand.

Aside from the aforesaid objects, this invention resides in the particular construction of the blank from which the stand is constructed.

In addition to the foregoing objects, this invention resides in the particular manner of rigidly securing the stand in set up condition for supporting a Christmas tree.

With these and other objects in view, this invention resides in certain novel features of construction and arrangement of elements to be hereinafter more particularly set forth in the specification, illustrated in the drawing and pointed out in the appended claims and, although this disclosure depicts my present conception of the invention, the right is reserved to resort to such departures therefrom as come within the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawing forming a part of this application;

Fig. 1 is a side view of the stand showing the stump of a Christmas tree supported thereby.

Fig. 2 is a plan view thereof.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken approximately on line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a similar view taken approximately on line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 5 is a plan view of the blank.

In the present illustration of this invention, the number 5 designates, in general, a substantially rectangular sheet of heavy cardboard scored along dotted lines 6 to form a base 7 from the opposite ends of which extend flaps 8 which in turn are scored on dotted lines 9 to form triangular flaps 10 at their opposite sides. Said

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flaps 8 having their outer edges notched as indicated by the numeral 11 to form tongues 12 on opposite sides of lugs 13 produced by slitting the material inwardly along lines 14.

Formed adjacent to the side edges of the base 7 as by slitting, stamping or other well known operations, are triangular or other suitably shaped lugs 15 which have their inner ends 16 free for bending upwardly for a purpose to be hereinafter set forth.

With the blank 5 constructed as heretofore set forth, the flaps 8 are folded inwardly on the dotted lines 6 to cause those edges thereof on opposite sides of the tongue 12 to alternately interlock whereupon the triangular flaps 10 are folded inwardly on the dotted lines 9 with their opposed edges overlapped and inserted beneath the triangular lugs 15. Said lugs 15 forming means to retain the flaps 8 and 10 in rigid inclined relation to the base 7.

With the flaps 8 and 10 set up as aforesaid, the lugs 13 are bent outwardly to provide a tree receiving hole 17 therebetween in perpendicular alignment with a nail hole 18 formed in the base through which a nail 19 is driven into the lower end of a Christmas tree. Said lugs 13 bear against the periphery of the Christmas tree and are secured thereto by wrapping a strand of wire 20 therearound or substituting a clamp or other suitable means (not shown) for the same.

Through employment of a blank as heretofore set forth, a stand is provided to simulate a house roof portion having its four sides pitched or inclined on approximately like angles and, where roofs of other architectural designs are to be simulated, it is within the purview of this invention to otherwise arrange the elements to perform similar functions.

In order to enhance the appearance of the stand, it may be decorated to represent shingles, a roof with snow thereon, or other seasonal characteristics.

Although the stand is herewith disclosed as being formed of foldable members which can be readily set up and collapsed, the same may be permanently set up as by glueing or otherwise fastening them together, in fact, it is within the purview of this invention to form the same by numerous well known methods just so the finished product or stand simulates the pitched roof portions of houses.

With this invention fully set forth, it is manifest that a Christmas tree stand is provided which simulates the roof portions of houses and, through the particular means of forming and se-

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curing the members thereof in set up or operation position, the tree will be rigidly retained thereby without anchoring it to the floor by nails, screws and the like, further, the tree will be braced on the base by the inclined flaps or roof thereover.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

1. In a Christmas tree stand comprising a base, inclined flaps extending from the ends of the base with their inner ends interlocked on opposite sides of a tree trunk receiving hole therein, upstanding lugs on opposite sides of the hole, inclined triangular flaps formed on the first mentioned flaps with their inner ends directed inwardly from the edge of the base and disposed in overlapping relation, lugs formed on the base inwardly of its side edges receiving the lower portions of the triangular flaps, a nail in the base perpendicularly aligned with the tree trunk receiving hole, and means securing the upstanding lugs to the tree trunk.

2. In a Christmas tree stand comprising a substantially rectangular base, inclined flaps extending inwardly from the ends of the base with their inner ends interlocked on opposite sides of a tree

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trunk receiving hole therein, upstanding lugs on opposite sides of the hole, inclined triangular flaps formed on the first mentioned flaps with their inner ends overlapped and lower edges bearing on the base along lines diverging from central points inwardly of the side edges of the base, lugs formed on the base in the region of the aforesaid central points thereof and bearing against the outer overlapping flaps, a nail in the base aligned with the axis of the tree trunk receiving hole, and means securing the lugs against opposite sides of the tree trunk.

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