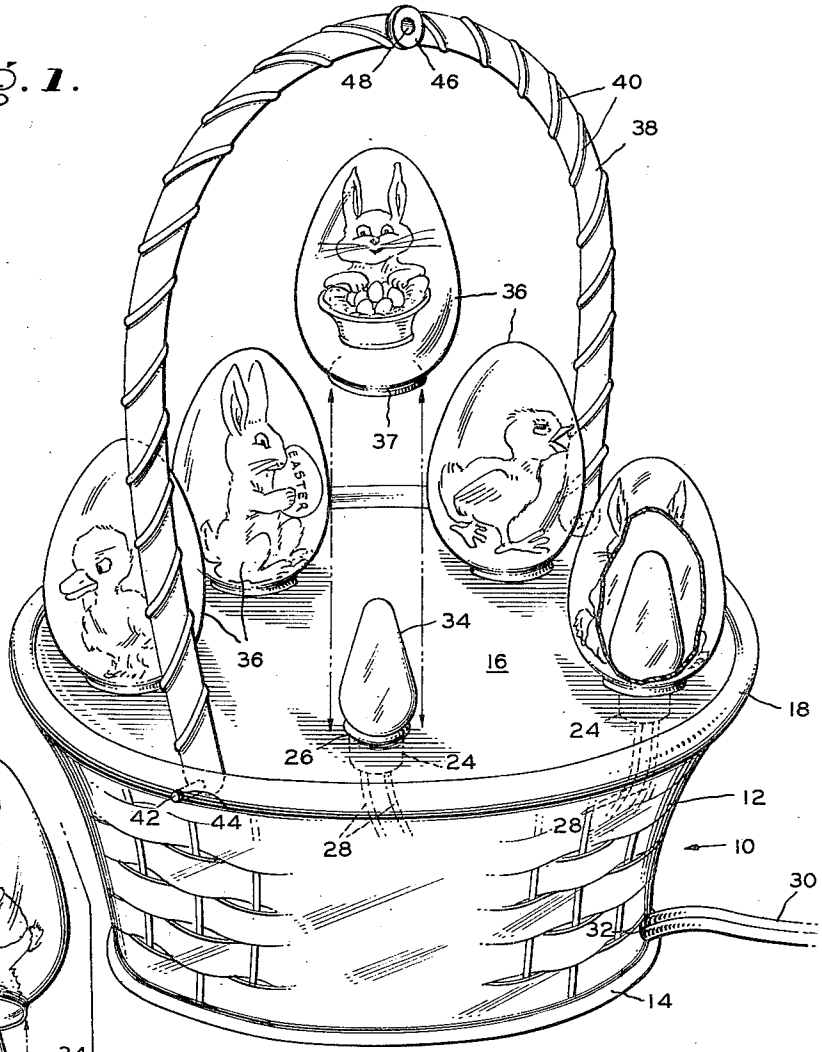
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Fig. 1.



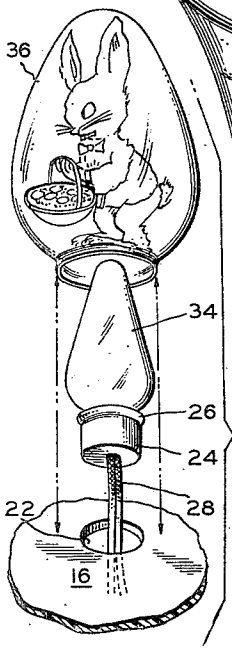


Fig. 2.

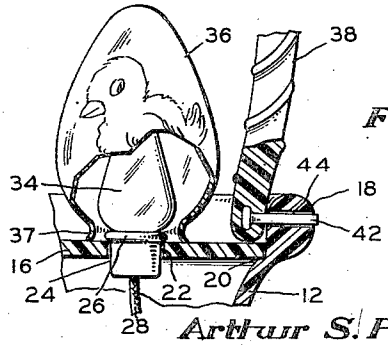


Fig. 3.

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This invention relates to an ornamental device, and it particularly relates to a device for simulating a basket, or the like, filled with illuminated simulated objects such as eggs.

It is one object of the present invention to provide a device which may not only be highly decorative but which may serve as a child's toy or as a symbol of a festive occasion.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a device which will simulate a real object such as a basket of Easter eggs, brightly illuminated.

Other objects of the present invention are to provide an improved ornamental device, of the character described, that is easily and economically produced, which is sturdy in construction, and which is highly effective in use.

With the above and related objects in view, this invention consists in the details of construction and combination of parts, as will be more fully understood from the following description, when read in conjunction with the accompanying drawing in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective, partially exploded, view of a device embodying the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary, exploded, perspective view of a portion of the device of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary, cross-sectional view of a portion of the device of Fig. 1.

Referring now in greater detail to the drawing wherein similar reference characters refer to similar parts, there is shown a basket **10** having a generally circular side wall **12**, a bottom wall, not shown, a bead **14** at the bottom edge of the side wall, a top wall **16**, and a bead **18** at the top edge of the side wall in surrounding relationship to the top wall. The entire basket is, preferably, constructed of one of the various synthetic resins; however, it may also be constructed of wicker, paper, or any other desired material.

The side wall and the beads **14** and **18** are of integral construction, there being an internal shoulder provided at the juncture of each of the beads and the side wall. Such a peripherally extending shoulder is indicated at **20** in Fig. 3. Press-fitted into this shoulder **20** is the peripheral rim of the disc-like top wall **16**, as best shown in Fig. 3.

The bottom wall, not shown, may also be press-fitted in place similarly to the top wall. On the other hand, no bottom wall may be provided at all, the bottom being left open.

The top wall **16**, which is here illustrated as being generally flat and round, is provided with a plurality of round openings **22** spaced around its periphery. Releasably positioned in each of these openings **22** is an electrical socket **24**. Each socket extends below the wall **16** and is held in place by means of a flange **26**, at the top thereof, which fits over the opening.

Electrical wires **28** extend from each socket **26** and are

adapted to be connected, either in series or in parallel, to the wires of the other sockets. All the wires **28** are connected to an electrical outlet cord **30** extending through an opening **32** in the lower portion of the side wall **12**.

A small light bulb **34** is provided in each socket **24**, and over each bulb **34** is positioned a translucent globe **36**. Each globe **36** is shown as having the shape of an egg. The globes are provided with an open bottom defined by a flange **37**; the flange **37** being adapted to firmly seat on the top wall **16** around the bulb **34**. Each globe is shown with a different picture painted on the external surface thereof. The internal light provided within each globe **36** by bulbs **34**, gives the effect of a basketful of illuminated, variously colored Easter eggs in a basket.

A handle **38**, which may also be made of a synthetic resin, is formed from an elongated rod having a reinforcing spirally wound cord **40** thereon. The rod is bent into a general inverted U-shaped contour and its ends are locked to the bead **18** at opposite sides of the basket, as by pins **42**; each pin having one end embedded within the handle and its other end extending into an opening **44** in bead **18**.

An eyelet **46** having a central opening **48** is provided at the top of the handle to permit hanging the basket on a hook, nail or the like.

The device embodying this invention has been illustrated as a generally round, plastic, Easter egg basket. However, not only may the basket be made of other materials but it may have a variety of other shapes. Furthermore, it may not resemble a basket at all, but may resemble any one of a variety of other types of containers. Similarly, the globes **36** may take any other shape desired. However, the particular Easter egg basket illustrated is the preferred embodiment of the invention since this particular construction has been found the most feasible and advantageous, both to serve as a toy and as an ornament.

Although this invention has been described in considerable detail, such description is intended as being illustrative rather than limiting, since the invention may be variously embodied, and the scope of the invention is to be determined as claimed.

Having thus set forth and disclosed the nature of this invention, what is claimed is:

1. An ornamental Easter egg basket comprising a hollow base, a bead defining the upper peripheral edge of said base, a second bead defining the lower peripheral edge of said base and providing a plane support therefore, a removable top wall press-fitted into position within the top opening of said base immediately below said upper bead, a plurality of openings in said top wall, a removable electric socket in each of said openings, means connecting said sockets to a source of electrical energy, a light bulb connected to each socket, and an ornamentally decorated, translucent, egg-shaped globe supported on said top wall and overlying each bulb.

2. The ornamental Easter egg basket of claim 1, a basket handle removably attached to said upper bead, and eyelet means on said handle for hanging said basket on a holder.

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