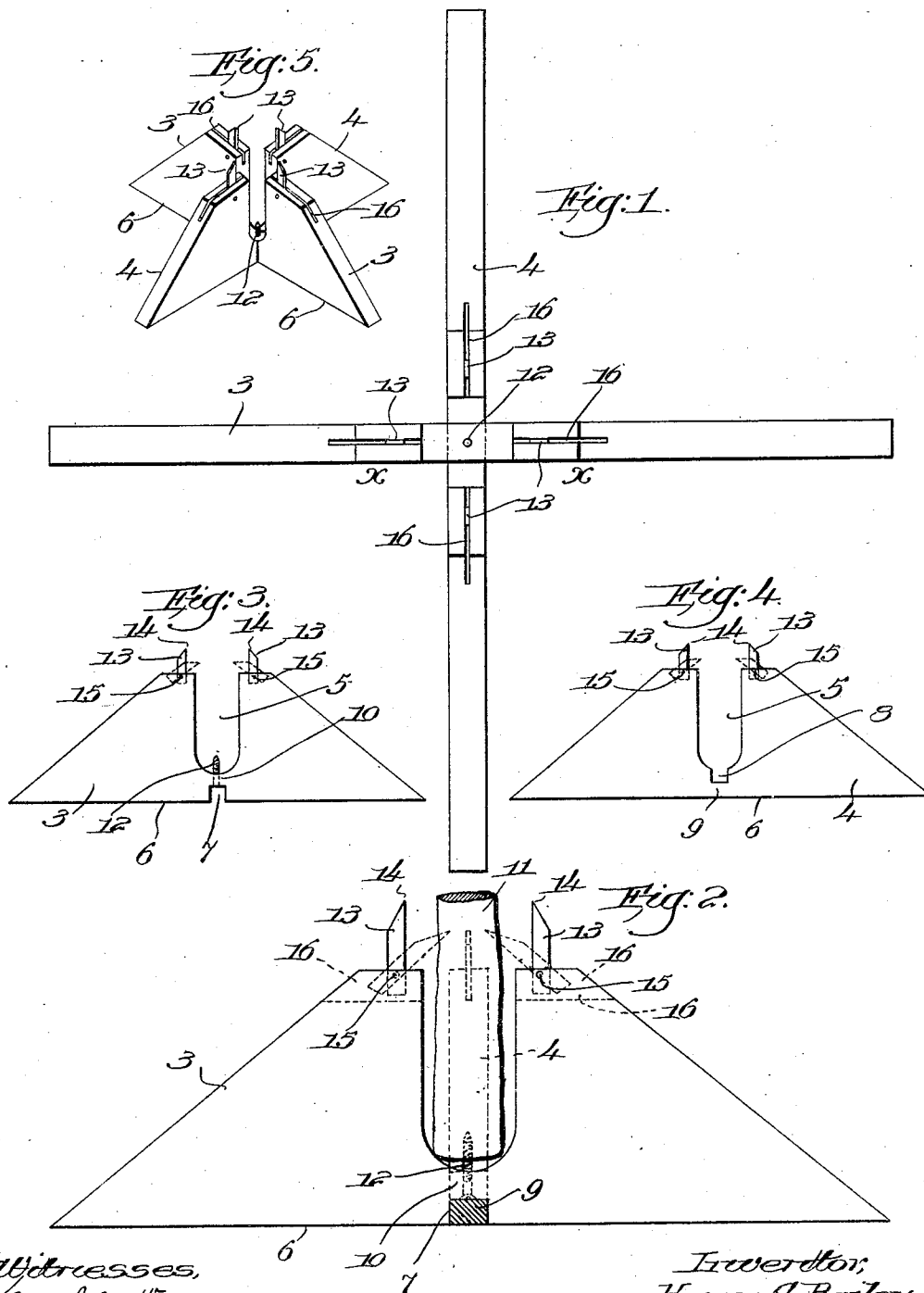


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HORACE A. BAILEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newton, county of Middlesex, and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Christmas-Tree Holders, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawing, is a specification, like characters on the drawing representing like parts.

This invention relates to Christmas tree holders and has for its object to provide a novel device which will firmly and securely hold a Christmas tree and which is extremely simple and inexpensive to manufacture.

The device comprises two members which are preferably thin and flat and may conveniently be made of pieces of board. Each member has formed therein a tree-receiving recess and the two members are arranged to be set at right angles to each other so that when the device is set up a pocket is formed to receive the lower end of the trunk of the Christmas tree. Each member is also provided at its upper edge with means to engage the trunk of the tree and firmly hold it in position.

I will first describe one embodiment of my invention and then point out the novel features thereof in the appended claim.

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the tree holder when set up ready to receive a tree; Fig. 2 is a section on the line $x-x$, Fig. 1; Figs. 3 and 4 are side views showing the two members of the tree holder; Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the tree holder set up ready for use.

The device comprises the two members 3 and 4 which are preferably flat and thin and may conveniently be made of board. Each member has formed therein a tree-receiving recess 5, and the two members are constructed so that they may be set up on their bottom edges 6 at right angles to each other. To accomplish this the member 3 is provided in its bottom edge with a notch 7 and the member 4 is provided with a notch 8 which is situated directly beneath the tree-receiving recess 5 and in the neck 9 connecting the two sides.

In setting up the device the member 3 is inserted into the recess 5 of the member 4 at right angles to said member 4 and is then placed so that the notch 7 of the member 3 will embrace the neck 9, said notch, it being understood, being of the same width as the

thickness of the member 4. When the two members are assembled the neck 10 of the member 3 occupies the notch 8 of the member 4, said notch being of a width equal to the thickness of the member 3. The notches 7 and 8 are of such a depth that when the two parts are assembled the bottoms of the two tree-receiving recesses 5 are in alignment with each other. The two necks 9 and 10 fit the notches 7 and 8 so that the engagement of the side of each neck with the corresponding notch serves to hold the two members in their vertical position. The members can easily be separated, however, merely by lifting the member 3 to remove the neck 10 from the notch 9. When the two members are assembled a socket is formed by the two recesses 5, in which the lower end of the tree trunk 11 may be set, and if desired the member 3 may have a spur 12 extending therefrom which is adapted to enter the lower end of the trunk to steady the latter.

Each member has secured at its upper edge an adjustable tree-engaging device which can be forced into engagement with the trunk of the tree thereby to firmly hold the tree. In the form of the invention herein shown these tree-engaging devices (which are designated 13) are pointed at their ends, as at 14, and are pivoted at 15 to the upper edges of the members 3 and 4 on each side of the recesses 5. The holding devices 13 may conveniently be received in slots 16 formed in the upper edges of the members and are arranged to be swung toward and from the recesses. When the tree is placed in the holder, these devices 13 are swung into the full line position Figs. 2, 3 and 4, and after the tree has been set into the socket the devices are swung into the dotted line position Figs. 2, 3 and 4 to cause the pointed ends thereof to engage and perhaps be embedded in the trunk of the tree. These devices serve to steady the tree and firmly hold it in the holder. By making these holding devices of the construction shown, they will readily fit trunks of different sizes and shapes and therefore a tree having a trunk of any size that can be inserted into the socket can be held securely by the tree holder. The particular construction of tree-engaging devices herein shown is not essential to my invention, however.

When the holder is not in use the two members can be taken apart and packed away in a small space.

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

5 A Christmas tree holder comprising two separate flat members each adapted to be supported on its lower edge and each having a tree-receiving recess extending from the upper edge thereof, each member having a portion adapted to engage the other member
10 when said members are placed at right angles to each other, whereby each serves to hold

the other in position, and adjustable pivoted means on the upper edge of each member to engage a trunk of a tree occupying the tree-receiving recess.

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In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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