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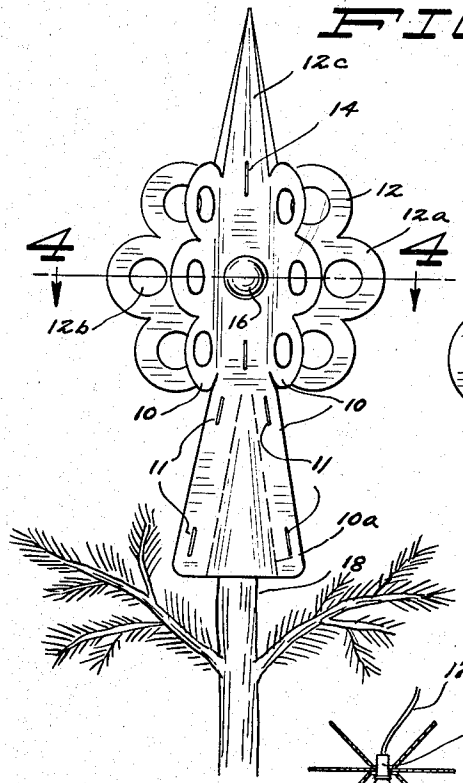


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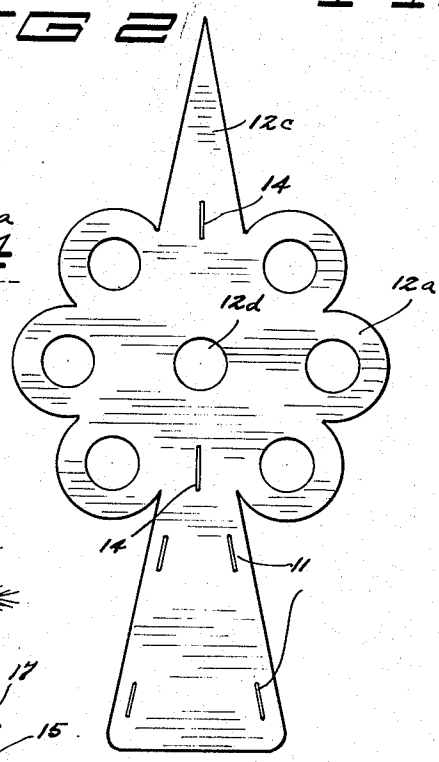


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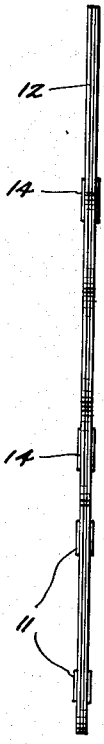


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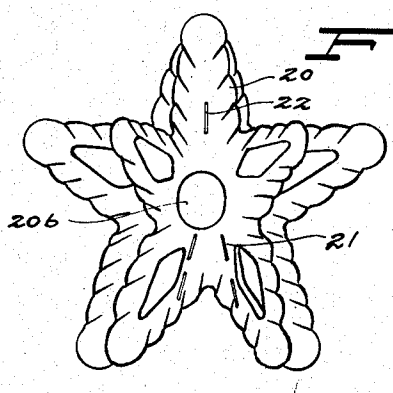


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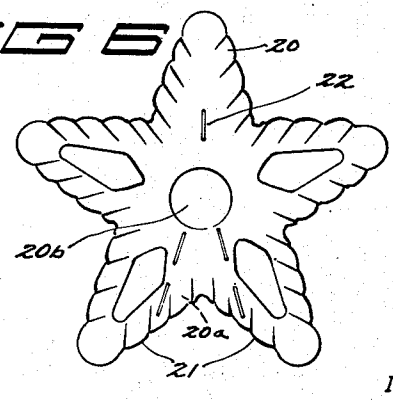
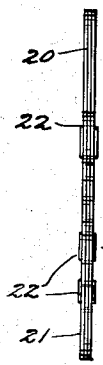


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This invention relates to a Christmas tree ornament, and particularly to an ornament for the top of a Christmas tree. It is now a common practice to have a top ornament for a Christmas tree which is usually supported at the tip or upper end of the trunk of said tree. Many of these ornaments have heretofore been made from the glass of which tree ornaments have been commonly made, and such top ornaments of recent years have increased greatly in price.

It is an object of this invention to provide a simple, highly ornamental and convenient top ornament for a Christmas tree which can be inexpensively made so as to sell at a very reasonable price.

It is another object of the invention to provide an ornament for a Christmas tree made of a plurality of pieces of stiff sheet material preferably having colored surfaces of high luster, connecting means for said sheets at the lower portions thereof forming an upwardly tapered recess between a pair of said sheets, in which recess the tip of said tree may be wedged to support said ornament, said ornament above said means comprising portions of ornamental design and connected adjacent a central vertical axis of said ornament and adapted to be disposed in circumferentially spaced planes.

It is still further an object of the invention to provide an ornament for a Christmas tree, such as a top ornament, the same comprising pieces of superposed stiff sheet material, said pieces having a lower portion with connecting means forming an upwardly tapering recess therebetween in which a portion of said tree may be wedged to support said ornament, said sheets having an intermediate portion comprising ornamental parts adapted to be disposed in circumferentially spaced planes about a central vertical axis and said sheets having upper substantially pointed portions.

It is more specifically an object of the invention to provide a Christmas tree ornament comprising a plurality of superposed pieces of stiff sheet material preferably having surfaces of high luster, said pieces being of ornamental form and having portions connected adjacent a central vertical axis and adapted to be disposed in circumferentially spaced planes about said axis, said sheets having connecting means at the lower portions thereof forming an upwardly tapering recess between a pair of said sheets in which a portion of said tree can be wedged to support said ornament.

These and other objects and advantages of the

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invention will be fully set forth in the following description made in connection with the accompanying drawings in which like reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views and in which:

Fig. 1 is a view in front elevation of the ornament of this invention;

Fig. 2 is a view in front elevation with the parts in different positions;

Fig. 3 is a view in side elevation as seen from the right of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a horizontal section taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 1 as indicated by the arrows and shown on a reduced scale;

Fig. 5 is a view in front elevation of a modified form of ornament;

Fig. 6 is a view in front elevation of the ornament shown in Fig. 5 with the parts in flat condition; and

Fig. 7 is a view in side elevation as seen from the right of Fig. 6.

Referring to the drawings, an ornament for a Christmas tree is shown, the same being made of a plurality of superposed sheets 10 of stiff sheet material. While various materials may be used, in practice one material which has proven very satisfactory is thin sheets of metallic material. The various sheets have surfaces having a high luster and said sheets are preferably of different colors. The lower portions of said sheets 10 are connected by connecting means 11 and while these might take various forms, in the embodiment of the invention illustrated they are shown as staples. The staples 11 are in alinement at the sides of sheets 10 and the lines thereof taper upwardly so that a recess 10a is formed between the sheets 10, which recess tapers upwardly. A third sheet 12 is provided and this sheet together with the intermediate portions of sheet 10 are of ornamental and symmetrical form, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and the same have connecting means 14 disposed adjacent or in the central vertical axis of the ornament. While the shape of the said intermediate portions could be varied, in the embodiment of the invention illustrated they are shown as having the lobes or scallops 12a, each of said lobes having a perforation 12b. The said intermediate portions can be bent and disposed in circumferentially spaced planes about the central vertical axis of the ornament, as shown in Fig. 1. The upper portions 12c of said sheets taper upwardly to a point. An aperture 12d is provided extending through said sheets substantially at the center of said intermediate portions. A lamp socket

15 adapted to receive a lamp bulb 16 can be disposed in the aperture 12*d* and have the usual conductors 17 extending therefrom forming part of a Christmas tree lighting set.

In operation the device will be placed in the condition shown in Fig. 1 with the intermediate portions disposed in circumferentially spaced vertical planes radiating from a central vertical axis. The tip or top of a tree trunk 18 will enter and be wedged in the recess 10*a* so that the ornament will be nicely and firmly supported on the tree. The separated intermediate portions form an ornament which can be viewed from all sides. When the lamp is used in the aperture 12*d*, beautiful reflecting effects are produced on the intermediate portions. When the device is to be packed for shipping, the sheets 10 and 12 can be moved to a substantially flat position, as shown in Fig. 3, and the ornaments can then be nicely packed in a comparatively small space and can thus be shipped without any damage or injury.

In Figs. 5 to 7 a different form of ornament is shown comprising superposed sheets of stiff material, three of said sheets 20 being shown. While the form of the sheets could be varied, in the embodiment of the invention illustrated they are shown as in the form of five-pointed stars. Two or more of the sheets are connected by staples 21 disposed in downwardly diverging lines and this will form a recess 20*a* between two of the sheets, which recess tapers upwardly. The sheets are also connected above the staples 21 by staples 22 which are disposed in line with or adjacent the central vertical axis of the sheets 20. The sheets can thus be bent and disposed in circumferentially spaced vertical planes radiating from said central axis, as shown in Fig. 5. The sheets are also provided with a central aperture 20*b* adapted to receive a lamp socket, as illustrated in Fig. 4.

It will be seen that the ornament shown in Figs. 5 to 7 can be placed on the tip of a tree trunk or on a branch or twig by wedging the said tip or branch in the recess 20*a*. The sheets can be disposed in radiating planes, as shown in Fig. 5. The sheet material used for the ornament is quite resilient. When the ornament is placed in flat condition for shipping, the sheets forming the recess at the bottom are close together and they tend to move together when separated. There is thus a resilient effect tending to diminish the size of the recess and this gives a good gripping effect on the supporting trunk or branch. When the lamp is used in the recess 20*b*, a very beautiful effect is produced. The ornament shown in Figs. 5 to 7 can also be put in flat condition, as shown in Figs. 6 and 7, for packing and shipping.

From the above description it will be seen that I have provided a simple and yet highly ornamental and efficient ornament having three dimensions. Said ornament will have a high degree of utility as a Christmas tree ornament and for other decorations. The ornament can be very easily placed on the tree, as above described, and will be firmly held in the desired position. The ornament produces a very beautiful effect. It can, as above described, be placed in flat condition for convenient packing and shipping. The device has been amply demonstrated in actual practice, found to be very successful and efficient and the same is being commercially made.

It will of course be understood that various changes may be made in the form, details, arrangement and proportions of the parts, without departing from the scope of applicant's invention, which generally stated, consists in a device capable of carrying out the objects above set forth, in the parts and combinations of parts disclosed and defined in the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

An ornament for a Christmas tree having in combination, a pair of superposed flat sheets of slightly resilient material having a high luster and having upwardly converging edges, means connecting said sheets along said edges, the lower edges of said sheets being free, said sheets extending upwardly and forming an ornamental structure above said converging edges so that an upwardly tapering recess is formed between said sheets having opposite concave sides converging at their ends whereby said ornament can be placed on the end of the trunk or a limb of a Christmas tree with said trunk or limb disposed and frictionally gripped between said sides and said trunk or limb is engaged by a surface of appreciable extent on each of said sides.

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