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ELECTRIC LIGHT HOLDER FOR CHRISTMAS TREES

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Fig. 1

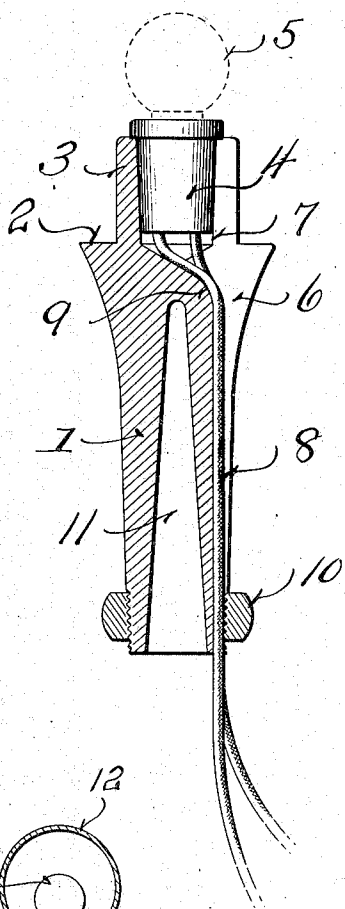


Fig. 2

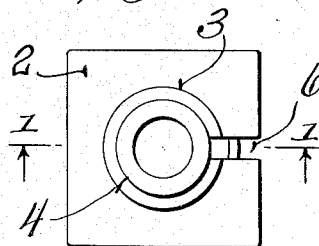


Fig. 3

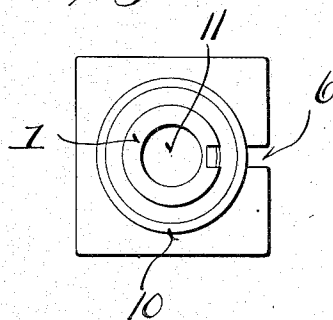
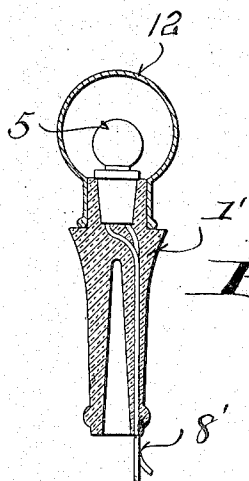


Fig. 4

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE V. STIEN, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Stevens Point, in the county of Portage and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Electric-Light Holders for Christmas Trees; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

This invention relates to electric light holders for Christmas trees.

In electric light devices for Christmas trees, it has been the universal practise to buy these lights in conventional sockets and connect them permanently by means of suitable lines of cable. However, difficulty has been experienced in correctly positioning the lights upon the Christmas tree to secure the ornamental and attractive effect desired by having them positioned at the exact point needed. Ordinarily, the cables merely hang over the branches of the tree with resulting disfigurement.

This invention is designed to overcome the above noted defects, and objects of this invention are to provide a holder for a conventional Christmas tree light which is adapted to receive the usual socket without detachment from the cables, and which will hold the cables in a concealed manner and will also allow the positioning of the holder upon the desired portion of the tree.

For example, a primary purpose of this invention is to provide an ornamental holder for an electric light which is adapted to be received upon the topmost upright stem of a tree, and which will bind such stem and accurately hold the light in correct alignment the stem of the tree and position the light as the uppermost ornament of the entire tree, thus producing a novel and attractive effect.

Embodiments of the invention are shown in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a vertical sectional view through the device showing the lamp socket in place and showing the manner in which the cables are held, such view corresponding to a section on the line 1—1 of Figure 2.

Figure 2 is a top view of the holder showing the socket in position.

Figure 3 is a bottom view of the holder.

Figure 4 is a view of a further form of the invention.

The holder comprises an elongated body

portion 1 which is preferably formed of bakelite, although it may be formed of wood and other materials. This holder is shaped in an ornamental manner. For example, it may be provided with a polygonal upright portion 2 and with a tapered lower portion, as shown in the drawings. An integral sleeve or shell 3 extends upwardly from the polygonal portion of the holder and is slightly tapered to receive the conventional socket 4 of the Christmas tree light indicated in dotted lines at 5. The shoulder 2 and the cylindrical shell portion 3 are adapted to hold a shade of either plain or ornamental design which will add materially to the effectiveness of the device especially when it is used as a top ornament.

It is to be noted that the holder is provided with a slot 6 through one side thereof and opening into the aperture 7 in the sleeve, as shown in Figure 1. This slot is adapted to receive the cable 8 from the socket 4, and it is to be noted that it is gradually rounded, as indicated at 9, to prevent the formation of sharp kinks in the cable. The slot extends all the way down the holder and upwardly through the shell 3. A binding ring 10 is adapted to be positioned over the lower end of the holder and over the cable 8. This ring may be slipped upon the lower end of the holder, if desired, or it may be screwed thereon, as shown in Figure 1. It is of sufficient size to permit the passage therethrough of the lamp socket 4.

The body portion of the holder is provided with an elongated tapered opening 11 adapted to receive and bind the uppermost stem of the tree. This tapered construction permits the ready positioning of the holder upon this uppermost stem, and the taper insures secure binding.

In using the device, it is not necessary to detach the cable from the socket. It is merely necessary to remove the ring 10 and pass the socket through such ring. Thereafter, the cable is slipped into position through the slot 6 and the socket is slid into the aperture 7 of the sleeve 3. The cables are then drawn tight and the ring 10 positioned upon the body portion 1 of the holder.

It will be seen that the ring 10 securely retains the cable in hidden position within the slot 6 and further that it forms a reinforcing ferrule for the lower end of the holder and prevent splitting of the

holder even when considerable force is employed when wedging it upon the uppermost stem of the tree.

If desired, the device may be manufactured as a complete entity either with a socket formed in the body of the device or with a socket moulded in place, as shown in Figure 4. In this figure the body portion 1' of the device is cast or moulded from any suitable material, and has the wires or cables 8' imbedded therein. The upper portion of the device carries an ornamental or plain lamp shade 12 which surrounds the electric light 5.

It will be seen, therefore, that a holder for a Christmas tree light has been provided which will receive the conventional socket for these Christmas tree lights, and which does not require the detaching of the cables from the socket.

Further, it will be seen that a very simple and ornamental type of holder has been provided for Christmas trees which will position an electric light at the uppermost stem of the tree, so that the electric light forms the highest ornament in the tree.

I claim:

1. A holder for Christmas tree lights comprising

a body portion having an elongated tapered aperture therein for the reception of the stem of a tree, said holder having an upwardly extending shell for the reception of the light socket and having a slot cut in one side thereof from one end to the other for the reception of the cables from said socket, and means for holding said cables in position within said slot.

2. An electric light holder for Christmas trees comprising an elongated body portion having an aperture therein for the reception of the stem of a Christmas tree, said body portion having an outwardly projecting shell for the reception of a lamp socket, and having a slot cut through said shell and into the body portion from one end thereof to the other for the reception of the cables from said socket, and a ring adapted to be passed over said socket and secured around the lower end of said body portion for retaining said cables in position.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand at Stevens Point, in the county of Portage and State of Wisconsin.

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