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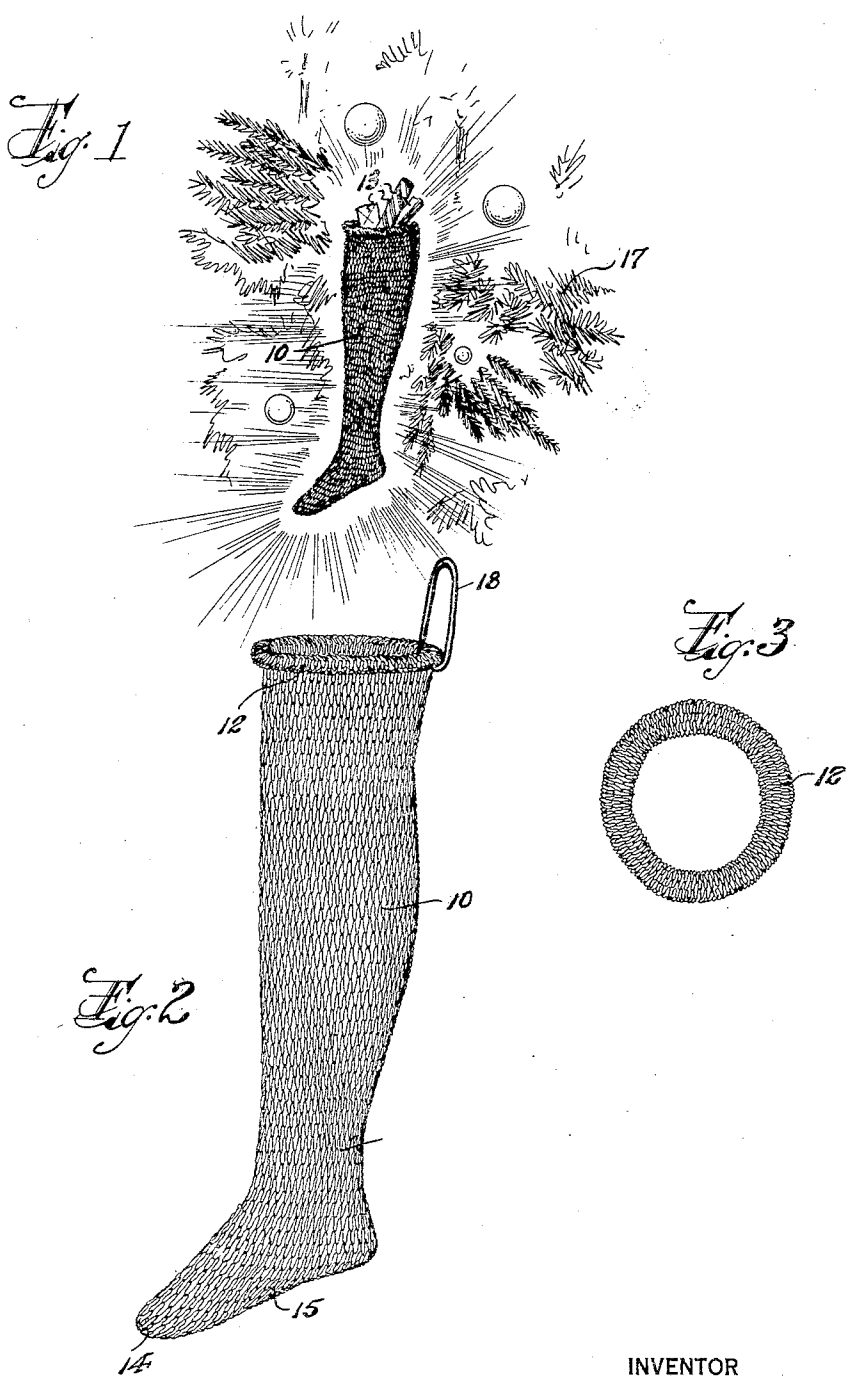
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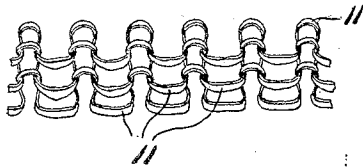
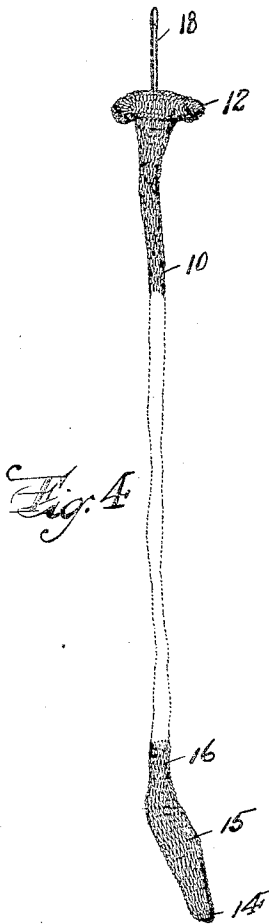


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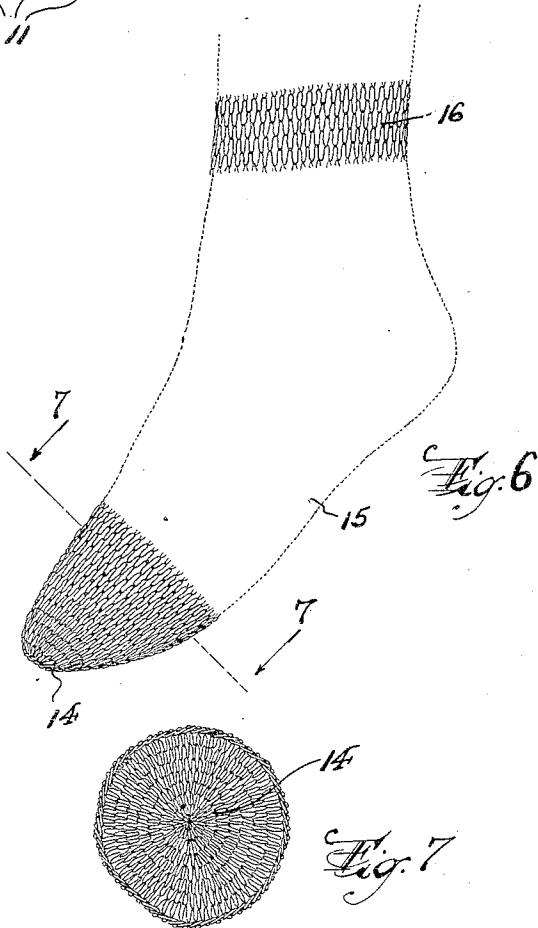


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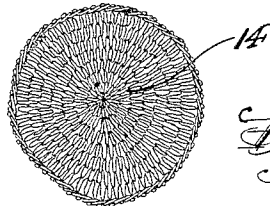


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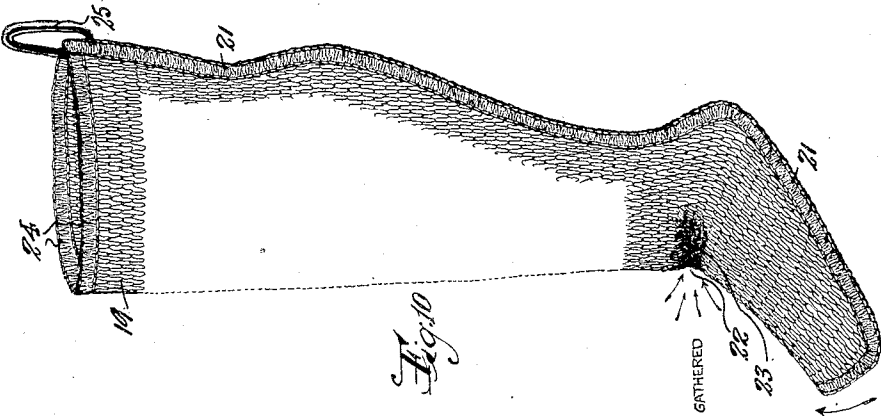
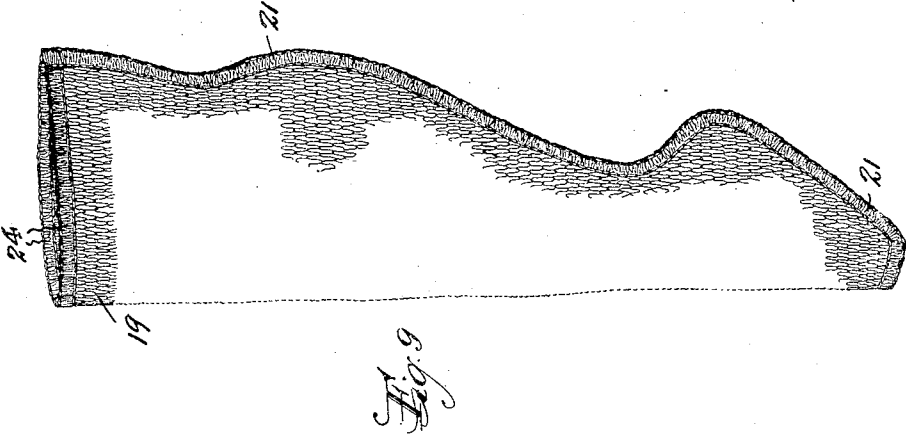
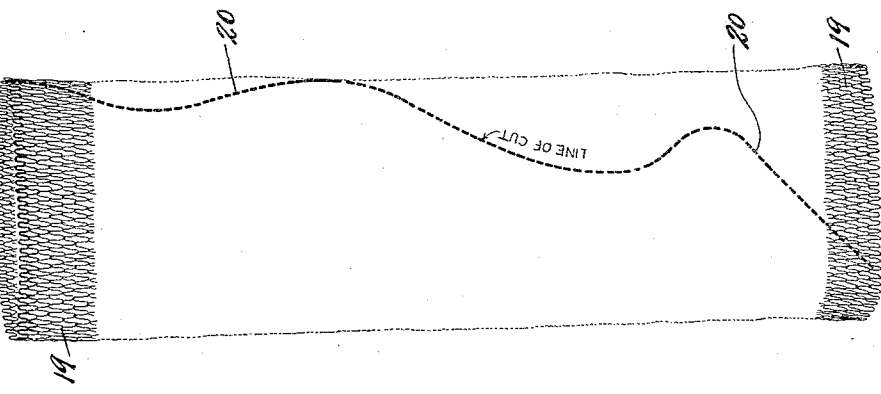


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This invention relates to an improved receptacle adapted for use as a Christmas stocking; the same being characterized by the possession of certain ornamental effects whereby it may be utilized not only as a container for Christmas gifts but also for decorative purposes, such, for example, as a fire-place decoration, as a Christmas tree ornament and for like purposes.

The invention has for its principal object to provide a receptacle in the form of a Christmas stocking which is made of a metallic fabric knitted from flat ribbon-like wire.

The invention has for another object to provide a receptacle which is strong and durable and not easily broken, and which is of such material and so made that it presents an exterior surface providing a multiplicity of light reflecting facets thereby producing a brilliant scintillating effect when light is directed upon and reflected therefrom.

Another object of the invention is to provide a Christmas stocking having the decorative effect above set forth, and also being of open-work or open mesh so as to expose through the interstices thereof objects and articles placed within the same.

Other objects of this invention, not at this time more particularly enumerated, will be clearly understood from the following detailed description of the same.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a part view of a Christmas tree having among other ornaments a decorative receptacle embodying this invention; Figure 2 is a vertical elevational view of a receptacle in the form of a stocking embodying this invention; Figure 3 is a top plan view of the stocking of Figures 1 and 2; Figure 4 is a front elevational view of the stocking of Figure 2 in flat form; Figure 5 is an enlarged detail view in plan of the fabric of the stocking of the invention; Figure 6 is an enlarged view in part, showing the ankle and toe portions of the stocking, and Figure 7 is a sectional view taken on line 7—7 of Figure 6, looking in the direction of the arrows. Figs. 8, 9 and 10 are respectively side views of a stocking illustrating a modi-

fied form thereof, the said views respectively illustrating various steps in producing the structure thereof.

Similar characters of reference are employed in the above described views, to indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to Figs. 1 to 6 of the drawings, I have shown one form of the stocking-like receptacle according to this invention, in which the reference character 10 indicates a stocking-like receptacle knitted from a flat ribbon-like metallic wire 11, (see Fig. 5) which preferably possesses a bright polished surface. Due to the disposition of the flat ribbon-like wire 11 along various planes in the connecting loops and intermediate parts thereof, and due to the further variations of the surface of the flat ribbon-like wire through various planes along the contour and shape of the stocking, light will be reflected from the stocking body 10 in a great multiplicity of angles and directions.

The top edge 12 of the stocking body 10 may be rolled upon itself to strengthen the fabric at such edge and to define a mouth at this portion for inserting articles 13, 13 placed in the stocking. The toe 14 of the stocking is in the form shown in the figures referred to, tubular knit in a continuous progression to the foot 15, ankle 16 and leg of the stocking 10, and by the strength of the ribbon-like wire and the locking engagement of the knitted loops thereof, these various parts of the stocking will substantially retain their shape when filled with objects and articles hung up at a fire-place or suspended on a tree 17, or other support.

A loop 18 is provided in connection with the top edge for suspending the stocking from a desired support.

The stocking 10 is knitted in open mesh and due to the strength of the metal ribbon-like wire and to the locking engagement of the loops thereof the open mesh will be retained when the stocking is filled with objects or articles whereby these objects and articles will be exposed to view from the outside of the stocking.

It will be understood that the decorative surface elements can be treated with color if

desired, that is, the flat wire may be enameled or otherwise coated either entirely or at various parts where color effects are desired.

A simple method of making a stocking of the invention is to knit a tubular fabric of flat ribbon-like metallic wire, close one end of the tube formed by the tubular fabric and then insert a tree or form in the shape of a leg and foot into the tube, drawing the end of the tube tightly against the toe and pulling the tube upwardly along the foot, the ankle, and the leg to tighten the fabric against the tree. A hollow mold part can then be closed over the assembly to make the fabric fit the tree still more closely and to crimp the wire in place at its bends and convolutions. The mold and tree can then be removed and the stocking will retain its shape due to the strength of the wire and the crimped locking engagement of the loops thereof.

Referring now to Figs. 8 to 10 inclusive of the drawings, I have shown therein a modified construction of the stocking-like receptacle which embodies, however, the general principles of this invention. In this form of the novel receptacle I produce the desired stocking-like shape thereof in the following manner:—

I first produce from the flat ribbon-like wire a woven or knitted body folded lengthwise on itself or a tubular knit body or sleeve 19 as shown in Fig. 8. I thereupon flatten the tubular knit body or sleeve 19 and then I cut through the same, at one side, substantially along a path or line indicated by the dotted line 20 in said Fig. 8. In this manner, the general contour or shape of the part of the stocking-like receptacle is obtained, whereupon the separated edges of the material are closed and secured together by suitable binding stitching 21, as shown in Fig. 9.

In order to produce the desired foot-shape and angle of projection of the foot part of the stocking-like receptacle, the forward side of the body is gathered together at the juncture of the foot and ankle part thereof as at 22 in Fig. 10, and the gathered material is retained in place by stitches or other suitable fastening means sewn therethrough as indicated at 23. In this manner the foot part is given the desired angle of projection requisite to produce the desired stocking-like appearance of receptacle body.

The upper open end of the stocking-like receptacle is provided at its margins with a binding stitching or the like 24, both to retain the shape of the mouth of the receptacle as well as to reenforce the knitted metallic material at such points.

A suspension loop 25 may be provided as shown in Fig. 10, which may be made of any suitable material engaged through the marginal portion of the mouth of the receptacle.

It will be understood that the device of the invention can be varied in form from that of

a stocking, that is, it can be in the form of a sack or bag for holding objects and articles on a Christmas tree, or other support, and to have the decorative elements and effects of the stocking described.

From the above description it will be obvious that the instant invention provides a novel form of receptacle which may also serve as a decorative ornament especially adapted for use as a Christmas stocking, and if desired as a Christmas tree ornament; and, furthermore, since the same is made of metal construction it provides a strong and durable device, which is not easily broken by accident, as is too frequently the case with fragile Christmas tree stockings made of cloth such as have been heretofore provided.

I am aware that some changes and modifications may be made in the above described construction and arrangement of elements making up the novel receptacle and decorative ornament, without departing from the principles or scope of this invention, and consequently it is intended that all matter contained in the above description or shown in the accompanying drawings shall be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

I claim:—

A decorative and practical receptacle, comprising a tubular knit metallic fabric body made of flat ribbon-like wire and cut along one side to substantially full-fashioned stocking-like shape, a binding stitching uniting the meeting cut edges of said body, said fabric body having a gathered portion at a point opposite the stitching seam and intermediate the ankle and foot portions to turn upward the said foot portion to a desired angle of projection, and means to retain said gathered portion against displacement.

In testimony, that I claim the invention set forth above I have hereunto set my hand this seventeenth day of February, 1928.

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