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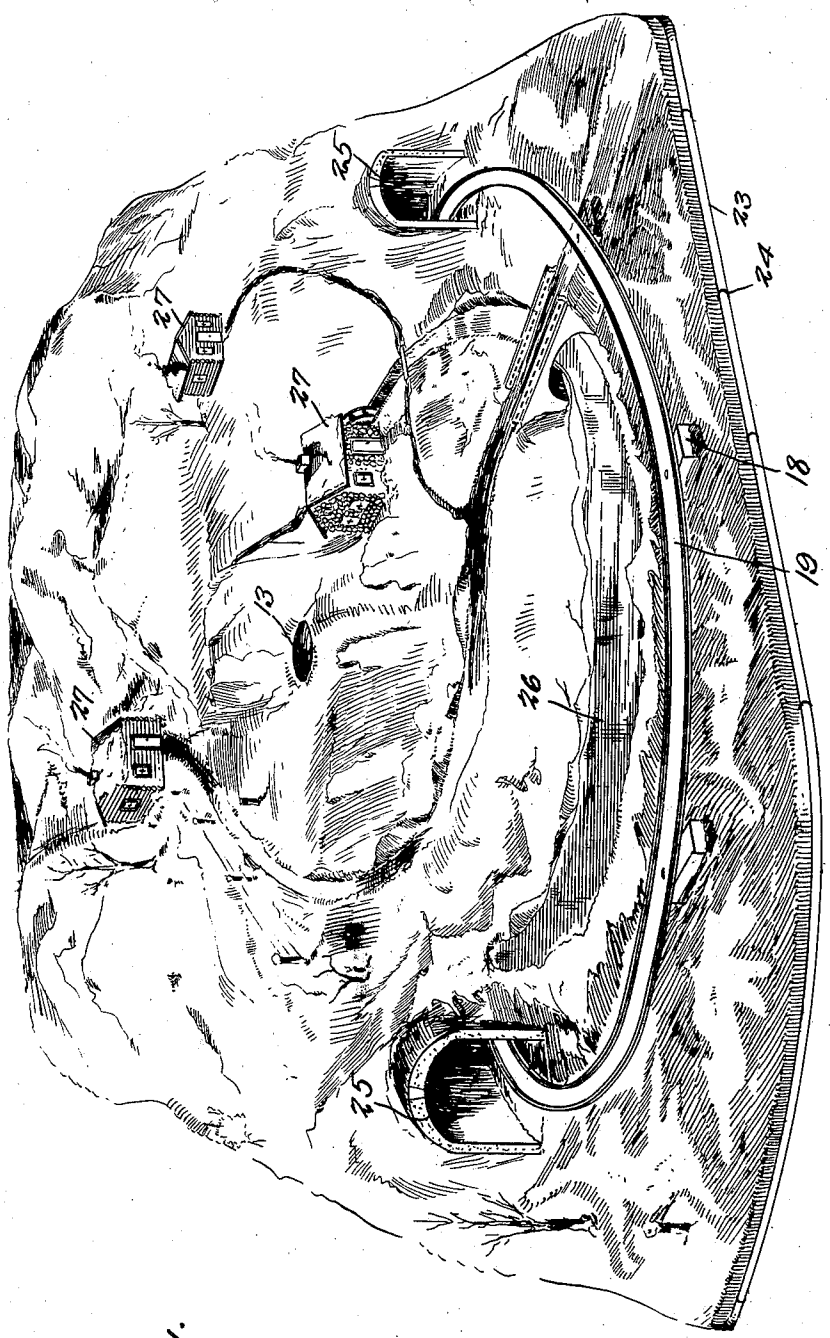


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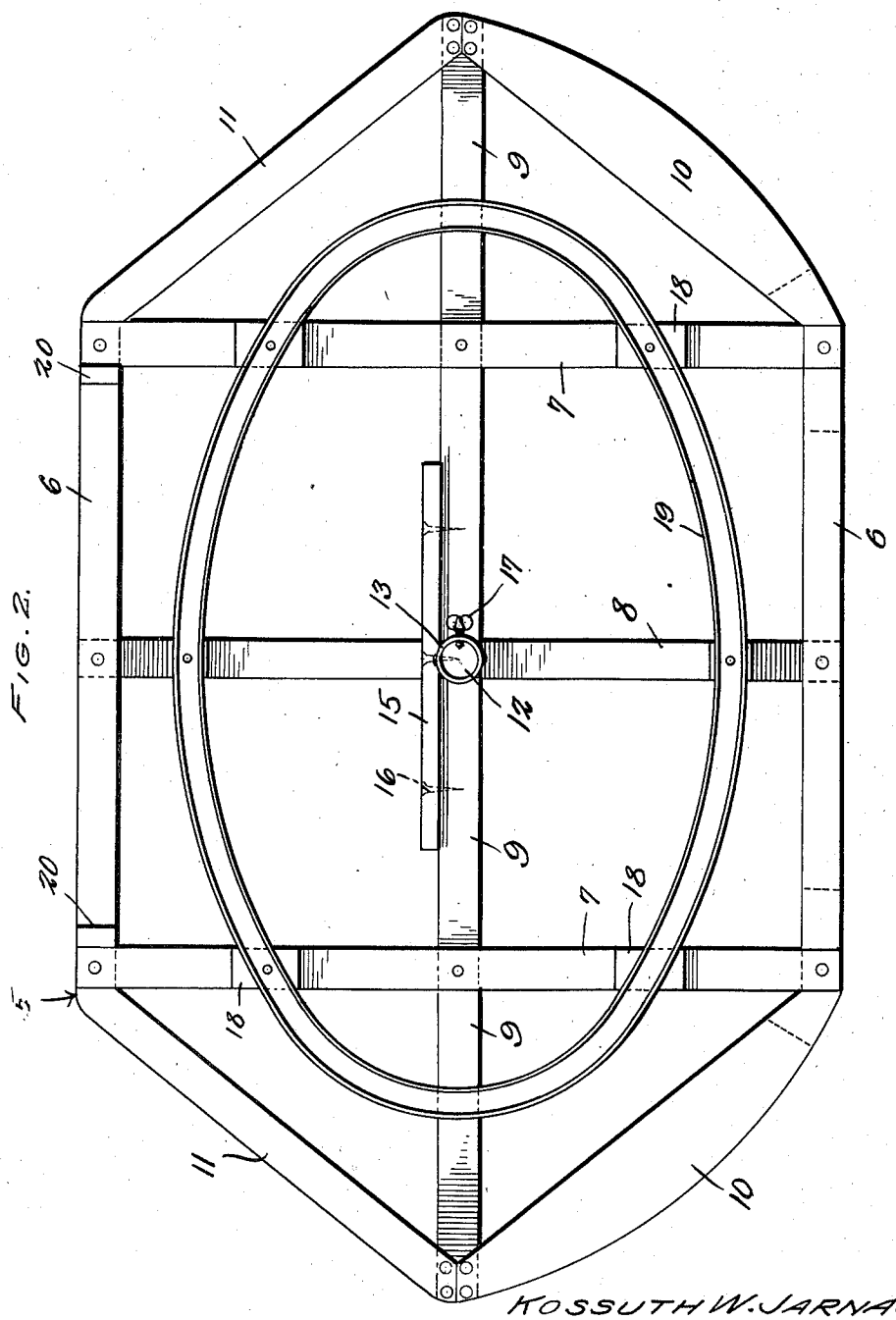


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FIG. 3.

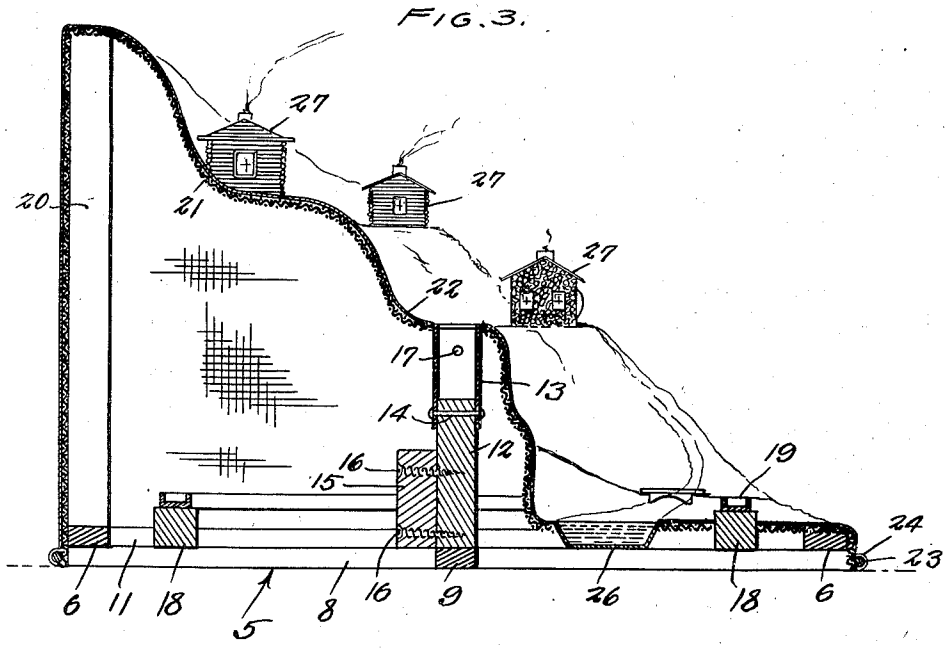
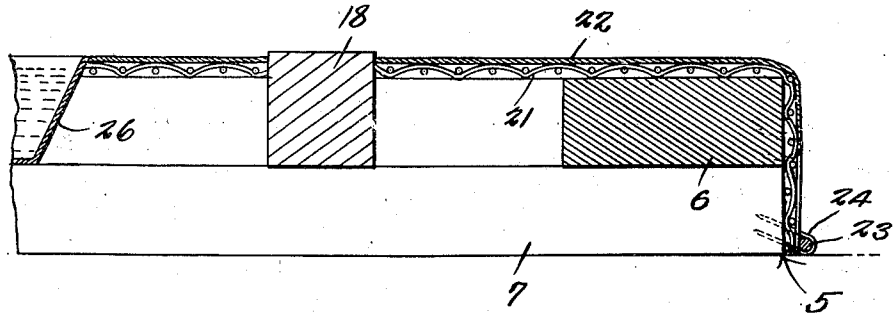


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This invention relates to a combined Christmas tree base ornament and Christmas tree stand, the primary object of the invention being to provide a device of this character which will be light in construction, and one which will be of such rigid nature as to insure the supporting of the Christmas tree in an upright position.

An important object of the invention is to provide a device of this character including a frame and a covering for the frame constructed of material which may be readily bent to provide an irregular surface, simulating the roughened surface of a mountain, lending an exceptionally pleasing appearance to the ornamental base.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein described, may be made within the scope of what is claimed, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Referring to the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a base constructed in accordance with the invention.

Figure 2 is a plan view of the frame section of the base.

Figure 3 is a transverse sectional view through the base.

Figure 4 is a fragmental sectional view through the lower portion of the base.

Referring to the drawings in detail, the frame of the base is indicated generally by the reference character 5, and as shown, comprises side bars 6 connected at their ends, by means of the bars 7, there being provided a bar 8 connected with the side bars 6, at points intermediate the ends thereof.

Extending longitudinally through the central portion of the frame 5, is a substantially long bar 9, that has connection with the bars 7, the ends of the bar 9 extending appreciable distances beyond the bars 7, as clearly shown by Figure 2 of the drawings.

Bars 10, which connect the forward ends of the bars 7 with the bar 9, are substantially wide, providing a wide supporting surface. These bars 10 extend at oblique angles with respect to the bar 9, the outer edges of the bars 10 being curved. Bars 11 connect the opposite ends of the bars 7, with the ends of the bar 9, providing a rigid support for the frame, and at the same time insuring against the base tilting rearwardly.

Secured to the bar 9 is a post 12 preferably circular in cross section, so that the socket member 13, and which provides a support for the Christmas tree, may fit over the upper end thereof, where it is secured by means of the bolt 14.

To further support the post 12, a transverse bar 15 is secured to the post 12, as by means of the screws 16, the lower edge of the bar resting on the central bar 8. A winged screw 17 extends through the socket member 13, and is adapted to bite into the tree positioned in the socket member 13, securing the tree against movement with respect to the socket member.

Blocks indicated by the reference character 18 are secured on the bars 7 and 8, and provide supports for the track section 19, over which a miniature railway train may operate, rendering the scene exceptionally realistic.

Rising from the bar 6 at the rear of the frame, and spaced apart, are bars 20 that extend an appreciable distance above the frame, providing a support for the wire mesh material indicated by the reference character 21.

This length of wire mesh material has its forward edge secured along the bars 6 and 10, and is bent to provide an irregular surface, the bending of the wire mesh material being accomplished to provide a design to meet the requirements, and to simulate a roughened mountain surface.

As clearly shown by Figure 3 of the drawings, the wire mesh material extends over the upper ends of the bars 20 and passes downwardly, where it is secured along the outer edges of the bars 6 and 11.

A covering indicated by the reference character 22 is positioned over the wire mesh material, and pressed against the wire mesh material to conform to the shape thereof. The covering 22, is preferably constructed of canvas material and is held in position by the wire 23 which extends around the outer edge of the base, and which is secured in position, by means of the staples 24.

Openings 25 may be formed in the surface, simulating tunnels, and a trough such as indicated at 26 may be provided, through which water may pass.

Miniature houses may be supported on the surface of the device, such as indicated at 27, rendering the base exceptionally realistic.

It is contemplated to color the covering 22 to simulate mountain scenery, rendering the base attractive.

From the foregoing it will be seen that due to the construction shown and described, I have provided a base which will be exceptionally strong

and durable, and one which will be comparatively light and easily moved from place to place, to the end that the combined base and tree stand may be readily positioned or removed and stored.

I claim:

1. A combined tree base ornament and tree stand, comprising a frame, bars rising from the frame, a length of wire mesh material covering the frame and extending over the upper ends of said bars, said wire mesh material being bent to provide irregularities simulating a mountain surface, an ornamental covering stretched over the wire mesh material conforming to the contour of the wire mesh material, and a tree socket mounted on the frame.

2. A combined tree base ornament and tree stand, comprising a frame, a length of wire mesh material positioned over the frame and bent to simulate a roughened mountain surface, a fabric ornamental cover stretched over the wire mesh material closely engaging the wire mesh material, and a tree socket rising from the central portion of the frame.

3. A combined tree base ornament and tree stand comprising a flat frame, said frame being higher at the rear than at the front thereof, a wire mesh member positioned over the frame and formed with depressions simulating rough ground surface, and an ornamental fabric covering for the wire mesh member, said fabric member conforming to the shape of the wire mesh, and a tree socket rising from the frame.

4. A combined tree base ornament and tree stand, comprising a flat frame, said frame being high at the rear and low at the front, bars rising from the frame, a length of material positioned over the frame and bars, and shaped to simulate irregularities in a mountain surface, an ornamental cover of fabric material positioned over the length of material placed over the frame and secured in position over the frame.

5. A combined tree base ornament and tree stand, comprising a flat frame constructed of spaced parallel side bars, transverse bars connecting said side bars, a central bar extending longitudinally of the frame, the ends thereof extending appreciable distances beyond the transverse bars, obliquely disposed bars connecting the ends of the central bars and side bars, a covering of wire mesh material stretched over the frame, and formed with depressions simulating the roughened ground surface, an ornamental fabric covering stretched over the wire mesh material and conforming with the depressions thereof, and a tree socket rising from the frame.

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