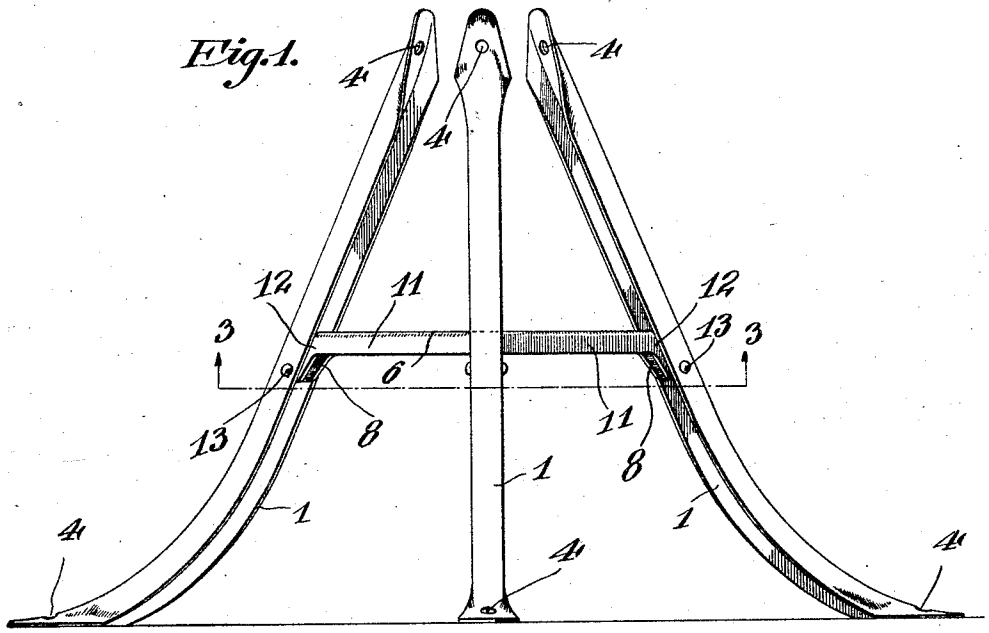
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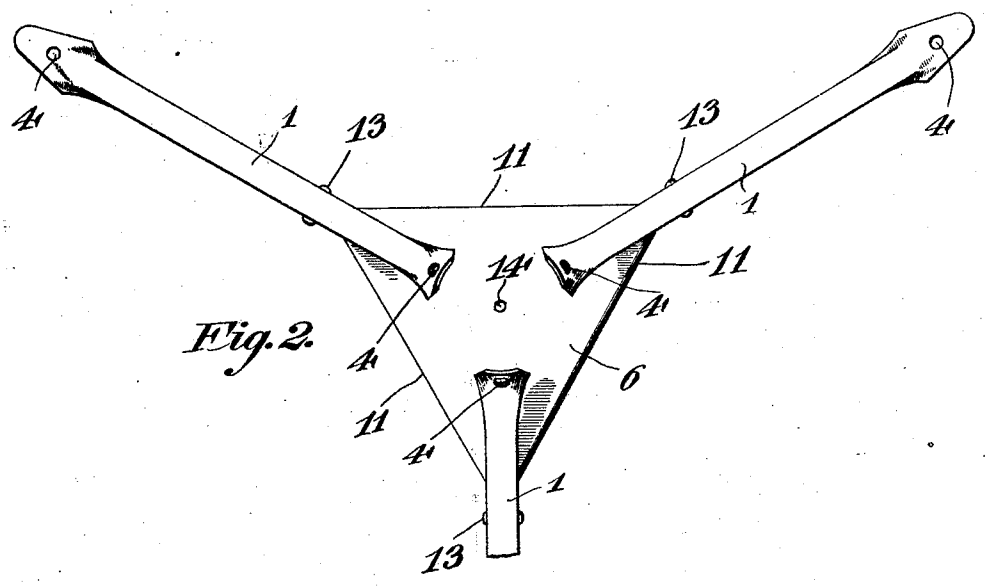


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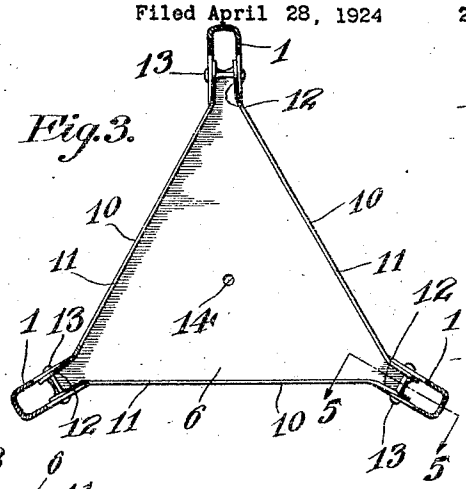
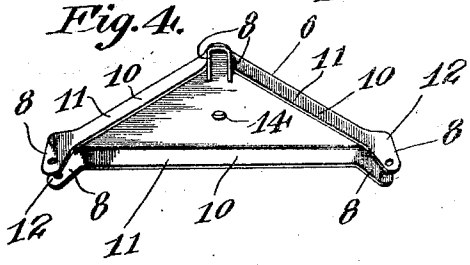


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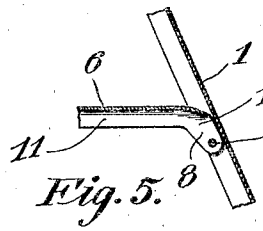


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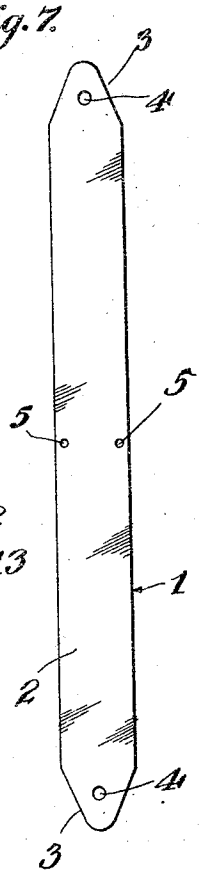
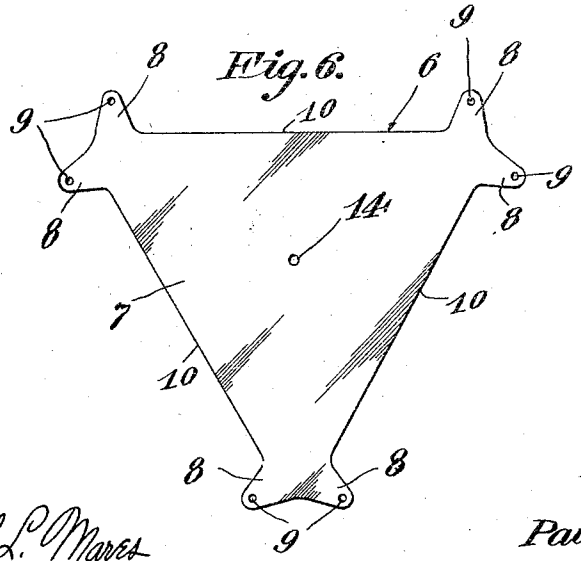


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PAUL BERMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tree Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to Christmas tree holders and its object is to provide a holder of simple and strong construction which may be easily stamped and formed from sheet metal, which may be manufactured at low cost and which is neat and compact in appearance.

These objects, and other advantageous ends which will be described hereinafter, I attain in the following manner, reference being had to the accompanying drawings in which

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a holder constructed in accordance with my invention,

Figure 2 a plan view of Figure 1,

Figure 3 a section on line 3—3 of Figure 1,

Figure 4 a perspective view of the base which forms a part of my invention,

Figure 5 a fragmentary section on line 5—5 of Figure 3, and

Figures 6 and 7 are plan views of blanks which are formed into elements which embody my invention.

Referring to the drawings, 1 indicates the legs of the holder which are formed from a stamped sheet metal blank 2 shown in Figure 7. The blank has its ends 3 beveled and is provided with securing holes 4 in the ends and pivot holes 5 substantially midway between the ends. The blank is formed into a channel with its walls flaring at the upper end to partly embrace a tree, and at the lower end to provide a flat surface to rest upon the floor. A support 6, formed from a stamped sheet metal blank 7, preferably of triangular shape, is provided with pairs of diverging ears 8 at its corners. These ears have pivot holes 9 adapted to register with the pivot holes 5 in the legs 1. Blank 7 has its edges 10 and ears 8 bent downwardly to form depending flanges 11 integral with U-shaped extensions 12. The extensions fit within the channeled legs 1 and the down-bent ears 8 extend along and are reinforced by the legs 1 as clearly shown in Fig. 5. The ears 8 may be pivoted within the channeled legs by pins 13 passing through holes 5 in the leg and holes 9 in the extensions.

To attach my holder, the base 7 is secured to the bottom of the tree by driving a nail or screw through an opening 14, in the center of the support, into the tree. The upper ends of the legs are secured to the side of the tree by driving nails or screws through securing holes 4. The tree and holder are then set in an upright position so that the lower ends of the legs will rest on the floor. If desired the legs may be secured to the floor by driving nails through securing holes 4.

A holder made as above set forth is easily stamped from sheet metal. The blanks which form the parts are of such outline that a single stamping operation may cut the blank and a single forming operation may form the blank.

By making the extensions 12 integral with flanges 11, a strong and rigid support is formed which may be secured within the channeled legs and may be made from comparatively thin sheet metal. Securing the extensions within the channeled legs produces a neat and compact holder with no sharp corners projecting therefrom which are likely to injure a child playing around the tree.

While I have described my invention as taking a particular form, it will be understood that the various parts may be changed without departing from the spirit thereof, and hence I do not limit myself to the precise construction set forth, but consider that I am at liberty to make such changes and alterations as fairly come within the scope of the appended claims.

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

1. A tree holder including leg members formed from blanks bent along marginal edges to provide embracing side walls, and a tree support formed from a blank having projecting portions, the material of the projecting portions being bent to provide connected side flanges adapted to fit between, extend along and to be reinforced by said embracing side walls, substantially as described.

2. A tree holder comprising supporting members having their opposite ends tapering oppositely to afford respectively bear-

ing surfaces and foot portions, the material of the supporting members being bent along marginal edges to provide embracing side walls, and a tree member formed with projecting portions, the material of the projecting portions being bent along marginal edges to provide side flanges, said projecting portions with side flanges being bent to provide connected ears adapted to fit between, extend along and to be reinforced by said embracing walls, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

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