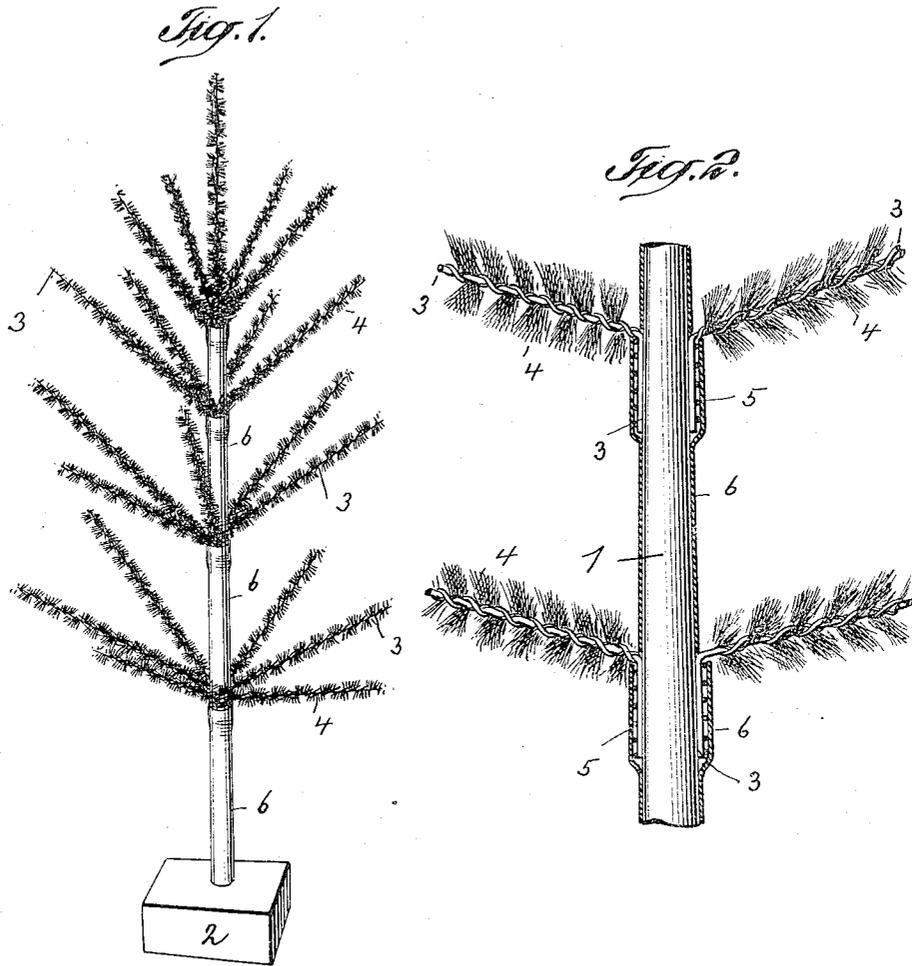


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMAN K. VIERLINGER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Brooklyn, in the State of New York and county of Kings, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Artificial Christmas Trees, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an artificial Christmas tree of novel construction, which is of ornate appearance, strong limbed and readily foldable for transportation or storage.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an artificial Christmas tree embodying my invention, and

Fig. 2, a longitudinal section partly in side view of part thereof.

From a stem 1, mounted on a base 2, project a number of branches arranged in a series of spaced superposed clusters. Each branch is formed of intertwined strands of wires 3 (or wires intertwined with cord), between which are interwoven, short metal threads or tinsels 4, preferably arranged in tufts, and radiating from the wires in different directions. The inner ends of wires 3 are bent downwardly to extend into parallelism with stem 1, and the downwardly extended ends of each cluster of wires is attached to said stem by means of a common binding string or wire 5, wound around such ends. The stem is enveloped at its lower

end, and also between the branches, by paper or similar coverings 6, which conceal the connection between stem and branches, so that the latter appear to project directly from the stem.

The tree constructed as described, has a handsome glittering and brushy appearance; its limbs are foldable against the trunk, and of a strength to readily support Christmas tree ornaments. The tree may be manufactured at comparatively small cost, and is practically fireproof, more particularly at its branches which would be most liable to catch fire.

I claim:

1. An artificial Christmas tree comprising a stem, a plurality of branches extending therefrom, each branch being formed of a number of intertwined strands and of short metal tinsel threads interwoven with the strands, and radiating therefrom in different directions.

2. An artificial Christmas tree comprising a stem, a plurality of branches extending therefrom, each branch being formed of a number of intertwined strands and of tufted metal tinsel threads interwoven with said strands, binders that connect the inner ends of said branches to said stem, and coverings which envelop the stem at its lower end and also between said branches, said coverings extending over the inner ends of said branches and over said binders.

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