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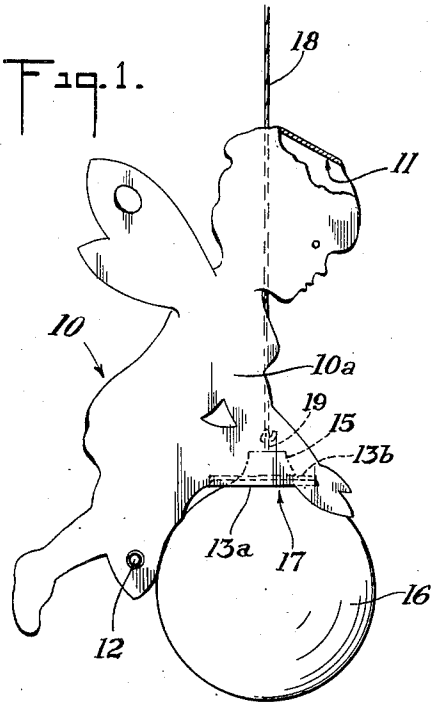
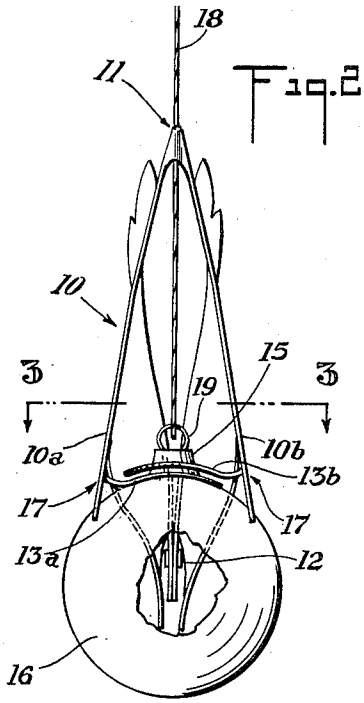


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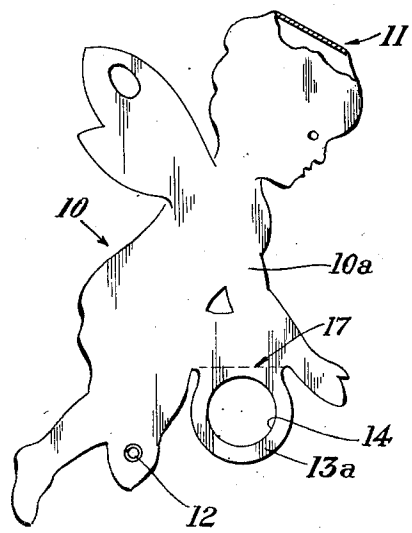
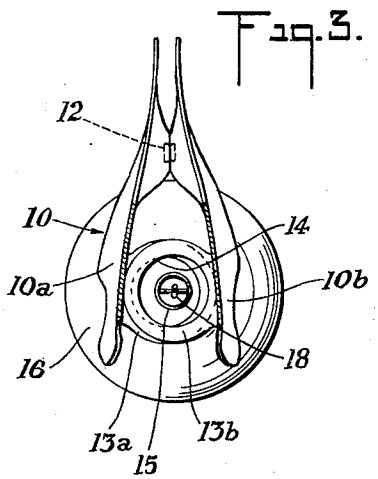


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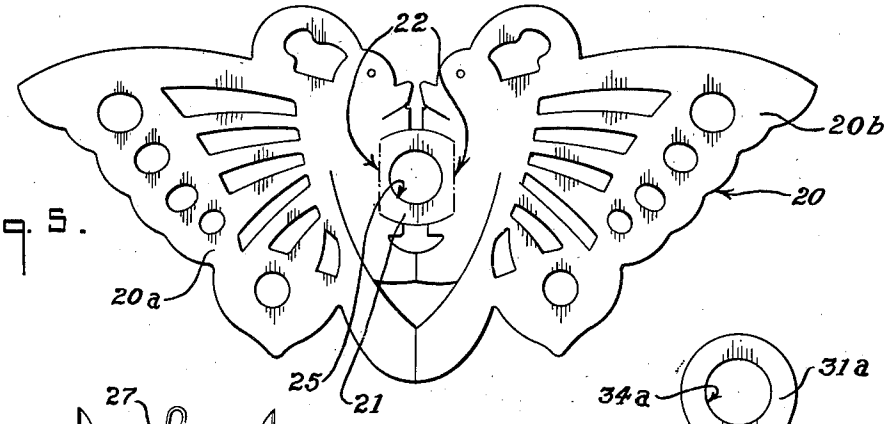


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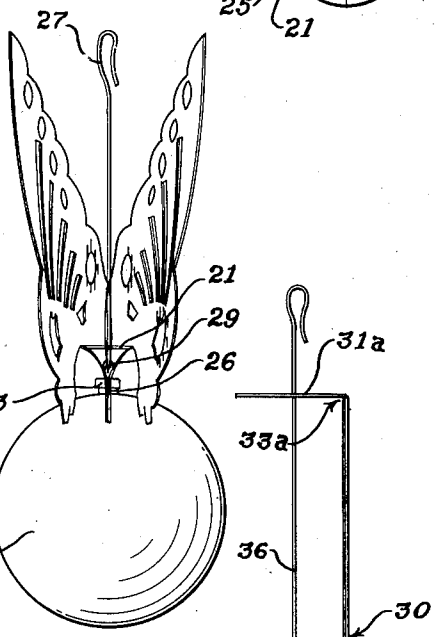


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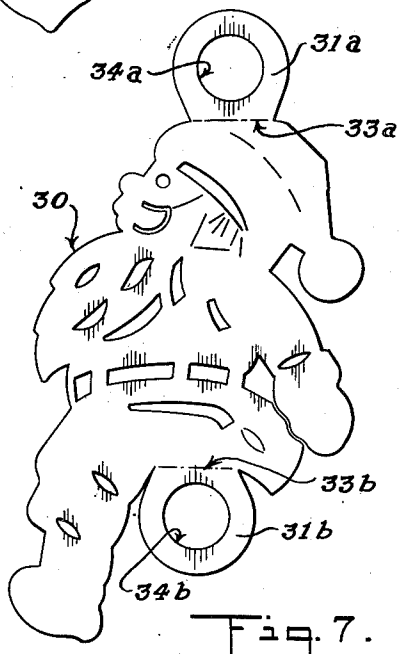


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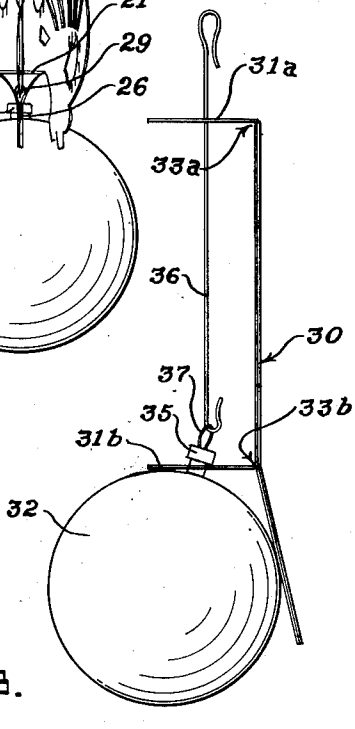


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The present invention relates to ornaments and more particularly to ornamental figures adapted to be used in conjunction with other ornamental objects such as glass Christmas tree balls.

Broadly, the present invention comprises an ornamental figure adapted to be seated on an ornamental ball or other ornamental object, so that the two combine to form a novel and unique composite of pleasing and interesting appearance.

It is the primary object of the present invention to provide an ornament that will be an attractive and interesting addition to any scheme of decoration for festive occasions and a particularly unique and pleasing additional decoration for Christmas trees.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide an ornament that can be made in almost an unlimited number of different shapes, sizes, and designs, and in any color desired. An ornament embodying the present invention can be therefore adapted and used to lend variety and a theme to any scheme of decoration which may be desired to fit any occasion. For example, Christmas tree decorations could be made in the shape of Santa Claus, angels, or other decorative figures and decorations for the Fourth of July could be made in the shape of flags or soldiers.

An important attribute of ornaments of the type here under consideration is that they must be inexpensive. It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide an ornament that is readily adaptable to mass production methods and therefore may be manufactured easily and cheaply.

Although ornaments embodying the present invention are extremely inexpensive to manufacture, they are sturdy and durable, so that they will withstand repeated use. These ornaments may therefore be stored between times of use, if such use is seasonal, and will be available on repeated occasions or in succeeding years without any loss of lustre or attractiveness.

It is another advantage of the present invention that the ornament is easy to use and simple to apply in any scheme of decoration. It can be readily placed on another ornamental object such as a ball and then the whole assembly secured to a support by using the standard securing means that would be used to secure the ornamental object alone to the support.

These and other objects and advantages of the present invention will be more readily apparent from the following description and drawing of specific embodiments of the present invention, in which drawing:

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Fig. 1 is a front elevation of one embodiment of the present invention showing an ornamental figure applied to a ball;

Fig. 2 is a side view thereof;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken along line 3—3 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a front view of the same embodiment of an ornamental figure itself, before its application to a ball;

Fig. 5 is a plan view of a second embodiment of the present invention showing the ornamental figure itself before folding and stapling;

Fig. 6 is a side view thereof showing the ornamental figure applied to an ornamental ball;

Fig. 7 is a front view of a third embodiment of the present invention showing the ornamental figure itself before folding; and

Fig. 8 is a side view thereof showing the ornamental figure applied to an ornamental ball.

Referring to Figs. 1 through 4, the ornamental figure 10 is shown in the shape of an angel; this is for illustrative purposes alone, since any type of ornamental figure may be used. The ornamental figure 10 may be made of any sheet-like material such as paper or plastic sheet, but it is preferable to use metal foil since this material has the attributes of being easily cut and shaped, being inexpensive and being durable, retaining its attractive lustre for long periods.

In the embodiment shown in Figs. 1 through 4, the ornamental figure 10 is made of two similarly shaped sections 10*a* and 10*b*, joined together and folded over on one another along line 11, so that they are in register. The two sections 10*a* and 10*b* are then secured together on the opposite end of the ornament from the fold line 11 by means of staple 12. Of course, any other suitable securing means may be used.

The ornamental figure 10 is provided with two tabs 13*a* and 13*b*, each having an opening 14. The tabs 13*a* and 13*b* are adapted to fit over the projection or nipple 15 on the ornamental ball 16, such projection or nipple passing through the openings 14.

To apply the ornamental figure 10 to the ball 16, the tabs 13*a* and 13*b* are folded inwardly along line 17 from the vertical position shown in Fig. 4 to a horizontal position shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3. In this position, the tabs 13*a* and 13*b* overlap each other, forming a base for the ornamental figure 10 and the two holes 14 are substantially in register. The nipple 15 on ball 16 is then inserted into the holes 14 and the base formed by the two tabs 13*a* and 13*b* rests against the top of the ball. To secure the combination of the ball 16 and the ornamental figure 10 to a

Christmas tree or other structure, a member **18** is threaded between the two sections **10***a* and **10***b*, and then secured to eyelet **19** on the ball **16**. The member **18** is preferably formed of a stiff wire, but, of course, any other thin material may be used, such as a string or thin rod. If a stiff wire or rod is used for member **18**, however, it may be formed with small hooks at both ends, and thus may be easily hooked onto the eyelet **19** and then hooked onto the structure to be decorated. This is the conventional means used for securing the balls alone to the branches of a Christmas tree.

Although the ornamental figure **10** will rest securely on the ball **16**, added stability is acquired by having the top edges of the section **10***a* and **10***b* of the ornamental figure **10** bear against the securing member **18**. This will prevent any disturbance from causing the ornamental figure **10** to topple off from the ball **16**.

Referring now to Figs. 5 and 6, which show a second embodiment of the present invention, in this embodiment, the ornamental figure **20** is shown in the shape of a butterfly, but this is also for illustrative purposes only, since any type of ornamental figure may be used.

In this embodiment, two similarly shaped sections **20***a* and **20***b* are joined together by a single tab **21**. The two sections **20***a* and **20***b* are folded upwardly along the lines **22** out of the plane of the drawing in Fig. 5 into the shape shown in Fig. 6 and then secured together by rivet or staple **23**.

The ornamental figure **20** is then applied to a ball **24** as shown in Fig. 6 in a similar manner to that used in applying the ornamental figure **10** to the ball **16** of the first described embodiment. The opening **25** is slipped over the nipple **26** of a ball **24** or if the bottom edges of the ornament prevent the tab **21** from going all the way down, so that they prevent the tab **21** from resting on the ball, the bottom edges will support the ornamental figure **20**. A member **27** is threaded between the two sections **20***a* and **20***b* and hooked onto an eyelet **29** on ball **24**; the other end of member **27** may be secured to the supporting structure.

Figs. 7 and 8 show a third embodiment of the present invention. In such embodiment, the ornamental figure **30** is shown in the shape of a Santa Claus; this is, of course, also only for illustrative purposes, since any type or outline of figure may be used.

In the embodiment shown in Figs. 7 and 8, the ornamental figure is made of only one section but it has two tabs **31***a* and **31***b* located at the bottom and top. To apply the ornamental figure **30** to a ball **32** the tabs **31***a* and **31***b* are folded along lines **33***a* and **33***b* at right angles to the body of the figure. Both tabs **31***a* and **31***b* are provided with an opening **34***a* and **34***b*. The tab **31***b* is slipped over the nipple **35** on the ball **32** and a member **36** secured to eyelet **37** on the ball and threaded through the opening **34***a* in the top tab **31***a*. The top end of the member **36** can then be secured to a supporting structure.

I claim:

1. An ornament of the class described, comprising a sheet of material having a symmetrical periphery and being folded on a median line, thereby providing similar half portions, each of said portions having a tab integral therewith, the tabs being folded toward each other and being perforated and adapted to overlap for registering the perforations of the tabs.

2. An ornament of the class described, comprising a sheet of material having a symmetrical periphery and being folded on a median line, thereby providing similar half portions, each of said portions having a tab integral therewith, the tabs being folded toward each other and being perforated and adapted to overlap for registering the perforations of the tabs, said half portions being secured together distant from said line and beyond said tabs.

3. An ornament for surmounting a Christmas tree ball having a nipple thereon, said ornament comprising a sheet of material having a symmetrical periphery and being folded on a median line, thereby providing similar half portions, each of said portions having a tab integral therewith, the tabs being folded toward each other, both tabs being perforate and one thereof overlying the other thereof for registering the perforations of the tabs whereby said nipple may be passed through said perforations, said half portions being secured together distant from said line and beyond said tabs.

4. An ornament according to claim 3 wherein the half portions of said sheet comprise a simulated figure surmounting said ball.

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