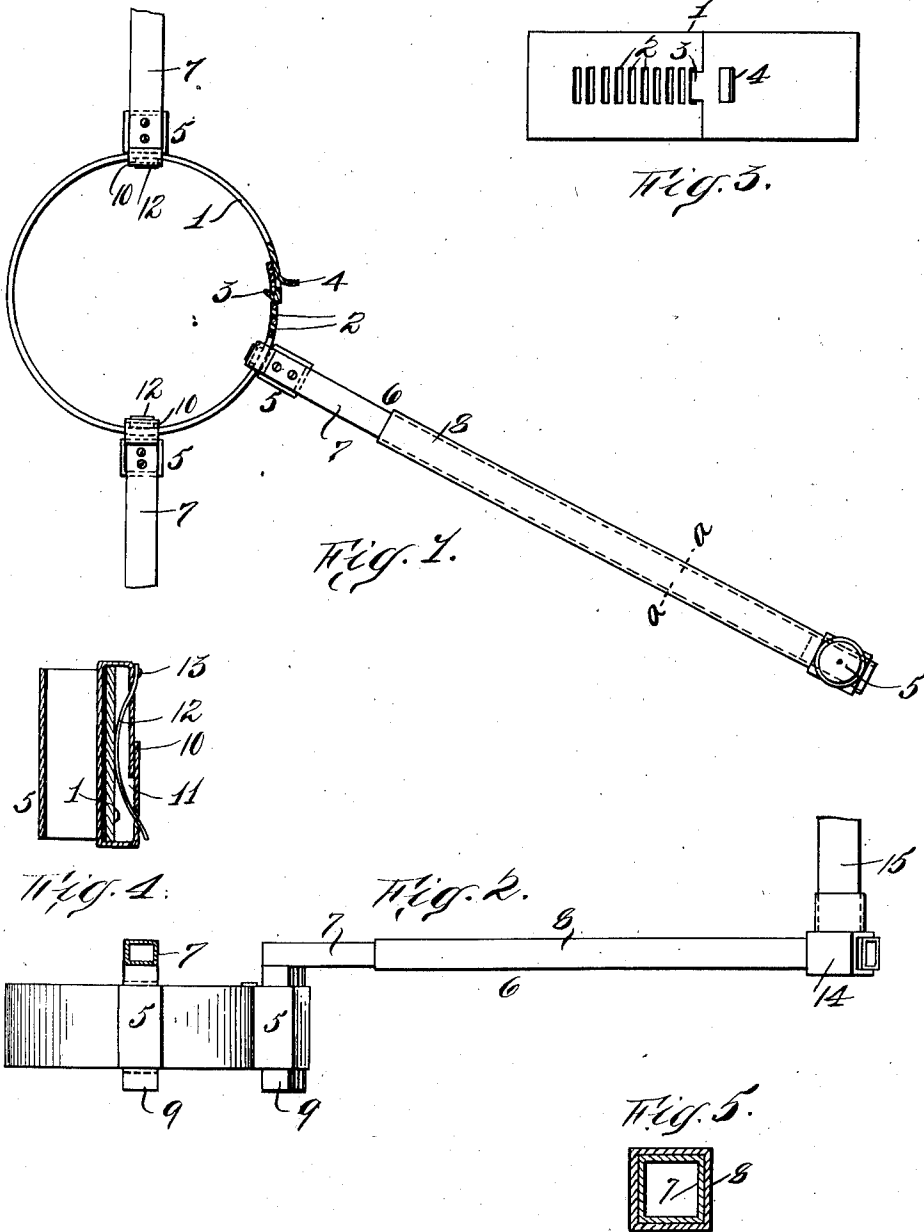


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GOTTFRIED J. BERNAU, a citizen of the United States, residing at the borough of Manhattan, city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Adjustable Light-Brackets for Christmas Trees, of which the following is a clear, full, and exact description.

This invention relates to an improvement in adjustable lamp brackets, the object being to provide an adjustable lamp bracket that is particularly adapted for application to Christmas trees but not entirely limited to such use.

I will now proceed to describe my invention in detail the novel features of which I will finally claim, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part hereof, wherein:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of my improved lamp bracket, partly in section; Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof; Fig. 3 is an enlarged elevation of the adjustable band member of the bracket; Fig. 4 is an enlarged vertical sectional detail view of one of the adjustable sockets which form part of my invention; and Fig. 5 is an enlarged sectional detail view taken on a line *a-a* in Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawing 1 indicates an adjustable band, preferably of metal, provided with openings 2, at one end thereof and a hook 3 at the other end thereof. The hook 3 is adapted to take into the openings 2 in order that the band can be made smaller or larger. A handle 4 is provided to aid in adjusting the band 1 to the trunk of a Christmas tree or other similar support.

Upon the band 1, I slidably mount a plurality of sockets 5 which are adapted to support a releasable arm 6, which consists of a tubular member 7 carrying a tubular member 8. The tubular member 8 is adapted to slide upon the member 7 in order that the arm 6 can be lengthened or shortened. The members 7 and 8 are preferably square in cross-section as shown in Fig. 5.

To adapt the arm 6 for releasable engagement with a socket 5, I provide the member 7 thereof with a square plug 9, which is adapted to pass into the said socket 5.

To adapt the sockets 5 for slidable engagement with the band 1, I provide each of

said sockets with a loop 10 whereby a space 11 (see Fig. 4) is provided through which the band 1 can pass.

To hold the sockets 5 on any portion of the band 1, I provide each of said loops 10 with a spring clamp 12, which at its upper end is secured to the loop 10 as at 13. The free end of the clamp 12 passes through an opening adjacent the bottom of the loop 10 as shown in Fig. 1.

In this instance, I have illustrated the arm 6 as supporting a slidably mounted sleeve 14 supporting a candle 15. Any other form of lamp or illuminating device may be used, the said lamp being supported by a sleeve similar to the sleeve 14, or by square eyes such as are illustrated in a copending application for patent for candelabra filed by me on April 8, 1910, Serial No. 554,121.

To apply the bracket to the trunk of a Christmas tree, for instance, the band 1 is sprung open and passed around the trunk of the tree. After having passed the band 1 around the trunk the sockets 5 and arms carried thereby may be moved to a desired position. After the sockets and arms have been positioned the hook 3 can be caused to enter any one of the openings 2, that is, after the band has been pulled taut. The arms 6 may be shortened or lengthened to position the lighting device or lamp where desired.

Having now described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A lamp bracket consisting of an adjustable band, a plurality of sockets carried by said band, a spring clamp carried by each of said sockets, and an arm releasably carried by said sockets, adapted to hold a lamp.

2. A lamp bracket consisting of a band provided at one end thereof with a plurality of openings, a hook carried by the other end of said band, adapted to take into said openings, a plurality of sockets slidably mounted on said band, a spring clamp carried by each of said sockets, and an arm releasably carried by said sockets adapted to hold a lamp.

3. A lamp bracket consisting of an adjustable band, a plurality of sockets carried by said band, a spring clamp carried by each of said sockets, an arm releasably car-

ried by said sockets, adapted to hold a lamp, said arm consisting of a fixed member and a slidable member carried thereby.

5 4. A lamp bracket consisting of an adjustable band, a plurality of sockets carried by said band, a loop carried by each of said sockets adapted to surround the band, and a spring clamp carried by each of said loops,

the free end of the clamp passing through an opening adjacent the bottom of the loop. 10

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