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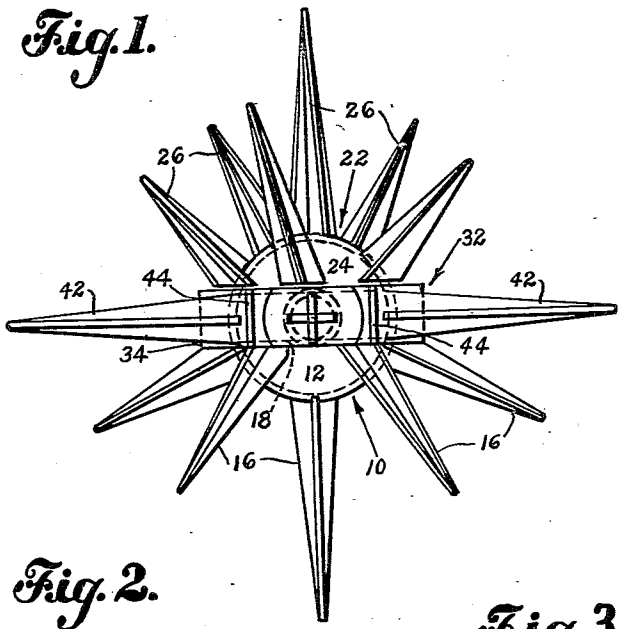


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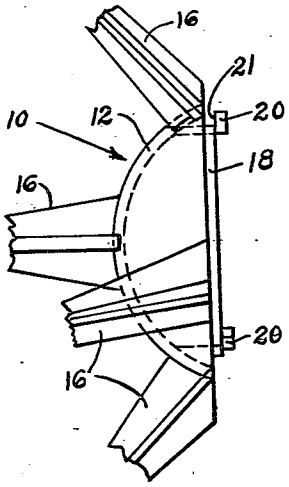


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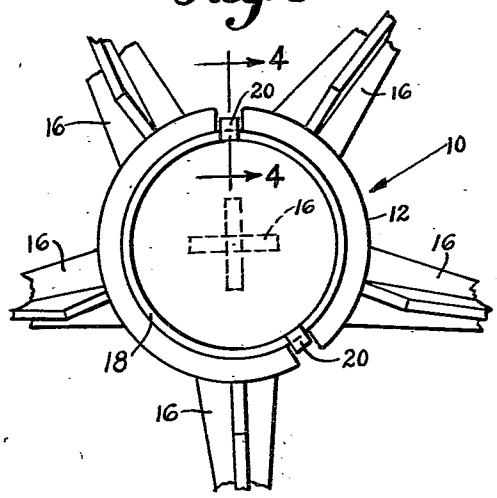
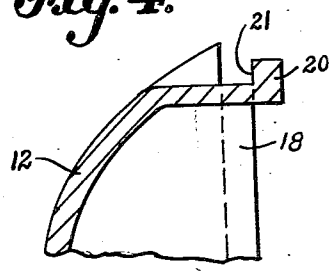


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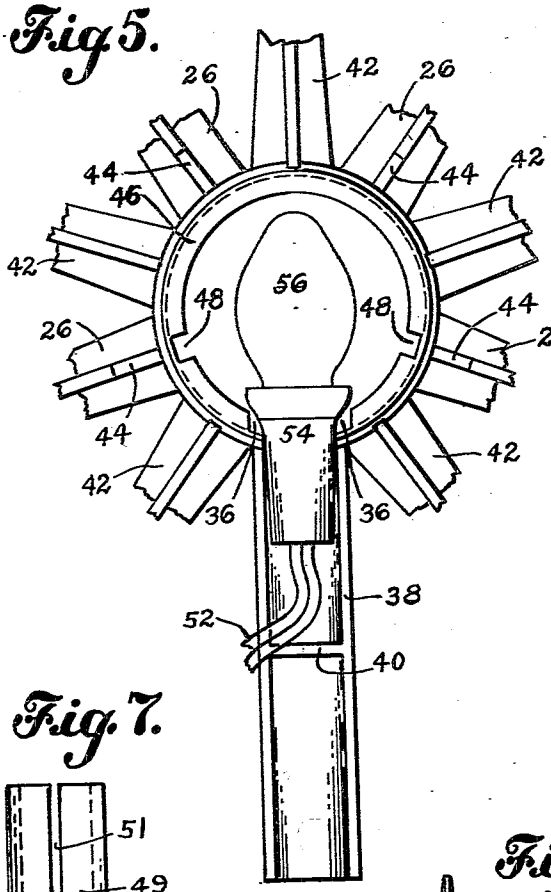


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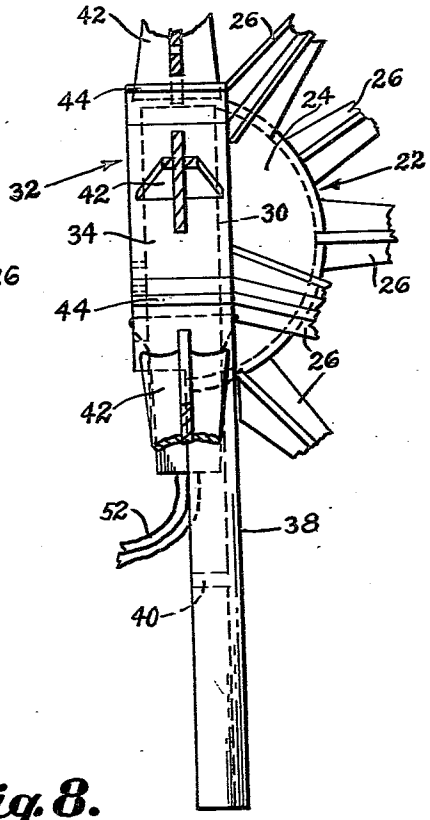


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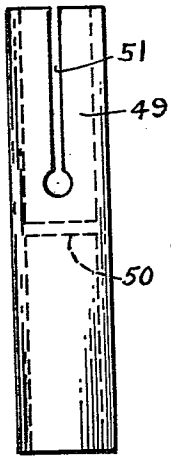
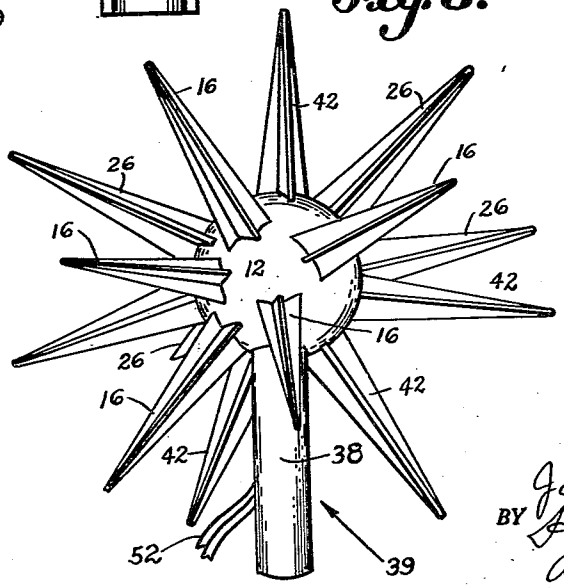


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This invention relates to an ornament for a Christmas tree or for general decorative purposes.

One object of my invention is to provide such an ornament with connecting means for the parts so they can quickly be assembled, or disassembled, yet is of sturdy construction.

Another object is to provide each section of my ornament with star points or extensions, and with one section having guide means whereby the star points of each section can be positioned by said guide means to produce a most effective ornamental effect.

A further object is to form said star points with ribs that taper outwardly to a common end, whereby light shines brilliantly near said end, and its brightness intensifies at the very end.

The foregoing and other objects which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, may be accomplished by a construction, combination and arrangement of parts such as is disclosed by the drawings. The nature of the invention is such as to render it susceptible to various changes and modifications, and therefore, I am not to be limited to the construction disclosed by the drawings nor to the particular parts described in the specification; but am entitled to all such changes therefrom as fall within the scope of my claims.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a top plan view of my ornament.

Fig. 2 is a side elevational view of an outer section or part of my ornament, the star points being shown broken away.

Fig. 3 is an elevational view, looking at the interior of the ornament.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged, sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is an elevational view of my ornament with said outer section shown in Fig. 2 removed, and looking at the interior of the ornament.

Fig. 6 is a side elevational view of my ornament as shown in Fig. 5.

Fig. 7 is an elevational view of a part of an elongate tube provided with my ornament.

Fig. 8 is a perspective view of my complete ornament.

As illustrated, my ornament may be made of plastic or the like, and has a central member including a removable outer section **10** having a hollow body **12** the outer surface of which preferably is curved, and from which extends a plurality of outwardly tapering star points or ornamental extensions, which are made integral with said body, as shown. Each point is formed of a plurality of tapering ribs **16**, as shown. At the inner, or open, side of said body **12**, a circular projecting rim **18** is provided that is inset somewhat from the outer periphery of said inner side. Extending from and beyond said rim **18**, at points spaced apart less than 180 degrees, as shown, are two attaching lugs **20** which have a shoulder **21** at the outside, extending outwardly from and commencing at a point in substantially arcuate alinement with said rim.

My ornament central member has another outer section **22** which is opposite to and spaced from the first-mentioned section. It has a hollow body **24** with curved outer surface, from which body extend a plurality of outwardly tapering points or ornamental extensions **26** which are integral with said body and each is formed of a plurality of tapering ribs. At the inner side of said body **24** a circular rim **30** projects beyond it, that is inset somewhat from the outer periphery of said inner side.

A connector member **32** is positioned between said two sections, having a circular, hollow body **34** which has a cut-out **36** therein. Adjacent the latter, a half section **38**, of an elongate tube **39**, extends from said body **34** downwardly in position of use on a tree top and which has a dividing shoulder **40** at an intermediate point thereof. Extending outwardly from said body **34** are integral tapering points or ornamental extensions **42**, each formed of a plurality of tapering ribs, one of which ribs may have a hook portion at its outer end to use in hanging this ornament when desired. Between one said point **42** and another are guide extensions **44** which extend outwardly a shorter distance than said points.

At one side edge of said body **34** a retaining flange **46** extends radially inward in which there are two openings or breaks **48** of a size so positioned as to simultaneously receive said outer section lugs **20**. Upon entrance of the lugs said outer section **10** is rotated, thus bringing said lug shoulders **21** inwardly of and in frictional contact with said flange **46**. Rotation preferably ceases when said points **14** are opposite said guide extensions **44**. Said outer section **10** will thus remain attached to said connector member **32** until this section is rotated to the point where said lugs **20** can pass out of said flange openings **48**.

Said other outer section rim **30** is of a size to extend into the interior of said connector body **34**, making a frictional fit therewith, and this other section **22** is rotated until its said points **26** are opposite said guide extensions **44**. The latter thus bridge the space between said points **14** and **26**, of the two outer sections **10** and **22**, giving the appearance of continuity between them. To make a permanent connection of the other outer section **22** to said connector member **32** cement may be applied to said rim **30** before inserting in said connector body **34**.

While said outer section **22** is shown as a separate part from said connector member **32**, since it is intended to become a permanent part of said connector member, the two parts could be integral and serve the same purpose.

To complete said tube **39** a separate half section **49** is provided to match said half section **38**. This section **49** has a shoulder **50** at an intermediate point thereof which is opposite said shoulder **40** when said sections **38** and **49** are joined. There is a slit **51** in said latter section **48** extending a short distance from the inner end through which an electrical cord **52** passes. This slit **50** is applicable when said tube **39** is placed over a tree top. An electrical socket **54** receives said cord **52**, which socket has one end that fits into said tube **39** and the other extends into the interior of this ornament. An electric light bulb **56** screw-threadedly connects with said socket thus illuminating my ornament.

What I claim is:

1. An ornament comprising a first outer section, another outer section and a connector member between and connected to both said sections, said first outer section embodying a body and a rim extending beyond said body, and two lugs spaced apart extending from and beyond said rim and each having a shoulder extending outwardly from said rim, said connector member embody-

ing a hollow body and a flange extending from an outer side edge of said body radially inward, said flange having two openings therein and so spaced apart and of such size as to receive said lugs when said first outer section is connected to said connector member, said other outer section embodying a body having a rim extending outwardly beyond said body and being adapted to extend into said hollow body of said connector member and be attached thereto.

2. An ornament comprising a first outer section, another outer section and a connector member between and connected to both said sections, said first outer section embodying a body and a rim extending beyond said body, and two lugs spaced apart extending from and beyond said rim and each having a shoulder extending outwardly from said rim, said connector member embodying a hollow body and a flange extending from an outer side edge of said body radially inward, said flange having two openings therein and so spaced apart and of such size as to receive said lugs when said first outer section is connected to said connector member, said other outer section embodying a body having a rim extending outwardly beyond said body and being adapted to extend into said hollow body of said connector member and be attached thereto, both said outer sections and said connector member having ornamental extensions spaced apart and extending outwardly therefrom, said connector member having outwardly extending guide extensions shorter than and between one said connector member ornamental extension and another, said ornamental extensions of both said outer sections being so spaced apart that they are adapted to be positioned directly opposite said connector member guide extensions.

3. An ornament comprising an outer section and a connector member connected to said outer section, said outer section embodying a body, a rim beyond said body and a lug extending from and beyond said rim, said lug having a shoulder extending outwardly beyond said rim, said connector member embodying a hollow body adapted to receive said outer section rim, and a flange extending from an outer side edge of said connector member body radially inward, said flange having an opening therein of such size as to receive said lug when said first outer section is connected to said connector member, said shoulder being so positioned as to frictionally engage an inner edge of said flange when said lug is within said connector member body and opposite a portion of said flange.

4. An ornament comprising an outer section and a connector member connected to said outer section, said outer section embodying a body, a circular rim beyond, and radially inset from the periphery of said body, and a lug extending from and beyond said rim, said lug having a shoulder extending outwardly beyond said rim, said connector member embodying a hollow body adapted to receive said outer section rim, and a circular flange extending from an outer side edge of said connector member body radially inward, said flange having an opening therein of such size as to receive said lug when said first outer section is connected to said connector member, said shoulder being so positioned as to frictionally engage an inner edge of said flange when said lug is within said connector member body and opposite a portion of said flange.

5. An ornament comprising an outer section and a connector member connected to said outer section, said outer section embodying a body, a rim beyond said body and a lug extending from and beyond said rim, said lug having a shoulder extending outwardly beyond said rim, said connector member embodying a hollow body adapted to receive said outer section rim, and a flange extending from an outer side edge of said connector body radially inward, said flange having an opening therein of such size as to receive said lug when said first outer section is connected to said connector member, said shoulder being so positioned as to frictionally engage an inner edge of said flange when said lug is within said connector member body and opposite a portion of said flange, said connector member body having a cut-out portion therein, a section forming part of a hollow tube of less than 360 degrees in cross section attached to said connector member body and in communication with said cut-out portion, and another section forming part of a hollow tube attached to the first-mentioned section to thereby form a tube adapted to permit entrance of electrical wire therein.

6. An ornament comprising an outer section and a connector member connected to said outer section, said outer section embodying a body, a circular rim beyond said body and two lugs extending from and beyond said rim and spaced apart circumferentially less than 180 degrees, in one circumferential direction, each said lug having a shoulder extending outwardly beyond said rim, said connector member embodying a hollow body adapted to receive said outer section rim, and a flange extending from an outer side edge of said connector body radially inward, said flange having two openings therein of such size as to receive said lugs when said first outer section is connected to said connector member, said shoulder being so positioned as to frictionally engage an inner edge of said flange when said lugs are within said connector member body and opposite a portion of said flange.

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