

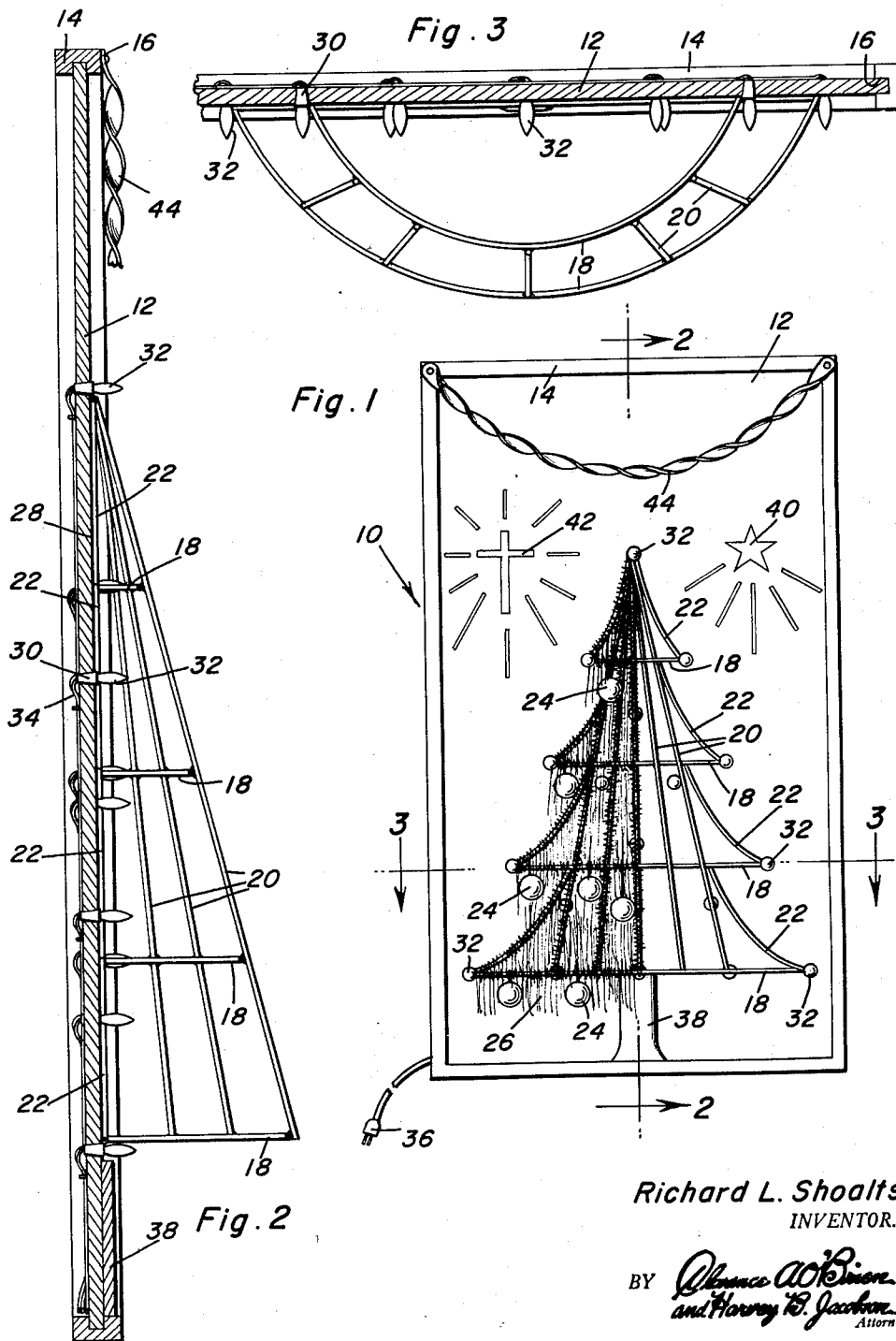
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This invention generally relates to a decoration device and more particularly to a simulated Christmas tree.

The primary object of the present invention is to provide a simulated Christmas tree which may be easily erected and is especially adapted for use in areas having limited space.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a simulated Christmas tree in the form of a backing member with a projecting wire frame with decorative material supported thereon and illumination means for lighting the device thereby more effectively simulating a Christmas tree.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a Christmas tree which is simple in construction, easy to assemble, compact in nature, well adapted for its intended purposes and relatively inexpensive to manufacture.

These together with other objects and advantages which will become subsequently apparent reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of the simulated Christmas tree of the present invention;

Figure 2 is a longitudinal, vertical sectional view taken substantially upon a plane passing along section line 2—2 of Figure 1 illustrating the details of construction thereof; and

Figure 3 is a transverse, vertical sectional view taken substantially upon a plane passing along section line 3—3 of Figure 1 illustrating further structural details of the invention.

Referring now specifically to the drawing, the numeral 10 generally designates the simulated Christmas tree of the present invention which is incorporated in an enlarged rectangular backing plate 12 which may be of plywood or any other similar construction having a peripheral frame 14 receiving the backing plate 12 in a groove 16 in the inner surface thereof. Means may be provided for supporting the simulated Christmas tree 10 in a suspended manner or it may be supported in an area such as a window opening or the like.

Adjacent the center and towards the lower portion of the backing plate 12 is a plurality of arcuate wire members or rod members 18 which are of varying length with the longer of the arcuate wire members 18 being disposed adjacent the bottom of the backing plate 12 and the wire members 18 are progressively shorter as they approach the top of the backing plate 12. Secured to and interconnecting the outer portions of the wire members 18 is a plurality of radially extending inclined wire members 20 which extend to a common point above the uppermost wire member 18. The outer ends of each of the wire members 18 are provided with upwardly and inwardly curved wire members 22 which are connected to the next uppermost wire member 18 adjacent the outermost inclined wire member 20. In elevation, the wire members 18, 20 and 22 generally form the contour or outline of the elevation of a Christmas tree.

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A plurality of decorative balls 24 may be provided on the various wire members and suitable tinsel 26 and other decorative material may be employed to trim the tree. After the various tinsels, simulated icicles and the like are in position, the entire device may be sprayed with a clear lacquer for holding these materials in place. Positioned under the wire skeleton frame is a reflective material such as an aluminum foil 28 which is substantially the same shape as the wire frame. A plurality of sockets 30 extend through the backing plate 12 and are provided with bulbs 32 and electrical wires 34 connected to a male plug 36 for insertion into a household outlet for illuminating the area behind the tree and forming a highly decorative type of Christmas tree.

Extending downwardly from the bottom of wire rod member 18 is a generally semi-cylindrical piece of material 38 which simulates a tree trunk and which may actually be constructed of bark or the like. The front surface of the backing plate 12 may be provided with suitable decorative indicia 40 and 42 for enhancing the appearance of the Christmas tree and also a decorative member 44 in the form of a twisted foil member 44 may be provided as a rope extending between the upper corners of the frame 14.

The device may be constructed of various sizes such as a size to fit in a conventional window or for hanging on the wall or standing by itself with the simulated Christmas tree incorporating a wire frame defining the outline of a Christmas tree and also being provided with the usual decorative balls, tinsel, icicles and illumination means whereby the simulated Christmas tree occupies very little space and may be easily set up and taken down without expending so much time and effort.

The foregoing is considered as illustrative only of the principles of the invention. Further, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction and operation shown and described, and accordingly, all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed as new is as follows:

An artificial Christmas tree comprising an enlarged vertically disposed backing plate, a plurality of arcuate members having the free ends thereof attached to the backing plate in a plane substantially perpendicular to said backing plate, said backing plate being provided with a covering of reflective material, said members being disposed in vertically spaced relation with the lowermost member being longer than the other members with said members diminishing in size towards the uppermost member, a plurality of inclined members interconnecting said arcuate members, said arcuate members and inclined members generally forming one-half of a Christmas tree, said backing plate being provided with a plurality of light sockets therein, light bulbs disposed in said sockets and projecting from said backing plate, said bulbs being arranged beneath said arcuate members for illuminating the artificial tree, the outer of the inclined members between adjacent arcuate members being concavely curved for simulating the contours of a Christmas tree, a plurality of decorative balls and tinsel supported on said arcuate members, and a generally semi-cylindrical member extending downwardly from the plane of the lowermost arcuate member thereby simulating a tree trunk.

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