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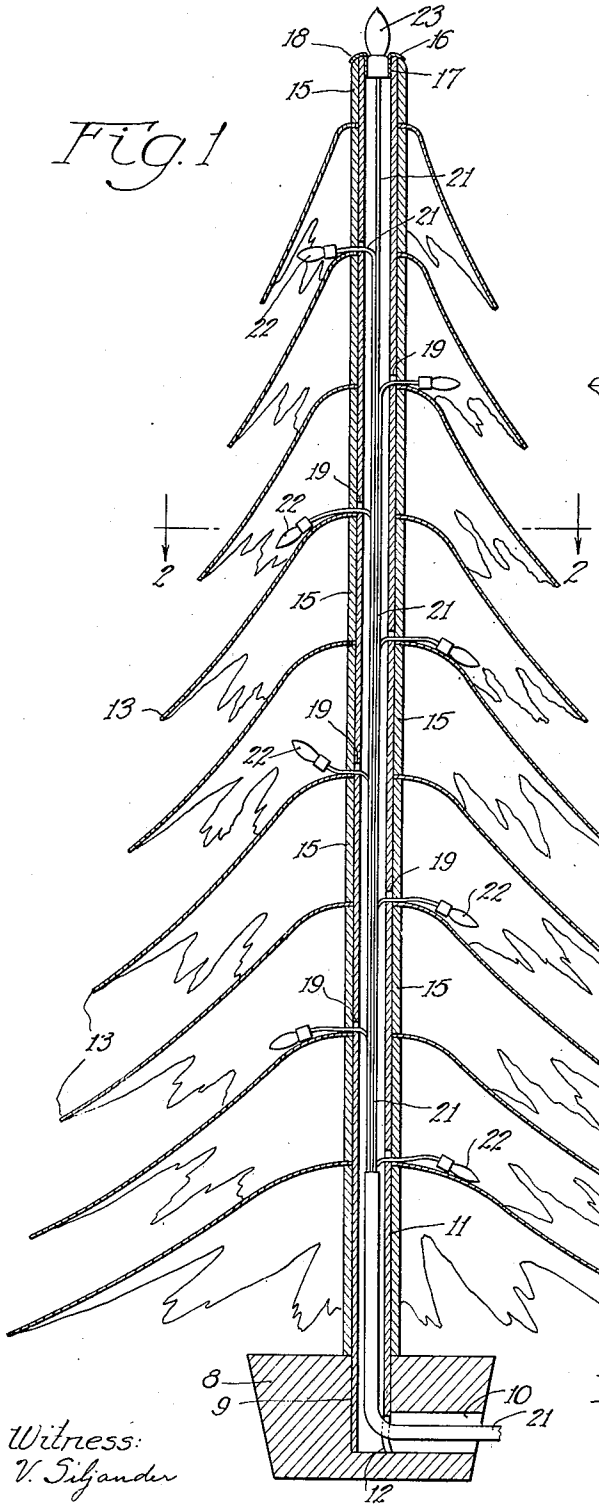
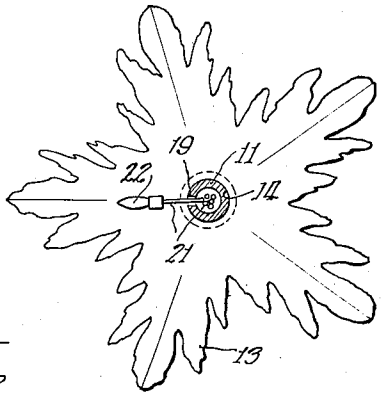


Fig. 2



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Fig. 3

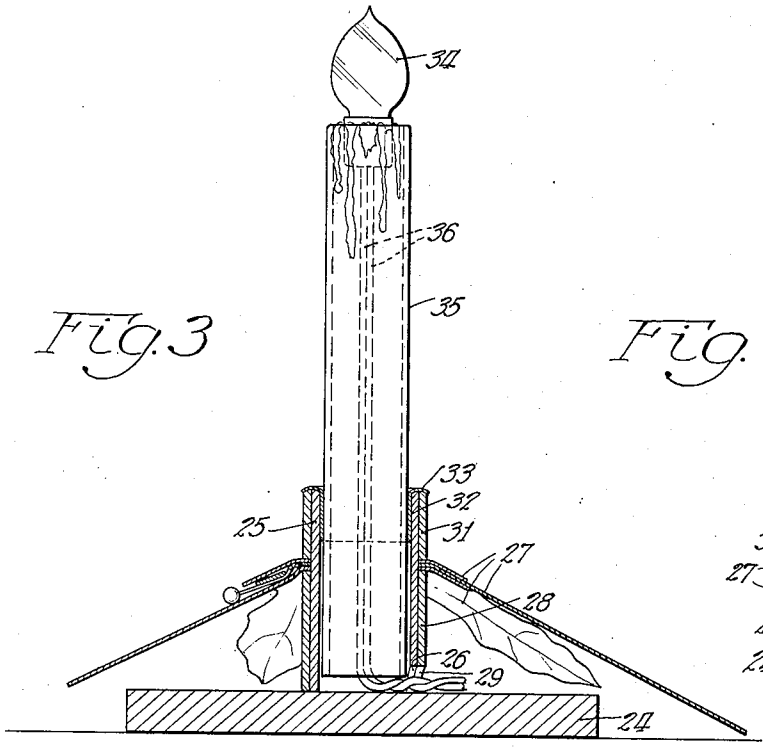


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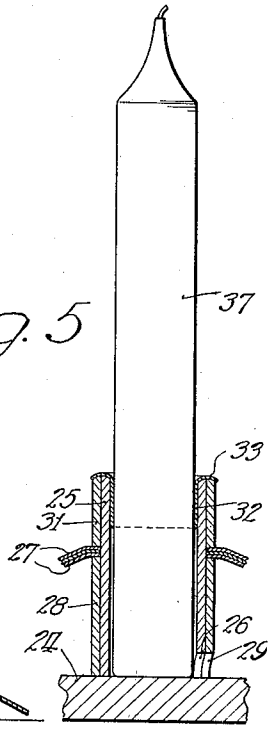


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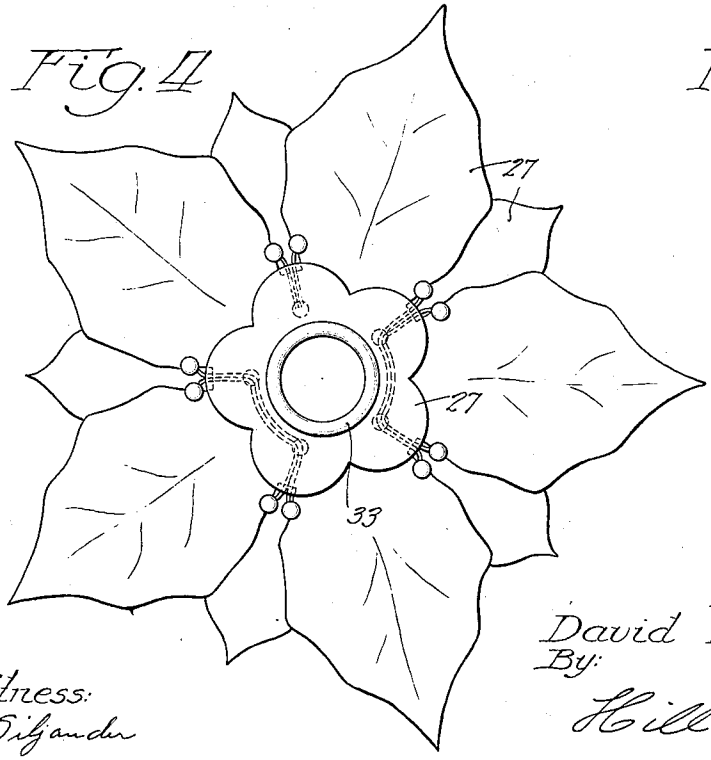
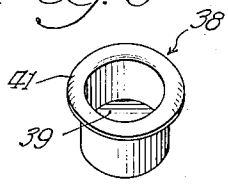


Fig. 6



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This invention relates to ornamental devices, and particularly to devices of the character described and used for decorative purposes.

Among other objects, the present invention is intended to provide a structure which is pleasing in appearance, economical to manufacture, and which may be used alone and apart from other devices, or may be adapted for use in conjunction with various forms of illumination.

A further object of the present invention is to improve devices of the character described in sundry details hereinafter referred to and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

Embodiments of the present invention are shown for illustrative purposes in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a vertical sectional elevational view of an ornamental device simulating a Christmas tree or the like, and illustrating the application of the present invention thereto;

Fig. 2 is a transverse plan sectional view taken substantially as indicated by the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a sectional elevational view of an ornamental candle holder embodying features of the present invention, illustrating its adaptation to the use of an electric candle or the like;

Fig. 4 is a plan view of the structure illustrated in Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary elevational view of the structure shown in Fig. 3 and illustrating its adaptation to the use of an ordinary candle; and

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a cup-like holder which may be employed in the structures illustrated in Figs. 1 to 5, inclusive.

Referring particularly to Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, the embodiment of the present invention shown therein comprises a base 8 having a vertically disposed recess 9 formed therein and having a laterally disposed passage 10 communicating with the recess 9 and extending outwardly therefrom to the periphery or outer face of the base.

Positioned in the recess 9 is a vertically disposed tubular socket member 11 formed, preferably, of cardboard or the like and having a laterally extending opening 12 formed therein adjacent the laterally extending passage 10, and mounted on the socket 11 are a plurality of ornamental skirts 13 formed, preferably, from a single sheet of decorative paper or the like and having apertures 14 (Fig. 2) formed adjacent their central portion and adapted to receive the socket member 11, the ornamental skirts being spaced longitudinally of the socket 11 throughout its length and being held in spaced relation with respect to each other by means of a plurality of spacers 15 positioned, respectively, between the lower-most skirt 13 and the base 8, and between the upper end of the socket and the respective skirts.

For finishing off the upper end of the device, a finishing ring or collar 16 may be provided, having a tubular portion 17 positioned in the upper end of the socket 11, and having a laterally extending flange 18 adapted to overlie the upper edge portions of the socket 11 and the uppermost spacer 15, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 1.

It will be observed from the foregoing description that the present invention, as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, provides a decorative tree structure of inexpensive material, and comprises elements which may be economically manufactured and assembled to produce a pleasing appearance in simulation of a Christmas tree or the like.

If desired, the socket member 11 may be provided with a plurality of vertically spaced openings 19, positioned, preferably, adjacent the ornamental skirts 13, through which electrical conductors 21 may be passed and which may be assembled and trained through the interior of the socket member 11 and outwardly through the opening 12 adjacent the bottom thereof and through the passage 10 to a suitable source of current supply, the upper outer ends of the conductors 21 being provided with small electric light bulbs 22 by which the ornament may be lighted, which materially enhances the appearance of the ornament, particularly when the bulbs are concealed from view by the overhanging edge portions of superposed skirts, while a bulb 23 positioned in the upper end of the socket member 11 or within the finishing ring 16 thereof serves to complete the decorative appearance as illustrated in Fig. 1.

Referring to Figs, 3, 4 and 5 of the drawings, the structures shown therein illustrate the application of the present invention to a candle holder or the like, which comprises a base 24 having a socket member 25 mounted therein, the socket member being provided, preferably, adjacent its lower edge portion with a laterally extending opening or recess 26, and mounted on the socket member 25 intermediate its ends are a plurality of decorative skirts 27 shown, in the present structure, as positioned closely adjacent each other and being of various lateral dimensions as clearly illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4, the

skirts 27 being spaced from the base member 24 by means of a spacer 28 having a laterally extending opening or recess 29 formed therein adjacent the opening 26 formed in the socket member 25.

Positioned above the skirts 27 and surrounding the socket member 25 is a second spacer 31 adapted to retain the skirts in spaced relation with respect to the upper end portion of the socket member 25 in which, if desired, a finishing sleeve or ring 32 may be positioned and provided with a laterally extending flange portion 33 adapted to overlie the upper edges of the socket member 25 and spacer 31.

As illustrated in Fig. 3, the device is well adapted for use in conjunction with an electric bulb 34, which may be positioned in the upper end of a tubular member 35 adapted to simulate a candle and connected to a suitable source of current supply by means of electrical conductors 36, which may extend downwardly through the member 35 and laterally through the openings 26 and 29 formed in the socket member 25 and lower spacer 28, respectively.

The fragmentary view shown in Fig. 5 illustrates the manner of positioning an ordinary candle 37 in the structure.

In Fig. 6 is illustrated a cup-like member, indicated as a whole by the numeral 38 and provided with a bottom portion 39 and a laterally extending flange 41, the cup-like member 38 being adapted, if desired, to replace the finishing ring 32 illustrated in Fig. 5 in which case the candle 37 would rest on the bottom 39 of the cup-like member 38 instead of extending to the extreme lower end or bottom of the socket 25.

Obviously, the present invention is not limited to the precise construction and arrangement shown and described as the same may be variously modified. Moreover, all the features of the invention need not be used conjointly as the same may be used to advantage in variously different combinations and sub-combinations.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. An ornament comprising an elongated socket, a plurality of one-piece ornamental skirts having apertures therein adapted to receive said socket and mounted thereon in a manner to surround the socket in spaced relation to each other intermediate the ends of the socket, a plurality of spacers surrounding said socket and positioned, respectively, between the lowermost of said skirts and the base of said socket and between the upper end thereof and the respective skirts, each of said skirts extending downwardly to conceal the respective subjacent spacers, a collar having an annular portion in said socket for resisting lateral displacement of the collar and socket, and a flange on said collar overlying the top of the socket and the upper edge of the uppermost spacer.

2. An ornament comprising a base having a recess therein and a laterally extending passage communicating with said recess, an elongated tubular socket having an opening therein communicating with said passage and positioned in said recess, a plurality of one-piece ornamental skirts having apertures therein adapted, respectively, to receive said socket and mounted thereon in a manner to surround the socket in spaced relation to each other intermediate the ends of the socket, and a plurality of spacers surrounding said socket and positioned, respectively, between the lowermost skirt and said base and between the upper end of the socket and the respective skirts, said socket having a plurality of spaced apertures therein.

3. An ornament comprising a base having a recess therein and a laterally extending passage communicating with said recess, an elongated tubular socket having an opening therein communicating with said passage and positioned in said recess, a plurality of one-piece ornamental skirts having apertures therein adapted, respectively, to receive said socket and mounted thereon in a manner to surround the socket in spaced relation to each other intermediate the ends of the socket, and a plurality of spacers surrounding said socket and positioned, respectively, between the lowermost skirt and said base and between the upper end of the socket and the respective skirts, said socket having a plurality of vertically spaced apertures therein positioned adjacent said skirts.

4. An ornament comprising a base, an elongated socket having a laterally extending opening therein mounted on said base, a plurality of one-piece ornamental skirts having apertures therein adapted, respectively, to receive said socket and mounted thereon in a manner to surround said socket intermediate its ends and to extend downwardly from their mounting, a tubular spacer between said skirts and the base, said spacer having a laterally extending opening therein positioned adjacent the opening in said socket, and a second spacer positioned on said socket between the upper end thereof and said skirts.

5. An ornament comprising an elongated socket having a plurality of longitudinally spaced apertures formed therein, a plurality of one-piece downwardly extending ornamental skirts having apertures therein adapted to receive said socket and mounted thereon in a manner to surround the socket intermediate its ends, a plurality of spacers surrounding said socket and positioned, respectively, between the respective skirts and the base of said socket and between the upper end thereof and said skirts, the lowermost edges of the respective skirts extending to approximately the horizontal planes of the respective subjacent apertures for concealing the respective subjacent spacers and apertures.

6. An ornament comprising an elongated socket having a plurality of longitudinally spaced apertures formed therein, a plurality of one-piece downwardly extending ornamental skirts having apertures therein adapted to receive said socket and mounted thereon in a manner to surround the socket intermediate its ends and adjacent the respective apertures formed in said socket, and a plurality of spacers surrounding said socket and positioned, respectively, between the respective skirts and the base of said socket and between the upper end thereof and said skirts, the lowermost edges of the respective skirts extending below the horizontal planes of the respective subjacent apertures for concealing the respective subjacent spacers and apertures.

7. An ornament comprising an elongated socket having a plurality of longitudinally spaced apertures formed therein, a plurality of one-piece downwardly extending ornamental skirts having apertures therein adapted to receive said socket and mounted thereon in a manner to surround the socket intermediate its ends and below the respective apertures formed in said socket, and a plurality of spacers surrounding said socket and positioned, respectively, between the respec-

tive skirts and the base of said socket and between the upper end thereof and said skirts, the lowermost edges of the respective skirts extending below the horizontal planes of the respective subjacent apertures for concealing the respective subjacent spacers and apertures.

8. An ornament comprising an elongated socket member having a plurality of longitudinally spaced laterally extending apertures formed therein, a plurality of one-piece downwardly extending ornamental skirts having apertures therein adapted to receive said socket member and mounted thereon in a manner to surround the socket member intermediate its ends adjacent and below the respective apertures formed in said socket member, a plurality of spacers surrounding said socket member and positioned, respectively, between the respective skirts and the base of said socket member and between the upper end thereof and said skirts, a plurality of electrical conductors in said socket member and having one end portion of each conductor extending outwardly through the respective apertures formed in said socket member, and electric light bulbs operatively connected to the outwardly extending portions of said conductors, the lowermost edges of the respective skirts extending below the horizontal planes of the respective subjacent apertures for concealing the respective subjacent apertures, spacers and bulbs beneath said skirts.

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