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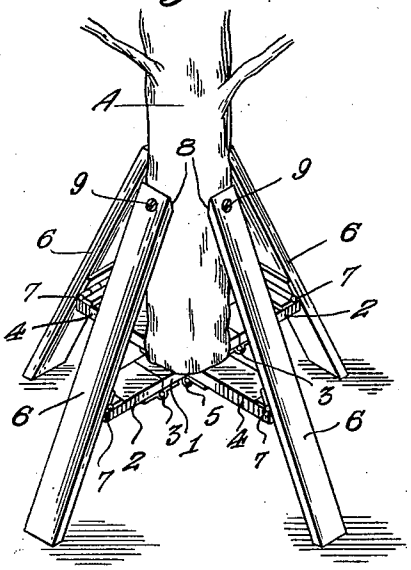



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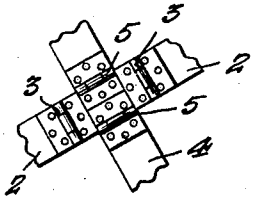



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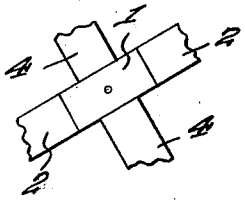



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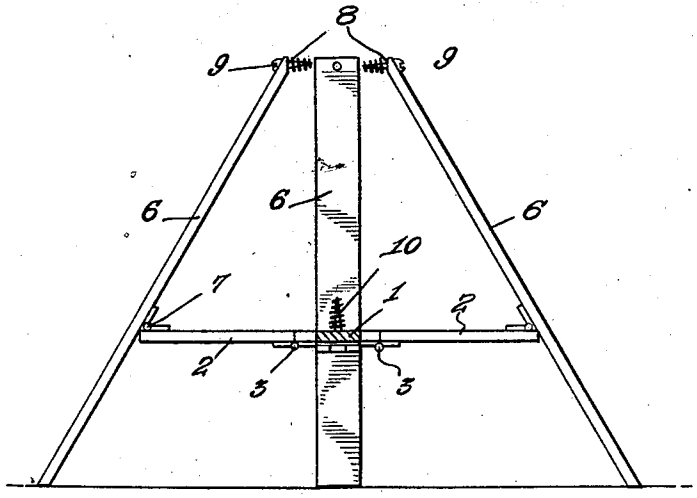
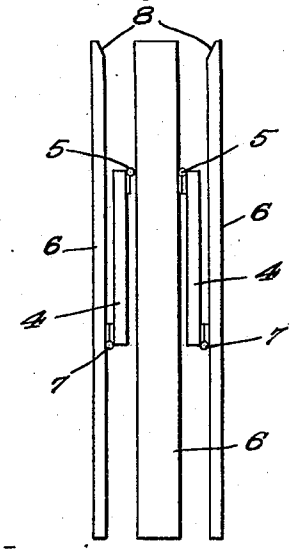



Fig. 5.




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## TREE STAND.

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This invention relates to a Christmas tree holder, the general object of the invention being to provide a simple device which can be folded into a small bundle when not in use so that it will occupy but little room.

This invention also consists in certain other features of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts, to be hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and specifically pointed out in the appended claim.

In describing my invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawings wherein like characters denote like or corresponding parts throughout the several views, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the holder in use.

Figure 2 is a bottom plan view of the base part of the device.

Figure 3 is a top plan view of this part.

Figure 4 is an enlarged elevation of the device.

Figure 5 is a view showing the device folded.

In these views, 1 indicates a base piece to each end of which is hinged a strip 2 by the hinge 3 and to each side of which is hinged a strip 4 by the hinge 5. As will be seen, the strips 2 are of less length than the strips 4 so that the cross-shaped base formed by the parts has its arms of the same length when the base is unfolded. The outer end of each strip is hinged to a leg 6 by the hinge 7. The upper end of each leg is beveled, as at 8, and a screw 9 passes through the beveled part, these screws engaging the tree, such as shown at A in Figure 1, to fasten the legs to the tree. A screw 10 is also carried by the part 1 for engaging the bottom of the tree.

From the foregoing, it will be seen that when the legs and the part 1 are fastened to the tree by the screws, the device will assume the position shown in Figures 1 and 4 so that the tree will be firmly supported by the device. When the device is not in use, it can be folded to a position shown in Figure 5, so that it will occupy but little room when stored.

It is thought from the foregoing description that the advantages and novel features of my invention will be readily apparent.

I desire it to be understood that I may make changes in the construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts, provided that such changes fall within the scope of the appended claim.

What I claim is:—

A tree holder comprising a center strip, a pair of short strips, a hinge connecting each short strip to each end of the center strip, a pair of long strips, a hinge connecting each longer strip to each side of the center strip at the center thereof, said hinges being arranged on the under sides of the strips, a plurality of legs, a hinge connecting each leg with the outer end of each of the short and long strips, each hinge being connected with the upper side of each short and long strip and with the inner side of each leg, the upper end of each leg being beveled, fastening means passing through the beveled portions for engaging a tree and a fastener passing through the center strip for engaging the bottom of the tree.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

EDNA KEMERLING.