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ORNAMENTAL WREATH

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Fig. 1.

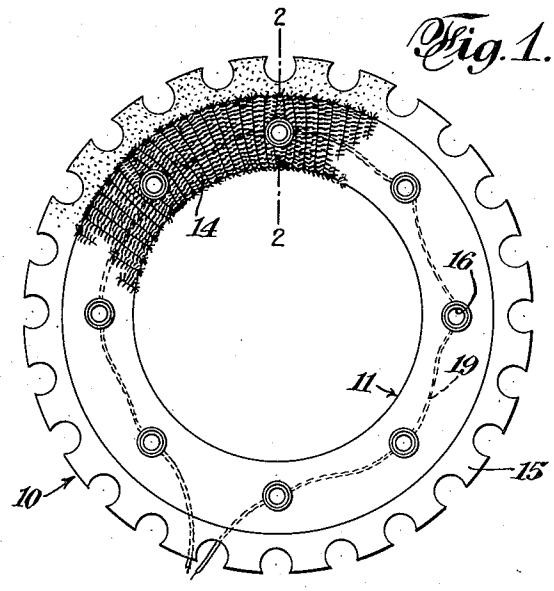


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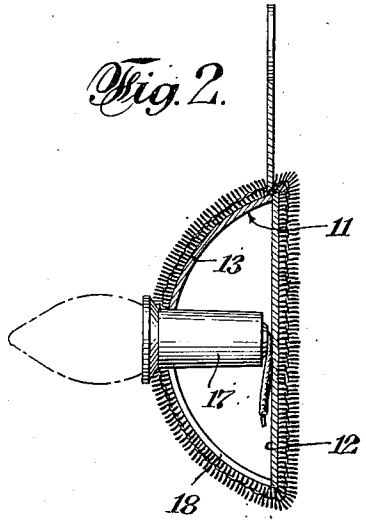
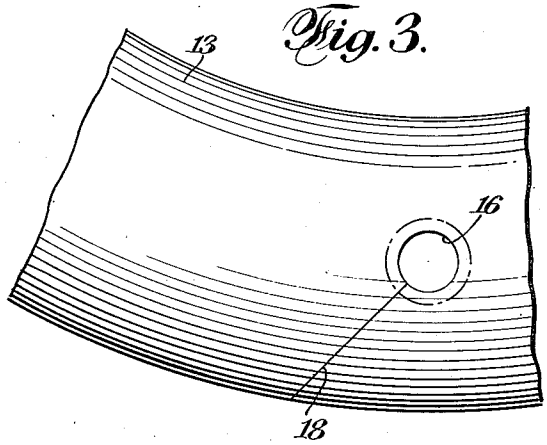


Fig. 3.



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The present invention relates to ornamental wreaths of the type used as Christmas window decorations and for similar purposes, and it has for its object to provide wreaths of the character described which carry a decorative crown around the outer edge, which crown does not cover any of the faces of the wreath, leaving both faces free to show the decorative wrappings of the wreath.

It is also an object of the present invention to provide crowned wreaths which are economical to produce and easy and simple to assemble, and in which the crown portion remains safely and securely in position upon the wreath.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide wreaths of the character described which are provided with illuminating means on one or both of its faces and in which the sockets or other electric lamp holding means may be easily and readily inserted into the wreath core after they are electrically connected to one another and to a lead wire, thus eliminating a great deal of labor and trouble now involved in handling the wreath core while the lamp holding means are being separately connected to one another after they are in place in the wreath, and also eliminating the chance for damage to the core during the process.

In the accompanying drawing illustrating a preferred embodiment of the present invention,

Fig. 1 is a view in front elevation of the completed wreath of the present invention, showing the crown in place thereon and the lamp holding means in position, extending outwardly from the wreath.

Fig. 2 is a cross sectional view of the same, taken along line 2—2 of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary view of the core or skeleton of one of the wreaths of the present invention, showing, in detail, the lamp holding means inserting means.

Referring more specifically to the accompanying drawing, the numeral 10, designates the wreath of the present invention generally, and it comprises a core, or skeleton, generally designated as 11, which may consist of a flat annular back member, 12, and an arched annular front member, 13. The core members may be integral with one another, or, preferably, in separate units, with the front arched member preferably so constructed that its edges rest upon the back member, and they may be made of any suitable substantially rigid material, such as cardboard, a resinous composition, or the like.

Surrounding and enclosing the core, 11, is a wrapping of ornamental material or fabric, 14, which may consist of plant matter, such as holly leaves or of chenille cord, as illustrated in the drawing, or the like. Where a fabric or cord is employed, it may be preferably wrapped around the core radially, as illustrated.

Mounted on the outer edge of the wreath, over the ornamental covering, preferably, is a crown member, 15, which may be made of cardboard or other similar, rigid material, which may be ornamentally treated, as with spangles, coloring, or the like.

The arched member, 13, of the core, 11, may be provided with one or more openings, 16, substantially circular in shape, into which may be snugly fitted the electric lamp sockets, 17, or other similar lamp holding means or lamps themselves. The openings 16, may preferably be arranged circularly along the ridge of the arched front member, 13 of the core, and each of them may be connected by means of the slits, 18, to either the inner or outer periphery of the arched member, to permit insertion of the sockets, 17, into the openings, 16. To conserve the connecting wire required to connect the sockets, I prefer to have the slits 18, extend to the inner periphery of the arched member, and in order to weaken the arched member as little as possible by the slits, I prefer to have them extend diagonally rather than radially from the openings to the periphery, as illustrated.

The method of constructing the wreaths of the present invention will be apparent to all skilled in the art from the foregoing description. The back and front core members may be cut out from the suitable material used, the latter being stamped or pressed to give it the arched shape it has, and then provided with the slits and the socket openings. The requisite number of sockets may then be connected electrically to one another and inserted into the openings, 16 through the slits, 18, the lamp opening of the sockets extending outwardly of the arched core member and the connecting wires disposed in the arched recess thereof.

The two core members are then placed together, the edges of the arched member resting on the back member, and the ornamental wrappings placed in position, by winding or otherwise, care being taken to leave the lamp openings of the socket exposed. The ornamental wrapping may usually be sufficient to secure the core members safely and securely in place, especially when cord winding is used as the ornamental wrapping. However additional means for securing them in place may readily be used if necessary.

A crown member may then be cut to fit snugly and tightly around the outer edge of the assembled wreath, over the ornamental material covering it. The crown member may be painted, or covered with spangles to make it of attractive appearance and may further have its outer edge cut out in an ornamental manner for that purpose. The crown member is then placed upon the outer edge of the wreath, the resiliency of the wrapping material usually being sufficient to retain it in place. Glue, however, may be applied to the inner edge of the crown member, to attach it to the wrapping material.

It may here be stated that the crown member described herein may be used in connection with all types of wreaths, not only those having the core described herein, with the same advantages of economy, ease of assembly and of displaying both ornamental sides of the wreath.

This completes the description of the wreaths of the present invention, and it may here be stated, however, that I do not wish to be limited to the embodiments of the invention hereinabove set forth, as obviously, many variations therein may be made, without the use of the inventive faculties and within the spirit and scope of the invention and the claims hereto appended.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. In a core for an ornamental wreath, an arched member having one or more openings adapted to retain illuminating means therein, and a slit connecting each of said openings with a peripheral edge of the arched member said slits being adapted to serve as passage for illuminating means into the said openings.

2. In a core for an ornamental wreath, an annular arched member having one or more openings adapted to retain illuminating means therein and a slit connecting each of said openings with a peripheral edge of the said arched member said slits being adapted to serve as passage for illuminating means into the said openings.

3. In a core for an ornamental wreath, an arched member having one or more openings adapted to retain illuminating means therein, and a slit extending diagonally from each of said openings to a peripheral edge of the said arched member said slits being adapted to serve as passage for illuminating means into the said openings.

4. In a core for an ornamental wreath, an annular arched front member having one or more openings adapted to retain illuminating means therein and a slit extending diagonally from each of said openings to a peripheral edge of the said arched member said slits being adapted to serve as passage for illuminating means into the said openings.

5. In an electrically illuminated ornamental wreath, a core having an annular back member and an annular arched front member, one or more cut out openings in the said arched member adapted to hold illuminating means, a slit leading from each of the said cut out openings to a peripheral edge of the arched member, and a wrapping of ornamental material surrounding the said core and holding its members in position.

6. In an electrically illuminated ornamental wreath, a core having an annular back member and an annular arched front member, one or more cut out openings in the said arched member adapted to retain an electric lamp socket, a slit leading diagonally from each of the said openings to a peripheral edge of the arched member, and a wrapping of ornamental material surrounding the said core and holding its members in position.

7. In an electrically illuminated ornamental wreath, a core having an annular back member and an annular arched front member, one or more cut out openings in the said arched member, adapted to hold electric illuminating means, a wrapping of ornamental material surrounding the said core and holding its members in position, and an annular ornamental crown fitting closely and positioned over the outer edge of the wreath, surmounting the ornamental material.

8. In an electrically illuminated ornamental wreath, a core having an annular back member and an annular arched front member, one or more cut out openings in the said arched member, each adapted to retain an electric lamp socket, a slit leading from each of the said openings to a peripheral edge of the said arched member, a wrapping of ornamental material surrounding the said core and keeping its members in position, and an annular crown member fitting closely and positioned over the outer edge of the wreath, surmounting the ornamental material.

9. In an electrically illuminated ornamental wreath, a core having an annular back member and an annular arched front member, one or more cut out openings in the said arched member each adapted to retain an electric lamp socket, a diagonal slit leading from each of the said openings to a peripheral edge of the said arched member, a wrapping of ornamental material surrounding the said core and keeping its members in position, and an annular crown member fitting closely and positioned over the outer edge of the wreath, surmounting the ornamental material.

10. An electrically illuminated ornamental wreath comprising a core having one or more openings adapted to receive an electric lamp-holding means, a layer of ornamental material surrounding and covering the said core, and a substantially rigid annular crown member positioned and fitting closely over the outer edge of the wreath.

11. An ornamental wreath comprising a core, a layer of ornamental material surrounding and covering the said core and a substantially rigid annular crown member positioned over the outer edge of the wreath and fitting closely over it.

12. An ornamental wreath comprising a core, a layer of ornamental material covering the said core and a substantially rigid annular crown member positioned over the outer edge of the wreath and glued thereto.

13. In an ornamental wreath a substantially rigid annular crown member surrounding the outer edge of the wreath and fitting closely over it.

14. In an annular ornamental wreath, a substantially rigid annular crown member positioned over the outer edge of the wreath and glued thereto.

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