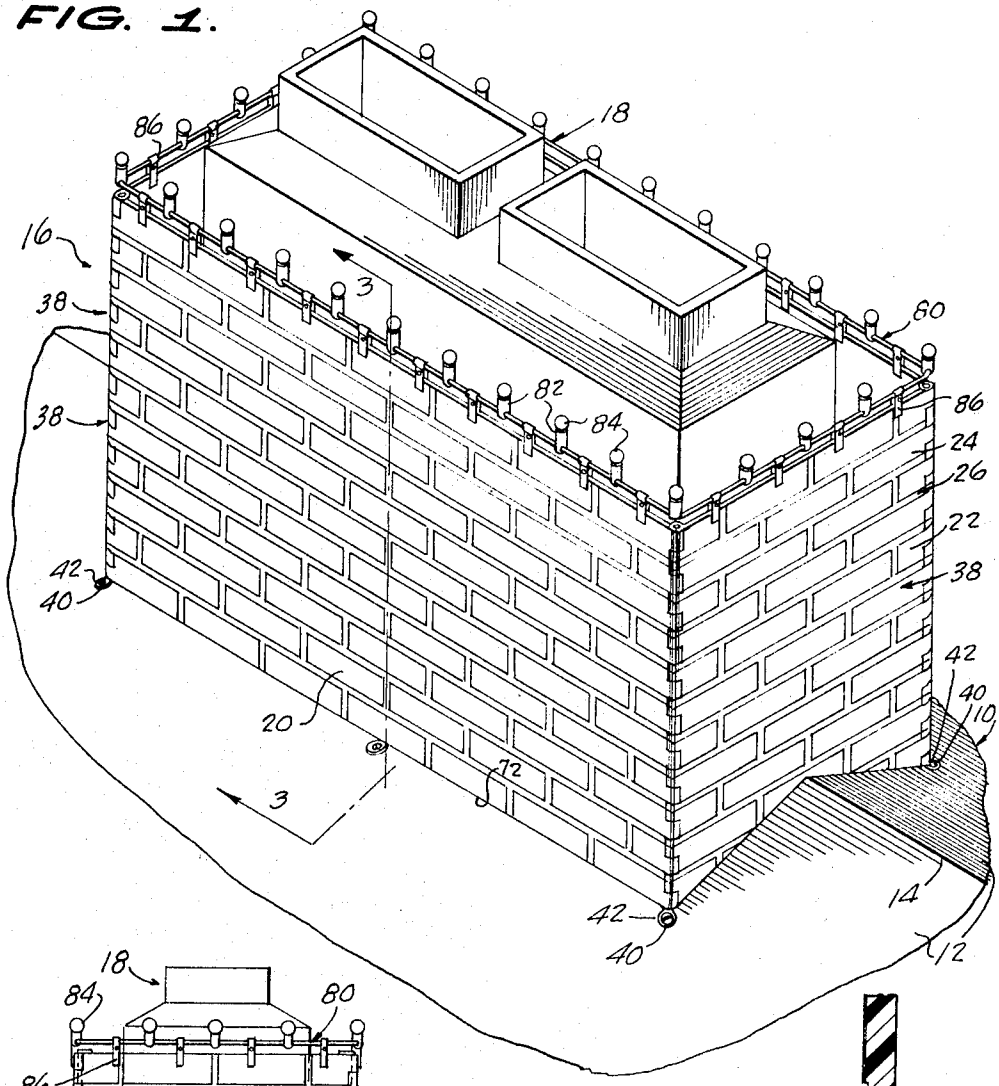
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FIG. 1.



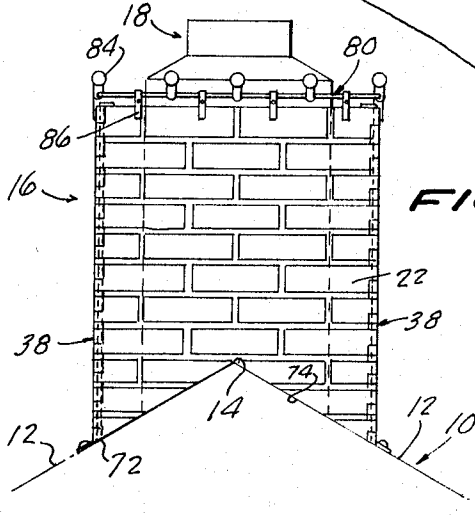


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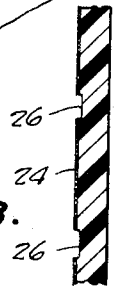


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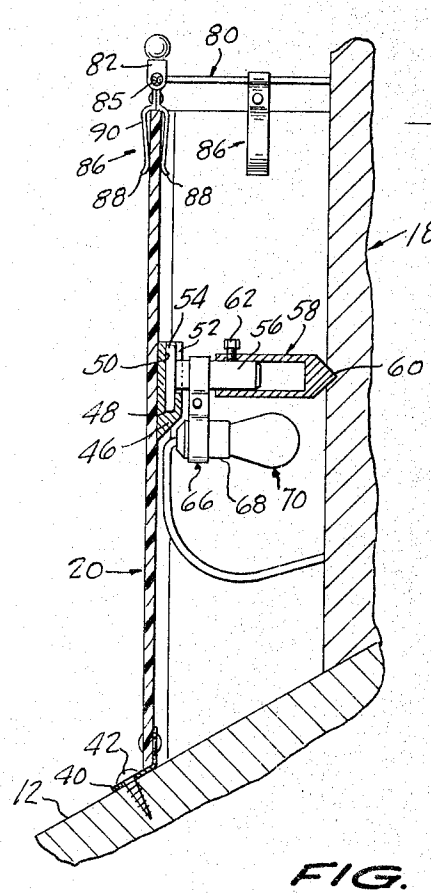
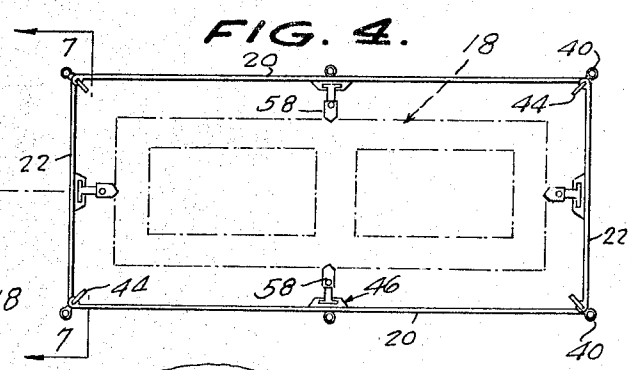


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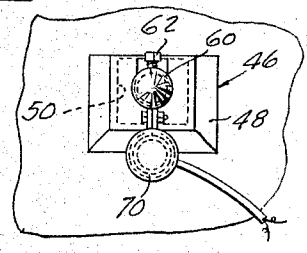


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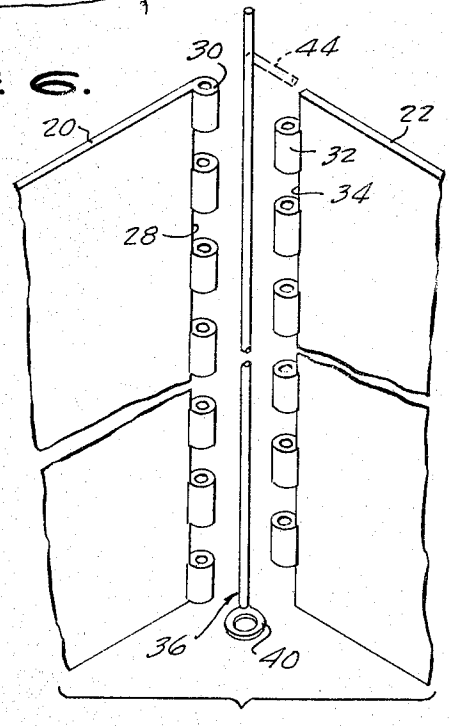
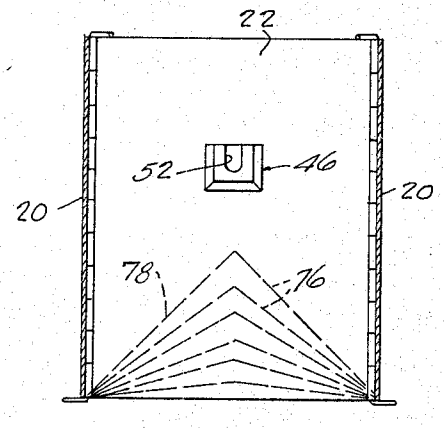


FIG. 7.



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This invention relates to decorative enclosures for house chimneys, and more particularly to an illuminated enclosure of this kind especially, but not exclusively, adapted to be installed on festive occasions, such as Christmas time.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of a highly decorative, cheer-inspiring device of the kind indicated, which is adapted to be installed on a house roof, around an existing chimney, and conceal the chimney while adding to the festive appearance of the house.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a simple, uncomplex, inexpensive, and easily installed device of the character indicated above, which is adapted to be knocked down for compact storage, and which, when installed, is firmly ancored to the roof against displacement by high winds.

In the drawings:

FIGURE 1 is a fragmentary perspective view, showing a device of the invention installed;

FIGURE 2 is an end elevation of FIGURE 1;

FIGURE 3 is an enlarged fragmentary vertical transverse section taken on the line 3—3 of FIGURE 1;

FIGURE 4 is a bottom plan view of FIGURE 1, on a reduced scale;

FIGURE 5 is an enlarged fragmentary inside elevation of a panel of the device;

FIGURE 6 is an enlarged, contracted, and exploded fragmentary perspective view, showing adjacent panels and the hinge means for connecting the same;

FIGURE 7 is a vertical transverse section, taken on the line 7—7 of FIGURE 4, showing hand saw-guide marks on an end panel, adapted to be followed in cutting the lower edges of the end panels to accommodate angled roofs of different pitches; and

FIGURE 8 is an enlarged fragmentary transverse section, taken through a panel, showing indentation of the mortar seams between brick forms.

Referring in detail to the drawings, the numeral **10** generally designates a gable house roof, having oppositely angled surfaces **12**, joined at an apex **14**, upon which a device **16** of the invention is shown installed spacedly around an existing chimney **18**, centered on the apex **14**.

The device **16** comprises similar rectangular side panels **20** and similar rectangular end panels **22**, these panels being made of any suitable materials, preferably relatively rigid plastic. The outer surfaces of the panels are decorated, by any suitable means, such as brick forms **24**, separated by indented mortar seams **26**. In a preferable arrangement, the panels are formed of translucent material, with the brick forms **24** applied to the outer surfaces thereof, as shown in FIGURE 8, the brick forms being spaced from each other by the mortar seams, so that light within the interior of the device comes clearly through the translucent mortar seams. The length and height of the panels of the device are determined by the length and height of the chimney **18**, and are of such height that the top of the device **16** is spaced below the upper part of the chimney, as shown in FIGURES 1 and 2, and the panels are equally spaced from the sides and ends of the chimney **18**, when installed.

The panels are formed, along their end edges **28**, with vertically spaced, laterally inwardly extending hinge barrels **30** on the side panels **20**, and **32**, on the end edges **34**, of the end panels **22**, these hinge barrels being positioned so as to be interdigitated and traversed by vertical hinge pins **36**, to form strong and accurately aligned piano hinges **38**.

The hinge pins **36** have enlarged angled ears **40**, on their lower ends, adapted to bear flatly upon the roof surfaces **12**, through which screws **42**, or the like, are passed and are anchored to the roof. Upper end portions **44**, of the hinge pins **36** are adapted to be bent down, as indicated in phantom lines in FIGURE 6, against the upper edges of adjacent panels so as to hold the same down in place.

Additional means for holding the enclosure panels in place, and accurately spaced from the sides and ends of the chimney **18**, comprise brackets **46**, fixed in place centrally on the inner surfaces of the panels. The brackets **46** comprise plates **48** rectangular in form, which are formed with centered vertical slots **50** which open to the upper ends of the plates **48**, and have relatively narrow vertical openings **52**, facing the chimney **18**. Removably engaged in the slots **50** are vertical plates **54**, on the outer ends of horizontal cylindrical studs **56**, which are of a length that their inner ends are spaced from the sides or ends of the chimney **18**, as shown in FIGURE 3.

Tubular retainers **58** are slidably engaged over the studs **56** and have pointed inner ends **60**, adapted to retainably bite into the sides or ends of the chimney **18**. Set screws **62** are threaded, as indicated at **64**, through the side walls of the retainers **58**, against the studs **56**, for holding adjustments of the retainers.

Pendant lamp brackets **66** are clamped, at their upper ends, around the parts of the studs **56**, between the brackets **46** and the retainers **58**, and, at their lower ends, around the bodies **68** of electric lamp bulbs **70**. The lamp bulbs **70** serve to illuminate the spaces between the enclosure panels and the chimney **18**, and to pass light through the translucent mortar seams thereof.

While the lower edges **72** of the side panels **20** are straight and unmutilated, the lower edges of the end panels **22** are formed with downwardly opening V-shaped notches **74**, which accommodate the angled roof surfaces **12** and the apex **14** of the roof **10**. As shwn in FIGURE 7, the inner surfaces of the end panels **22** are marked, as indicated at **76**, with a plurality of vertically spaced V-shaped hand saw guide lines **78**, pitched at different angles to enable sawing the notches required for roofs of different pitches.

The enclosure panels **20** and **22** are surmounted by a rectangular horizontal tubular frame **80**, which, at equally spaced intervals therearound, is provided with upstanding lamp bulb sockets **82**, in which lamp bulbs **84** are engaged, and are connected, in suitable manner, to wires **85**, extending through the frame **80**, and leading to an available electrical outlet (not shown), to which the lamp bulbs **70** are also connected.

Fixed to the frame **80**, between the bulb sockets **82** are downwardly extending spring clips **86**, having opposed resilient legs **88** biased toward each other, for grouping upper edge portions of the enclosure panels, as shown in FIGURE 3, the legs **88** having lateral portions **90**, on their upper ends, which together form stops for engagement with the upper edges of the related panels.

The brick forms **24** may be of different and contrasting colors or may be all of the same color, and the brick forms may be replaced by areas of other shapes and sizes, and be either opaque or translucent, the decorative designs on the panels being a matter of choice.

What is claimed is:

1. In combination, a roof, a chimney upstanding on the roof, said roof having surfaces adjacent to the chimney, an enclosure resting upon roof surfaces and spacedly

surrounding the chimney, and means securing the enclosure to the roof, said enclosure being composed of side panels and end panels, spaced from the sides and the ends of the chimney, horizontal studs secured to the inner surfaces of said panels, and tubular retainers adjustably-supported on said studs and engaged with the related surfaces of the chimney.

2. The combination according to claim 1 which includes in addition a frame having electric lamp bulb sockets carrying lamp bulbs spaced therearound surmounting the upper edges of the panels.

3. In combination, a roof, a chimney upstanding on the roof, said roof having surfaces adjacent to the chimney, an enclosure resting upon roof surfaces and spacedly surrounding the chimney, and means securing the enclosure to the roof, said enclosure being composed of side panels and end panels, spaced from the sides and the ends of the chimney, centered first brackets secured to inner surfaces of the panels, said first brackets comprising first vertical plates formed with vertical slots opening to the upper ends of the plates, said plates being formed with relatively narrow vertical openings facing the chimney and opening to the upper ends of the plates, second vertical plates slidably engaged in the slots, said second plates having horizontal studs extending inwardly therefrom through said openings, tubular retainers slidably engaged on the studs, said retainers having pointed inner ends retainably engaged with related surfaces of the chimney, and set screws threaded through the side walls of the retainers and engaged with the studs.

4. In combination, a roof, a chimney upstanding on the roof, said roof having surfaces adjacent to the chimney, an enclosure resting upon roof surfaces and spacedly surrounding the chimney, and means securing the enclosure to the roof, said enclosure being composed of side panels and end panels, spaced from the sides and the ends of the chimney, centered first brackets secured to inner surfaces of the panels, said first brackets comprising first vertical plates formed with vertical slots opening to the upper ends of the plates, said plates being formed with relatively narrow vertical openings facing the chimney and opening to the upper ends of the plates, second vertical plates slidably engaged in the slots, said second plates having horizontal studs extending inwardly therefrom through said openings, tubular retainers slidably

engaged on the studs, said retainers having pointed inner ends retainably engaged with related surface of the chimney, and set screws threaded through the side walls of the retainers and engaged with the studs, and electric lamps carried by the studs.

5. In combination, a roof, a chimney upstanding on the roof, said roof having surfaces adjacent to the chimney, an enclosure resting upon roof surfaces and spacedly surrounding the chimney, and means securing the enclosure to the roof, said enclosure being composed of side panels and end panels, spaced from the sides and the ends of the chimney, said panels having upper edges, a rectangular frame registered with and coinciding with the upper edges of the panels, said frame having electric lamp bulb sockets spaced therearound containing lamp bulbs, and means removably securing the frame to the upper edges of said panels.

6. In combination, a roof, a chimney upstanding on the roof, said roof having surfaces adjacent to the chimney, an enclosure resting upon roof surfaces and spacedly surrounding the chimney, and means securing the enclosure to the roof, said enclosure being composed of side panels and end panels, spaced from the sides and the ends of the chimney, said panels having upper edges, a rectangular frame registered with and coinciding with the upper edges of the panels, said frame having electric lamp bulb sockets spaced therearound containing lamp bulbs, and means removably securing the frame in place, said means comprising downwardly extending spring clips fixed to the frame and removably engaged over the upper edges of the panels.

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