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Fig. I.

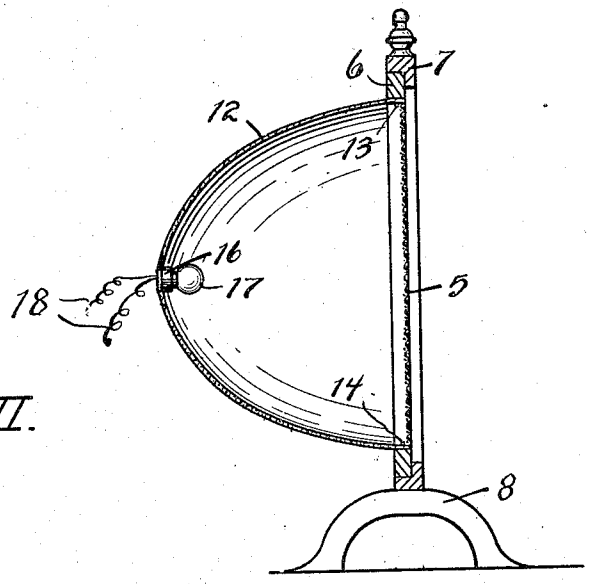


Fig. II.

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This invention relates to improvements in fire place screens and has particular reference to an ornamental screen to be placed in front of a fire place or in any other place where it is desired to give a decorative effect or the effect of fire burning behind a decorative screen in counter distinction with the ordinary wire screen now employed in front of fire places, to prevent the flying of sparks.

A further object is to produce a screen which will give a pleasing effect, not only when in front of the fire, but when moved to one side as is customary when sitting in front of a fire place.

A further object is to produce a screen wherein various decorative panels may be interchanged one with the other.

Another object is to produce a screen which is economical to manufacture and therefore well within the purchase price of the average user, and a screen which can be used in the daytime for realizing an attractive illuminated effect.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure I is a front elevation of my improved screen, Figure II is a vertical cross section of Figure I.

Fire screens are employed for two reasons, one being to prevent the flying of sparks out of the fire place and the other being to cover the unsightly appearance of the fire place when not being used. Heretofore it has been common to employ ordinary wire which wire was formed into proper shape so as to be self-supporting and with possibly a few handles or filigree work secured thereto. These screens soon become smoked and consequently nearly as unsightly as the fire place itself.

Applicant has produced a new form of screen wherein a fabric is painted with various highly decorative colors so as to produce a pleasing design. This fabric is in turn secured in a frame and this frame is further secured in a supporting frame having legs contacting the floor and in order to evenly illuminate this screen while the same is in front of the fire or some other place in the room, I have provided an illuminating means preferably consisting of an electric bulb and a reflecting service. This reflecting service is preferably made of a fabric through which the light will also pass. This permits the use of a screen in front of the fire place at which time the electric bulb is not illuminated, but the illumination of the fire passes through the reflector and also through the decorative panel.

Referring to the drawings, numeral 5 designates a fabric which is decorated in any desired manner as by the painting of a picture or design thereon. This fabric is secured to a frame 6 which frame is in turn mounted in a supporting frame. This supporting frame is secured to legs 8 and 9 spaced from each other as noted in Figure I. An ornamental handle 11 is provided for the purpose of transporting the screen from place to place. At 12 I have shown a reflector preferably formed of a material which will permit the passage of light therethrough such as fabric, parchment or glass. This reflector is removably secured to the frame 6 as by pins 13 and 14. At 16 I have shown a socket within which a bulb 17 may be positioned, the wires 18 serve to conduct an electric current to the bulb 17 in a customary manner.

It will thus be seen that I have produced a structure which will perform all of the objects above set forth.

It is to be understood that the form of my invention herewith shown and described is to be taken as a preferred example of the same and that various changes relative to the material, size, shape and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:—

1. In a fire place screen a fabric panel having a decorative design formed thereon, said material being capable of passing light therethrough for the purpose of illuminating the decoration on said panel, a reflector

formed of translucent material secured to said frame and illuminating means within said reflector.

2. In a fire place screen a supporting frame, a second frame positioned within said supporting frame, a decorative panel secured to said last mentioned frame said decorative panel being translucent, a reflector secured to last mentioned frame, said reflector being made of translucent material and illuminating means positioned within said reflector for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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