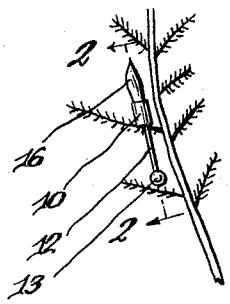
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Fig. 1.



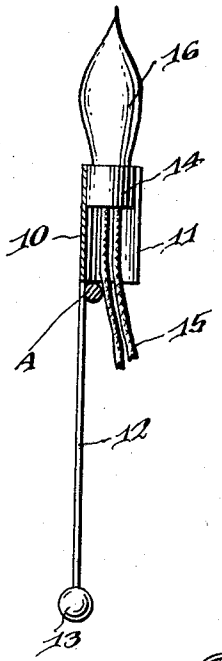
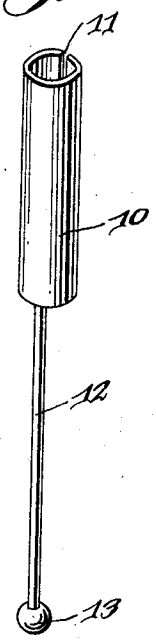


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



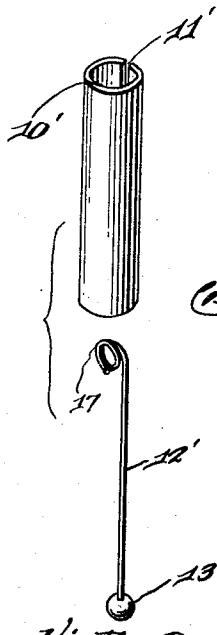


Fig. 4.

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This invention relates to certain novel improvements in holding devices and is particularly adapted to a device for supporting ornamental electric lamps such as are employed on so-called Christmas trees or the like.

The salient object of my invention is to provide a device of the foregoing character in which a socket for ornamental Christmas tree lights or the like may be mounted and to arrange said device in such a manner that it would be counter balanced so as to support the light in a substantially vertical position.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of the foregoing character which will be simple in construction and economical to manufacture.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists in the novel combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention will be best understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, showing the preferred form of construction and in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view depicting a preferred embodiment of my invention located in operative position;

Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view through the device as illustrated in Fig. 1; and

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a preferred form of construction for my holding device; and

Fig. 4 is a view substantially similar to Fig. 3 depicting a modified form of construction.

My improved holder includes a main body portion 10 which is formed substantially cylindrical and which has a slot 11 extending thereacross. This cylindrical body portion 10 may be formed of paper of suitable rigidity or it may be formed of metal or other analogous material. Formed either unitary with the body portion 10 or suitably secured thereto is a downwardly extending leg 12. At the lower end of the leg 12, a weighted member 13 is mounted which is preferably ornamented so as to enhance the appearance thereof and if desired, this weighted member 13 may be made so as to represent ornaments such as are employed on Christmas trees.

The body portion 10 may be arranged so as to embody resiliency such that it will tend to close the slot 11. The socket 14, of any desired type of configuration, is adapted to be mounted in the body portion 10 and the wires 15 directed thereto are passed through the slot 11 so as to be disposed interiorly of the body portion 10 in the manner depicted in Fig. 2. Since the body portion 10 embodies resiliency, it will tend to grip the socket 14 and retain said socket in position. It is to be understood however, that the socket 14 might be retained in the body portion 10 in any other suitable manner and still not depart from the purview of my invention. The lamp 16 is mounted in the socket 14 so as to extend above the body portion 10 in the manner illustrated.

The body portion 10 is mounted on a limb A of a Christmas tree or the like and the leg 12 extends therebelow. This is clearly illustrated in Fig. 1. The weight 13 tends to counter balance the weight of the body portion 10, the socket 14, and the lamp 16, so as to maintain said last mentioned parts in a substantially vertical position. If desired, the stem portion 12 and the outer surface of the body portion 10 may be suitably ornamented so as to enhance the appearance thereof.

It is apparent from the foregoing description that I have provided a device for supporting Christmas tree lights or the like in a substantially vertical position. This device is of simple construction and may be very economically manufactured.

In Fig. 4 I have depicted a modified form of construction wherein the cylindrical body is formed in substantially the same manner as the body 10 and in this view 10′ indicates this modified form of construction. A slot 11′ is provided in the body 10′ and this slot 11′ is substantially similar to the slot 11 and is for the same purpose. In this instance, however, the leg 12 is not formed unitary with the body portion 10 but includes a stem portion 12′ which carries at one end a weight 13′ and which is looped at the opposite end

so as to form a resilient portion indicated by 17 which is adapted to be fitted interiorly of the body 10′ so as to yieldably engage the inner surface thereof. This device functions in substantially the same manner as the device disclosed in Figs. 1 to 3 inclusive.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred form of construction for carrying my invention into effect, this is capable of variation and modification, without departing from the spirit of the invention. I, therefore, do not wish to be limited to the precise details of construction set forth, but desire to avail myself of such variations and modifications as come within the scope of the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

In a device of the character stated, a sleeve having an axially extending slot formed in the periphery thereof, a leg member, a weight at one end of said leg member, said leg member having the opposite end thereof formed to provide a resilient portion whereby said resilient portion may be inserted into one end of said sleeve to permit said leg member to depend therefrom at one side thereof.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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