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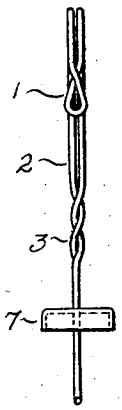
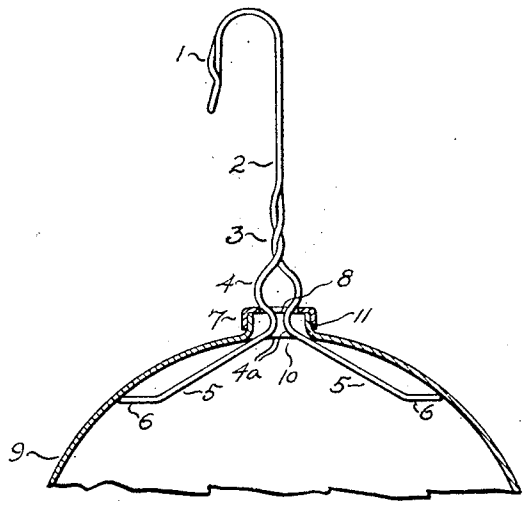


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to Christmas tree ornament supports.

The principal object of the invention is to provide a single device having at one end means for connecting it to the neck of the usual blown glass Christmas tree ornament, and at its other end a hook to hang the ornament to the Christmas tree. I am aware that hooks have been designed to be connected with the small spring loop with which the neck of a Christmas tree ornament is provided, but in many cases this spring loop is lost and there is then no way to connect a supporting hook to the ornament. This disadvantage is overcome by my ornament support which is designed to be connected directly to the glass neck of the ornament.

Other objects of the invention are extreme cheapness of manufacture and facility of operation.

In the drawings accompanying the description,

Fig. 1 is a front view of my support and,

Fig. 2 is a side view of the support in assembled relationship with an ornament.

My support is constructed of light spring material, preferably of thin round wire as shown in the drawings. A single piece of wire is bent at its mid-point and twisted to form a hook 1. The wire on each side of the hook 1 is led side by side to form the shank portion 2. Near the base of the shank portion the two parts of the wire are twisted at 3 and are bent to form the spring loop 4 immediately below this twisted portion 3. This loop terminates at the two shoulders 4*a*. The two ends of the wire below the loop 4 are bent outwardly, these ends each consisting of a straight leg 5 and a shorter leg 6 bent at a slight angle to the leg 5. A light metal cap 7 is placed on the support on the restricted portion formed by the shoulders 4*a* between the loop 4 and the legs 5. A hole 8 is provided in this cap for the reception of the support. This support is adapted to be used with any suitable Christmas tree ornament 9. This ornament is usually provided with an aperture 10 surrounded by an upstanding ring 11.

To assemble the support with the ornament, the legs 5, 5 are forced together against the action of the spring loop 4. The loop 4 and shoulders 4*a* are so constructed that upon the legs 5 being forced together the shoulders 4*a* are enabled to slide past one another. The two ends 6 are then inserted in the aperture 10. The legs 5 are then released and the spring loop 4 will cause these legs to spring apart. Due to the fact that these ends 6 are bent outwardly with respect to the legs 5, upon releasing the legs 5, these ends will engage the sides of the ornament 9 to positively draw the support into place on the ornament. The cap 7 will seat itself on the ring 11. The ornament then can be suspended by the hook member 1, for instance on the branch of a Christmas tree.

This support is very easily and cheaply made and its assembly with an ornament is extremely simple. In its assembled position it presents a neat and finished appearance.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A Christmas tree ornament support comprising a piece of spring material bent to form a hook at its mid-portion, and a spring loop below said hook, the end portions of said piece being bent outwardly below said spring loop.

2. A Christmas tree ornament support comprising a piece of light spring wire bent to form a hook at its mid-portion, a shank on said loop, a spring loop below said shank, the end portions of said piece being bent outwardly below said spring loop.

3. A Christmas tree ornament support comprising a hook member, a shank on said hook member, two outwardly diverging legs resiliently connected to the end of said shank, the end of each of said legs being bent out-

wardly from said legs in the direction of divergence.

4. A Christmas tree ornament support comprising a piece of light spring wire bent to form a hook at its mid-portion, a shank on said hook, a spring loop below said shank, two outwardly diverging legs below said loop, the ends of said legs being bent outwardly in the direction of divergence.

5. A device as set forth in claim 1 in which a light metal cap is provided on said support below said loop.

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