

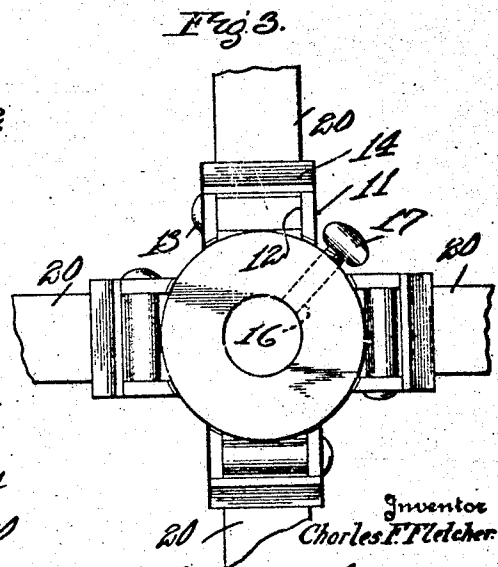
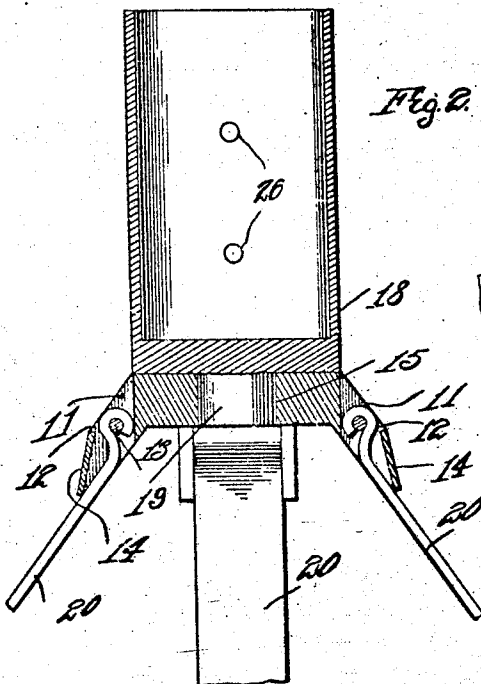
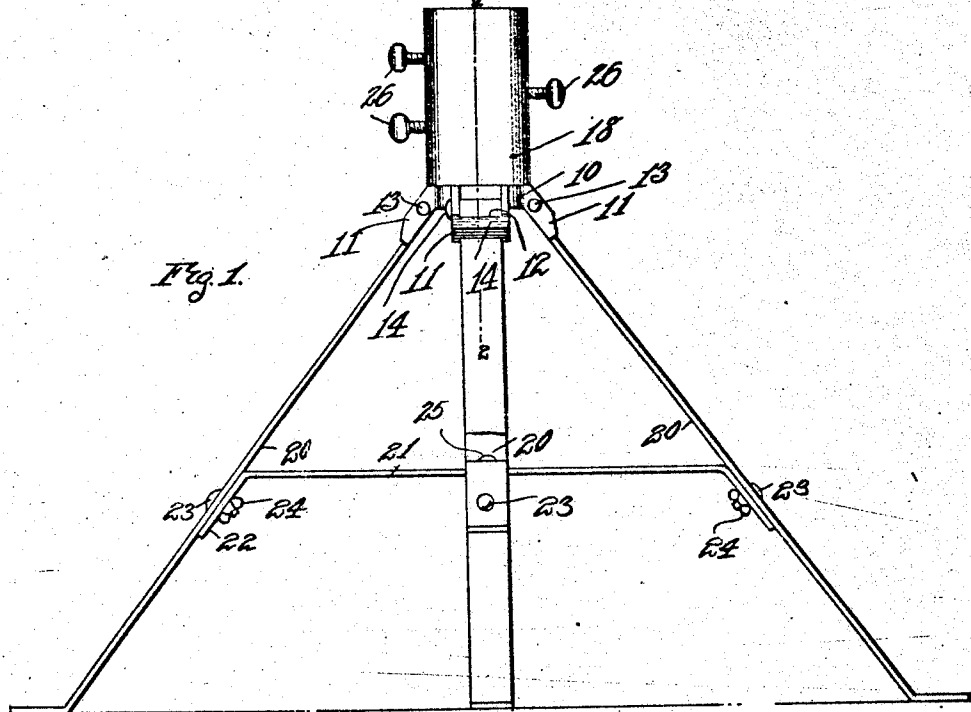
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES F. FLETCHER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Akron, in the county of Summit, State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tree Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in holders and particularly to devices for holding Christmas trees.

One object of the invention is to provide a simple and durable device of this character, and one which can be easily handled, and cheaply manufactured.

Another object is to provide a device of this character which can be more easily fitted to the stub end of the tree than with devices heretofore, by reason of the detachability of the tree trunk receiving socket member.

Another object is to provide a device of this character which can be quickly and easily folded when not in use.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is an elevation of a tree holder made in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional detail view on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a top plan view of the device, the tree holding socket member being removed.

Referring particularly to the accompanying drawing, 10 represents the body of a metal casting which has the radiating and downwardly inclined arms 11, each of which has a rectangular opening 12 therein, and a pivot pin 13 disposed transversely of said opening. A transverse, and longitudinally and outwardly inclined wall 14 is formed at the outer end of each of the arms. In the center of the body of the casting there is formed a vertical opening 15, and formed

transversely of the casting, and intersecting said opening 15, is a threaded opening 16, in which is engaged a binding screw 17. Disposed on the upper face of the casting is the base of the tubular tree trunk receiving socket member 18, and formed on the bottom of this member is a central downwardly extending lug 19, which enters said opening 15, and is held by the engagement of the said screw 17 therewith. Four flat metal legs 20 are provided, and the upper end of each of the legs is rolled around a pivot pin 13, whereby said legs may be folded downwardly, when the device is not in use. Extending between opposite legs are the brace members 21, each having its ends turned downwardly, as at 22, and disposed against the inner faces of said legs, said ends being apertured, as well as the legs, to receive the bolts 23 therethrough, winged nuts 24 being engaged on said bolts to clamp the braces against the legs. The braces 21 are pivotally connected together at their intersection, as indicated at 25, so that when removed they may be folded for storage. Threaded through the sides of the tubular member 18 are the tree trunk engaging screws 26.

It will be noted that when the device is being set up, the walls 14 serve as stops to prevent too great spreading of the legs, thereby permitting the more easy application of the braces 21.

What is claimed is:

A tree holder comprising a centrally apertured base having laterally directed pairs of apertured ears with oblique stop elements extending between individual pairs, a tree trunk receiving socket member disposed on the base and having a central lug seated in the aperture of the base, means carried by the base for releasably holding the lug in the base, supporting legs movably mounted between the pairs of ears and arranged to engage the said stop members, and releasable and foldable members connected with said legs.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

CHARLES F. FLETCHER.