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Fig. 1.

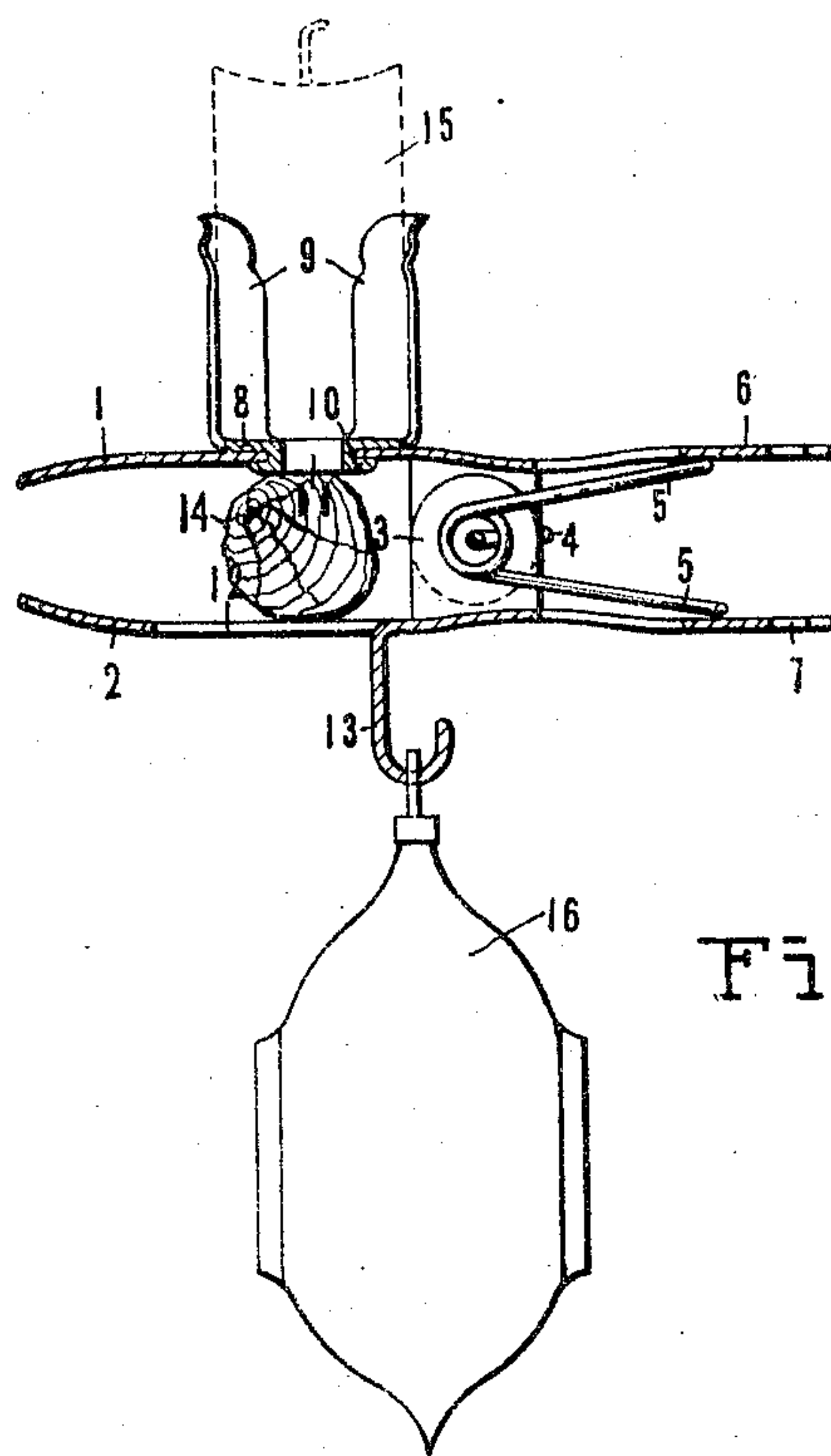
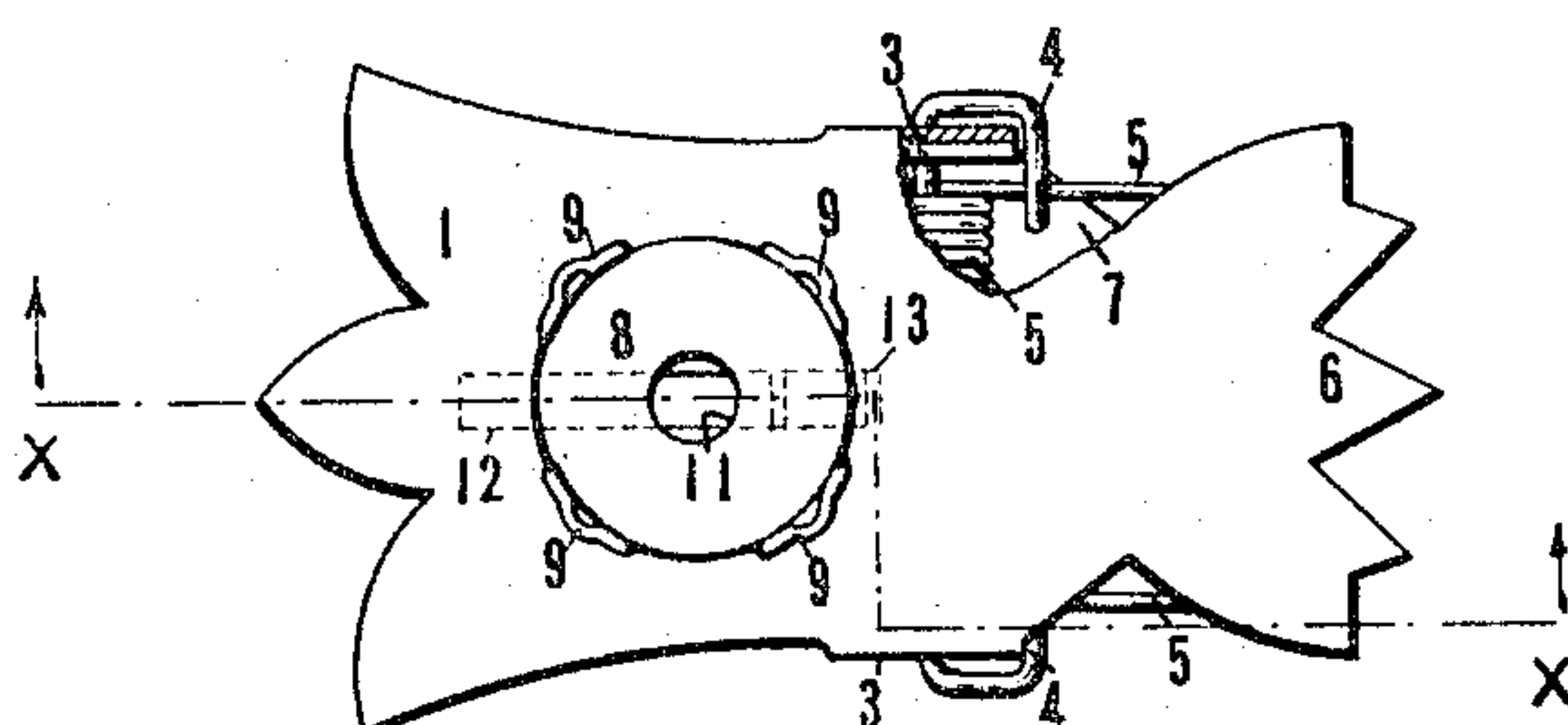


Fig. 2.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HERMAN BERG, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Candle-Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to candle holders and with regard to its more specific features to a device for supporting candles upon Christmas trees or similar objects.

One of the objects thereof is to provide a simple, inexpensive and practical device of this character, adapted to hold a candle securely in upright position upon the tree.

Another object is to provide a device of this character having provision for the suspension of a Christmas tree decoration or similar ornament therefrom.

Other objects will be in part obvious and in part pointed out hereinafter.

The invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combinations of elements and arrangement of parts which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter set forth, and the scope of the application of which will be indicated in the following claims.

In the accompanying drawings wherein is illustrated one of the various possible embodiments of this invention, Figure 1 is a plan view of the device, parts being broken away; Fig. 2 is a section taken on line  $x-x$  of Fig. 1, showing the parts in operative position.

Similar reference characters refer to similar parts throughout both views of the drawings.

It may be noted that if it be attempted to use a candle holder of this character which simply hooks over a branch of the tree, great difficulty will be found in providing that stability which a proper regard for safety demands. On the other hand, from an ornamental point of view, it is very desirable that the candle holder should combine with its features of safety and general utility, a neat and unobtrusive appearance. These objects are effectively attained in a device of the character hereinafter described which may be quickly and securely attached to a tree, without the use of balancing weights or other additional

means for holding it in equilibrium and which, in the construction thereof, provides means for the suspension and support of ornaments such as are frequently used in the decoration of Christmas trees, whereby the general attractive appearance of the device as a whole is greatly enhanced.

Referring to the drawings, the candle holder is shown as comprising a pair of pivoted members 1 and 2, which are stamped from sheet metal and each provided upon the sides thereof with projections 3, which, when bent at substantially right angles to the body portions, overlap each other upon the said members being placed together. A wire 4 passing through said projections or hinges and bent over at the ends in any suitable manner serve to hold the members in pivoted relation to one another. A spring 5, of any suitable form, is secured about the pivot wire 4 and forces the finger pieces 6 and 7 of the members apart, whereupon the opposite ends of the said members press together and grip therebetween the branch 14 or other object upon which it is desired to support the candle. The upper member 1 is provided with a socket 8 adapted to hold a candle 15 comprising a piece of metal stamping, having upturned fingers 9 for holding the candle and further provided with a neck-like portion 10 adapted to pass through a hole 11 in the member 1 and to be burred upon the underside thereof. The lower member 2 has an elongated slot 12 formed therein by cutting the metal along three sides of said slot when the member is stamped. The strip 13 thus formed, which is attached to the body of metal at one end of the slot, is bent downwardly substantially at right angles to the member, then the end thereof is bent rearwardly and upwardly to form a hook, from which any suitable decoration as 16 may be suspended.

The operation of the above device, which is largely obvious, is as follows: Upon pressure being applied to the finger pieces 6 and 7, the members 1 and 2 are spaced apart and passed upon either side of a branch of the Christmas tree. By now releasing the finger pieces the spring 5 forces the members together to firmly grip the branch. A candle may now be placed in the socket 8 and an ornament suspended from the hook 13.

It will be seen from the foregoing that this device is well adapted to accomplish,



among others, all of the ends and objects hereinbefore set forth; that it is characterized by great simplicity of structure and may be cheaply made; that the branch is positively gripped and may be released by very simple manipulation of the parts of the holder and that the members themselves may be readily formed in any design to present an artistic appearance.

As many changes could be made in the above construction and many apparently widely different embodiments of this invention could be made without departing from the scope thereof, it is intended that all matter contained in the above description or shown in the accompanying drawings shall be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

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

1. In a device of the character described, in combination, a pair of pivoted members adapted to firmly grasp a branch of a Christmas tree therebetween, and a hook offset from one of said members adapted to hold an ornament in suspension therefrom.

2. In a device of the character described, in combination, a pair of pivoted members adapted to grasp a branch of a Christmas tree therebetween, and a hook formed integral with one of said members and laterally offset with respect thereto adapted to hold a suitable decoration suspended therefrom.

3. In a device of the character described, in combination, a pair of pivoted members adapted to grasp a branch of a Christmas tree, a candle supporting socket secured to

one of said members, the other of said members being provided with a laterally extending hook adapted to hold a suitable decoration in suspension therefrom.

4. In a device of the character described, in combination, a pair of pivoted metal stampings provided with a spring adapted to close them firmly upon a branch of a Christmas tree, said members having extensions adapted to be gripped to spread said members apart, and a hook formed integrally upon one of said members and offset from the body thereof adapted to hold a Christmas tree decoration suspended therefrom.

5. In a device of the character described, in combination, a pair of pivoted metal stampings provided with a spring adapted to close them firmly upon a branch of a Christmas tree, said members having extensions adapted to be gripped to spread said members apart, a hook formed integrally upon one of said members adapted to hold a Christmas tree decoration suspended therefrom, and candle supporting means attached to the other of said members.

6. In a device of the character described, in combination, a spring clip adapted to tightly grip a branch of a Christmas tree, a socket adapted to hold a candle in upright position, and a hook formed by stamping out a portion of said clip and adapted to hold an ornament in suspension therefrom.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses.

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