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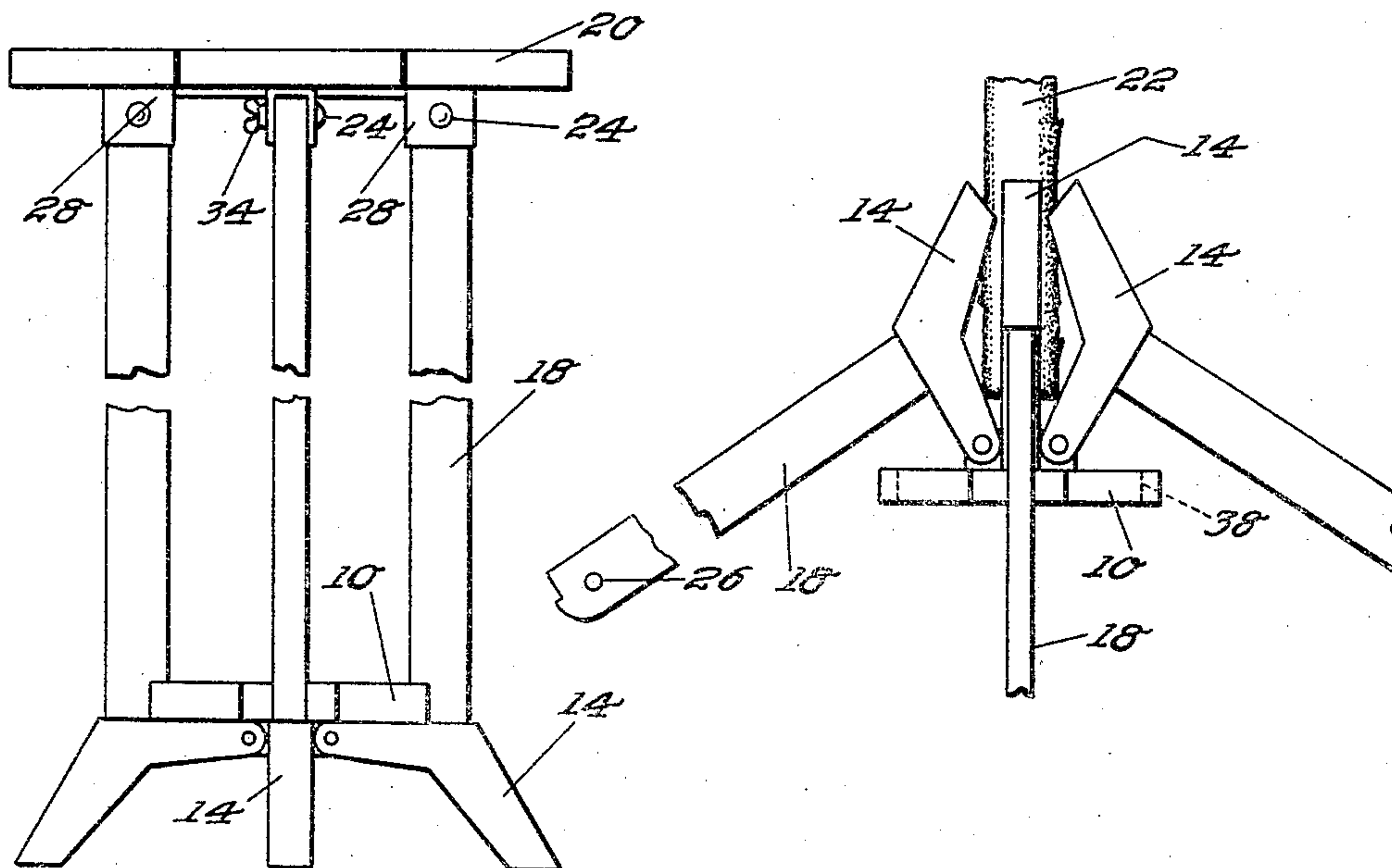


FIG. 2

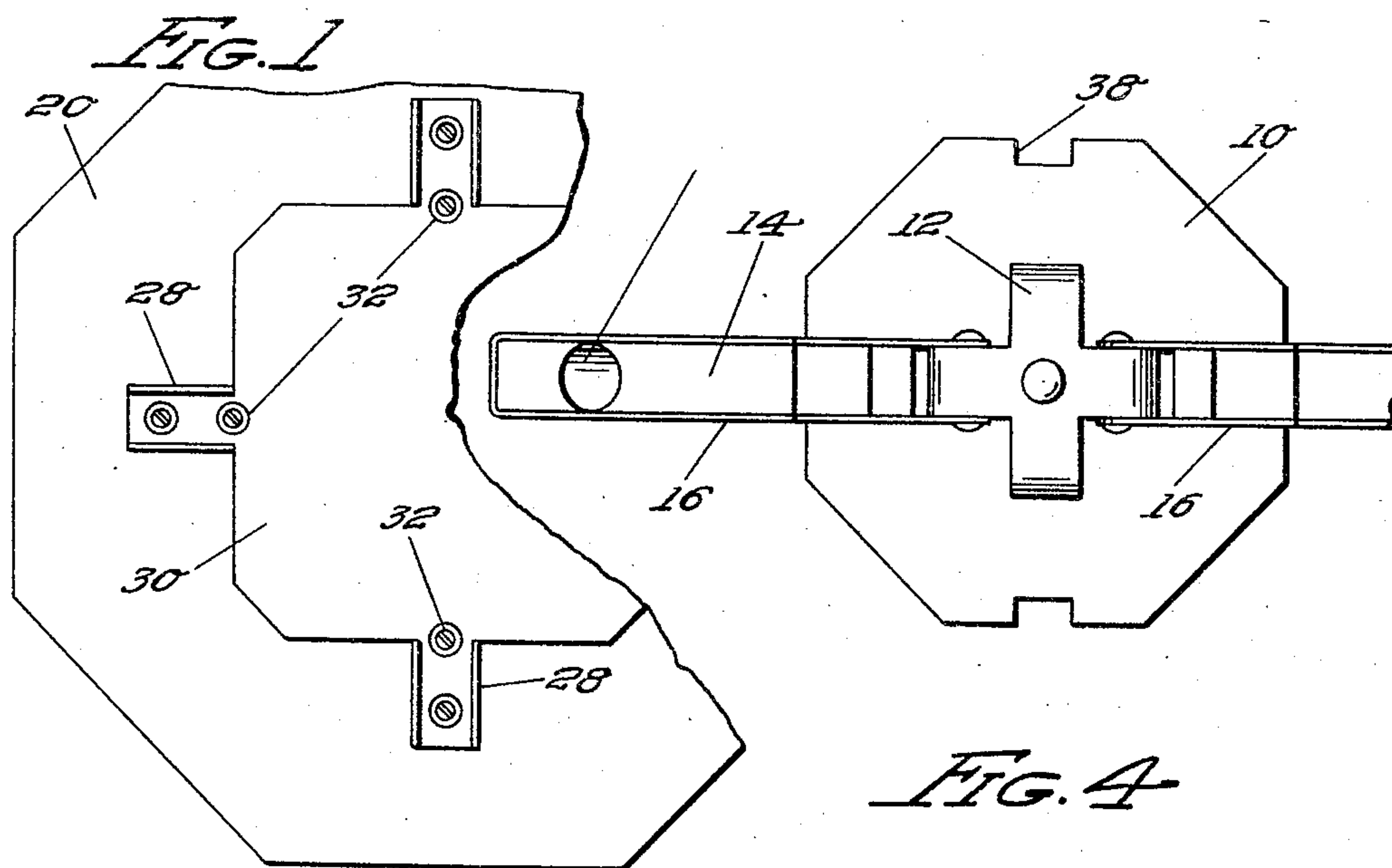


FIG. 4

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FIG. 3

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This invention relates to a combination table and Christmas tree holder, and has for one of its principal objects the provision of an article of furniture which shall be useful during the major portion of the year as a table or stand, and which may be quickly and easily converted into a tree holder at Christmas time.

One of the important objects of this invention is the provision in a combined stand or table and Christmas tree holder of means for properly supporting a Christmas tree or the like in a desired vertical position while at the same time the supporting means is automatically adjustable to various sizes of tree trunks.

Another and still further important object of the invention is the provision in a combination article of furniture of means comprising a stand or support for vases or other objects which support can upon very short notice be converted into a Christmas tree holder which will also prove an attractive article of furniture and which will not be unsightly in any way, while at the same time providing a firm and substantial supporting means for the tree.

Other and further important objects of the invention will be apparent from the disclosures in the accompanying drawing and following specification.

The invention, in a preferred form, is illustrated in the drawing and hereinafter more fully described.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the improved combination stand and Christmas tree holder of this invention, showing the same used as a stand.

Figure 2 illustrates the device with the top removed and inverted so as to be used as a Christmas tree holder.

Figure 3 is a bottom plan view of the top of the table or stand, portions being broken away.

Figure 4 is a bottom view of the stand, showing the top removed therefrom, and with two of the legs also removed so as to more clearly show the construction.

As shown in the drawing:

The reference numeral 10 indicates generally what might be termed a base element for the improved combination stand and tree support of this invention, this base being provided on its inside with a supporting element or the like as shown at 12, and comprising essentially a block having a plurality of integral extensions, preferably four in number as best shown in Figure 4.

Pivotaly mounted to each of the extensions of the block 12 is a leg or the like 14, each of these legs comprising essentially an angularly shaped element as best illustrated in Figures 1 or 2, which may be formed of wood, metal or some other suitable material, but preferably composed of wood with a side covering of metal as shown at 16.

Attached to each of these angularly shaped legs is an extension 18, these extensions being adapted when placed in vertical position to support the table top or the like 20, and when placed in an angular position as shown in Figure 2, they act as supporting braces or extending legs whereby a Christmas tree or the like 22 is maintained in proper vertical position.

It will be noted that the arrangement of the legs 14—18 with the attached base element 10 is reversed when the device is used as a tree support, and a groove is formed in the outer end of each of the leg members 14 so that a more accurate conforming to the contour of the tree trunk 22 results with an accordingly adequate support.

When the device is to be used as a table or stand, the top 20 is fastened in position with respect to the upper ends of the extensions 18, which extensions are then in vertical position as shown in Figure 1, the connection between the ends of the members 18 and the table top 20 being accomplished by passing suitable bolts or the like 24 through openings 26 in the ends of the members 18, these bolts being also passed through corresponding openings in downward extensions 28 of a plate 30 which is mounted on the bottom face of the table top, this being maintained in position by means of screws or the like 32. Wing nuts 34 are used on the ends of the



bolts 24 so that a removable yet positive connection between the table top and the extensions 18 can be readily made.

In order to assure a more accurate positioning of the leg elements 14—18 with respect to the base 10, notches 38 are formed in the periphery of the base into which corresponding portions of the extensions 18 are adapted to be fitted when the same are in vertical position. This provides a more securely braced structure, and one which will not be liable to sagging or deformation even under considerable stress or strain.

It will be evident that herein is provided an article of furniture which combines all the advantages of a very attractive table or stand with the more useful features of a readily available and automatically adjustable Christmas tree stand. The device can be used as an ordinary article of furniture for the major portion of the time, and when the Christmas season approaches, it can be converted without use of tools into a reliable tree support practically immediately, and any annoyance and delay due to searching for last year's support or obtaining a new one is positively eliminated.

I am aware that many changes may be made and numerous details of construction varied throughout a wide range without departing from the principles of this invention, and I, therefore, do not propose limiting the patent granted hereon otherwise than as necessitated by the prior art.

I claim as my invention:

1. A combination stand including a base, supporting legs pivotally mounted on the base, extensions for the legs, and a top removably mounted on the extensions.

2. A combination stand, including a base, supporting legs pivotally mounted on the base, extensions for the legs, and a top removably mounted on the extensions, said removable mounting comprising bolts and wing nuts extending through openings in the extensions and correspondingly openings in the top.

3. A combination stand, including a base, supporting legs pivotally mounted on the base, extensions for the legs, and a top removably mounted on the extensions, together with bracing means for rigidly positioning the combined supporting legs and extensions with respect to the base and to the top.

4. A combination stand, including a base, supporting legs pivotally mounted on the base, extensions for the legs, and a top removably mounted on the extensions, together with bracing means for rigidly positioning the combined supporting legs and extensions with respect to the base and to the top, said brace means comprising downwardly extending legs on the top, said legs having openings therein adapted to be aligned with the corresponding openings in the ends of the

extensions, and bolts adapted to be passed through said openings.

5. A combination stand, including a base, supporting legs pivotally mounted on the base, extensions for the legs, and a top removably mounted on the extensions, together with bracing means for rigidly positioning the combined supporting legs and extensions with respect to the base and to the top, said brace means comprising downwardly extending legs on the top, said legs having openings therein adapted to be aligned with the corresponding openings in the ends of the extensions, and bolts adapted to be passed through said openings, the base having notches in the periphery thereof for reception of corresponding portions of the extensions of the supporting legs.

6. A combination stand, including a base, supporting legs pivotally mounted on the base, extensions for the legs, and a top removably mounted on the extensions, together with reinforced metal connections between the top, the base, and corresponding portions of the legs and extensions.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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