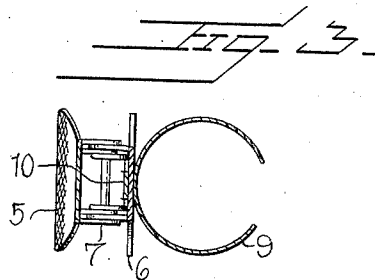
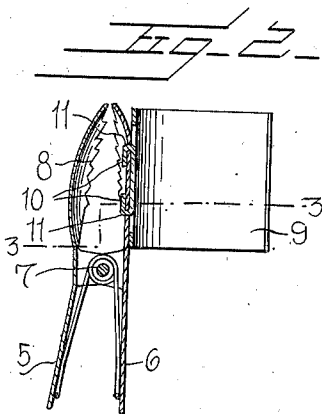
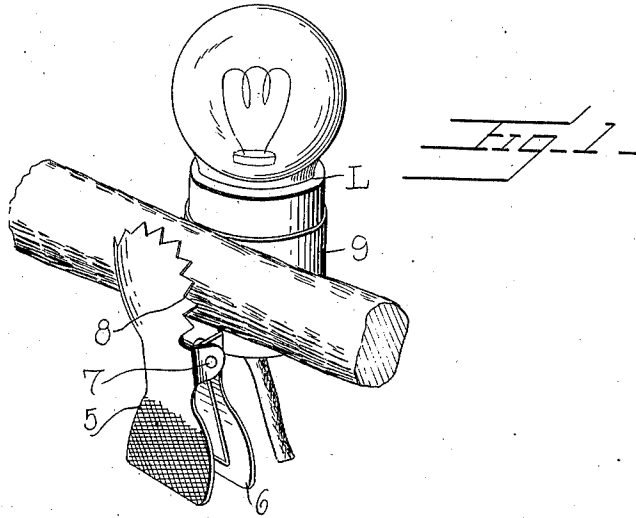


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HERMAN HAUSSMANN and GUS CHARLES KIESLING, citizens of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Electric-Lamp Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to an electric lamp holder, and has for its primary object to provide a device whereby electric lamps may be readily attached to the branches of a tree or to other objects which it is desired to illuminate.

It is another and more particular object of the invention to provide a lamp holder particularly designed for use upon Christmas trees, and embodying a clamp for detachable engagement with the branch of the tree, and a resilient holder to receive the lamp socket attached to one part of the clamp.

It is one of the detail objects of the invention to provide improved means for easily and quickly, as well as securely attaching the socket holder to the clamp.

And it is a further general object of our invention to provide a device for the above purpose which is exceedingly simple, as well as strong and durable in its construction, highly serviceable and convenient in practical use, and which can be manufactured at relatively small cost.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in the improved combination, construction and relative arrangement of the several parts as will be hereinafter more fully described, subsequently claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, and wherein:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of our improved electric lamp holder showing the same attached to the branch of a tree;

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view; and

Fig. 3 is a section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Referring in detail to the drawing, 5 and 6 respectively indicate the two parts of a clamp which are preferably provided intermediate of their ends and upon their longitudinal edges with laterally projecting ears pivotally connected as at 7. These clamping members or plates at one of their ends

are slightly dished or concaved and provided with the serrated or toothed edges 8. These latter toothed edges of the clamping members are normally held yieldingly in engagement with each other by a suitable spring interposed between the members 5 and 6 at their opposite ends.

9 designates a resilient sheet metal socket receiving band which is normally of substantially circular form, and has its end edges slightly spaced apart as clearly shown in Fig. 3. This band intermediate of its ends is provided with the transversely spaced tongues 10 which are struck outwardly from the body of the band 9.

The clamping member 6 is provided in its dished or concaved end portion with spaced slots 11 through which the respective tongues 10 are engaged. These tongues are then bent upon the inner face of the clamping member toward each other as clearly shown in Fig. 2, whereby the socket engaging band 9 is securely held upon the clamping member against movement relative thereto.

In the use of the device, it will be understood that the jaws of the clamp are opened and said jaws engaged upon opposite sides of the tree branch or other object to which the device is to be attached. Upon releasing the clamp, the jaws are forced into tight, gripping engagement upon the tree branch and the band 9 is thus retained in a vertical position at one side of the branch. The socket of the lamp indicated at L may then be readily forced downwardly in the curved band 9, the opposed portions of said band being forced outwardly so that they will securely clamp upon the opposite sides of the lamp socket. Thus the socket will be retained in its applied position upon the tree branch against liability of accidental displacement. While we have herein referred to our device as primarily designed for the purpose of holding electric lamps, it will be understood that the device may also be used for attaching candles to Christmas trees, and for various other analogous purposes.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, the construction, manner of use and several advantages of our invention will be clearly and fully understood. The improved lamp holder consists of few parts of very simple construction, and provides means for

easily, quickly and securely attaching the lamp in the desired position to the branch of the tree. It will, of course, be manifest that the socket receiving band 9 can be made
5 in various sizes in order to operatively engage different sized lamps. The several parts of the device are likewise susceptible of considerable modification in the form, proportion and relative arrangement there-
10 of and we, therefore, reserve the privilege of adopting all such legitimate changes as may be fairly embodied within the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

We claim:—

15 A holder of the character described including a clamp having relatively movable

jaws, a split resilient clamping band having its medial portion permanently fixed to the outer face of one jaw and in contact therewith, said band being of a width equivalent
20 to the length of the jaw and having its longitudinal axis disposed in parallel relation to the longitudinal axis of said jaw.

In testimony whereof we hereunto affix our signatures in the presence of two wit-
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