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(54) **A DECORATIVE ARTICLE FOR A CHRISTMAS TREE**

(57) A decorative article for a Christmas tree includes an elongate element, at least three ring elements, at least four ribbons, and at least three attachment members. The elongate element comprises a first end and a second end. The ring elements are positioned proximal to the second end of the elongate element. Two of the ring elements are fixedly attached to the second end of the elongate element and a remaining ring element is fixedly

attached to the two ring elements to define a central hollow portion. The four ribbons are positioned on the ring elements proximal to the central hollow portion. The attachment members are positioned at ends of each of the ring elements for detachably attaching the decorative article to the Christmas tree. The ends of each of the ring elements are positioned distal to the second end of the elongate element.

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Description

BACKGROUND

[0001] Festivals are events celebrated by a community based on certain aspects of that community, for example, tradition, religion, etc. As part of the celebration of a festival, families and individuals of a community indulge in decoration, fireworks, preparation of novelties particular to the festival, etc. One such festival of celebration is Christmas. Christmas is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed most commonly on December 25 of every year as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world. Typically, most homes are decorated with the Christmas tree as the center of attraction.

[0002] Traditionally, Christmas trees were adorned with apples, white candy canes, pastries in the shapes of hearts, etc. These were replaced by glass baubles and tin figures that could be hung on trees. The popularity of these decorations made production of decorative articles a trade of highly skilled artisans. Conventionally, such decorative articles were hung by a string or thread. As gifts were placed in the proximity of the Christmas tree, children amuse themselves by running around and carelessly handling decorative articles on the Christmas tree. The decorative articles could thus be plucked easily from the Christmas tree. A decorative article, which can be securely attached to the Christmas tree, is required. Furthermore, a decorative article, which is light and compact, is required.

[0003] Hence, there is a long felt but unresolved need for a decorative article, which can be securely attached to the Christmas tree. Furthermore, there is a need for a decorative article, which is light and compact.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0004] This summary is provided to introduce a selection of concepts in a simplified form that are further disclosed in the detailed description of the invention. This summary is not intended to identify key or essential inventive concepts of the claimed subject matter, nor is it intended for determining the scope of the claimed subject matter.

[0005] The invention disclosed herein addresses the above-mentioned need for a decorative article, which can be securely attached to the Christmas tree. Furthermore, the invention addresses a need for a decorative article, which is light and compact. The decorative article for a Christmas tree, disclosed herein, comprises an elongate element, at least three ring elements, at least four ribbons, and at least three attachment members. The elongate element comprises a first end and a second end. The at least three ring elements are positioned proximal to the second end of the elongate element. Two of the at least three ring elements are fixedly attached to the second end of the elongate element. A remaining ring

element of the at least three ring elements is fixedly attached to the two ring elements to define a central hollow portion. The ribbons are positioned on the at least three ring elements proximal to the central hollow portion. The three attachment members are positioned at ends of each of the at least three ring elements for detachably attaching the decorative article to the Christmas tree. Furthermore, the ends of each of the at least three ring elements are positioned distal to the second end of the elongate element.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0006] The foregoing summary, as well as the following detailed description of the invention, is better understood when read in conjunction with the appended drawings. For the purpose of illustrating the invention, exemplary constructions of the invention are shown in the drawings. However, the invention is not limited to the specific methods and structures disclosed herein. The description of a method step or a structure referenced by a numeral in a drawing is applicable to the description of that method step or structure shown by that same numeral in any subsequent drawing herein.

[0007] FIG. 1 exemplarily illustrates a perspective view of a decorative article 100 for a Christmas tree.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0008] FIG. 1 exemplarily illustrates a perspective view of a decorative article 100 for a Christmas tree. The decorative article 100 for a Christmas tree disclosed herein comprises an elongate element 101, at least three ring elements 102, at least four ribbons 104, and at least three attachment members 105. The elongate element 101 comprises a first end 101a and a second end 101b. In an embodiment, the elongate element 101 and the three ring elements 102 are made of tinsel. As used herein, "tinsel" refers to a type of decorative material that mimics the effect of ice, consisting of thin strips of sparkling material. Tinsel is generally made of plastic and the sparkling material may be of, for example, a golden color, a silver color, glow-in-the-dark colors, etc. The three ring elements 102 are positioned proximal to the second end 101b of the elongate element 101. Two of the at least three ring elements 102 are fixedly attached to the second end 101b of the elongate element 101. A remaining ring element 102 of the at least three ring elements 102 is fixedly attached to the two of the at least two ring elements 102 to define a central hollow portion 103.

[0009] The ribbons 104 are positioned on the ring elements 102 proximal to the central hollow portion 103. In an embodiment, the at least four ribbons 104 are made of, for example, a fabric material, a plastic material, etc., and are of a red color. The ribbons 104 may also be of other colors, for example, blue, green, etc. The attachment members 105 are positioned at ends 102a of each of the three ring elements 102 for detachably attaching

the decorative article **100** to the Christmas tree. In an embodiment, the Christmas tree is, for example, a natural Christmas tree, an artificial Christmas tree, etc. The ends **102a** of each of the ring elements **102** are positioned distal to the second end **101b** of the elongate element **101** as exemplarily illustrated in FIG. 1.

[0010] The foregoing examples have been provided merely for the purpose of explanation and are in no way to be construed as limiting of the decorative article **100**, disclosed herein. While the decorative article **100** have been described with reference to various embodiments, it is understood that the words, which have been used herein, are words of description and illustration, rather than words of limitation. Further, although the decorative article **100**, have been described herein with reference to particular means, materials, and embodiments, the decorative article **100** is not intended to be limited to the particulars disclosed herein; rather, the decorative article **100** extends to all functionally equivalent structures, methods and uses, such as are within the scope of the appended claims. Those skilled in the art, having the benefit of the teachings of this specification, may effect numerous modifications thereto and changes may be made without departing from the scope and spirit of the decorative article **100** disclosed herein in their aspects.

Claims

1. A decorative article **100** for a Christmas tree comprising:
 - an elongate element **101** comprising a first end **101a** and a second end **101b**;
 - at least three ring elements **102** positioned proximal to the second end **101b** of the elongate element **101**, wherein two of the at least three ring elements **102** are fixedly attached to the second end **101b** of the elongate element **101**, and wherein a remaining ring element **102** of the at least three ring elements **102** is fixedly attached to the two of the at least two ring elements **102** to define a central hollow portion **103**;
 - at least four ribbons **104** positioned on the at least three ring elements **102** proximal to the central hollow portion **103**; and
 - at least three attachment members **105** positioned at ends **102a** of each of the at least three ring elements **102** for detachably attaching the decorative article **100** to the Christmas tree, wherein the ends **102a** of each of the at least three ring elements **102** are positioned distal to the second end **101b** of the elongate element **101**.
2. The decorative article **100** of claim 1, wherein the Christmas tree is one of a natural Christmas tree and an artificial Christmas tree.

3. The decorative article **100** of claim 1, wherein the elongate element **101** and the at least three ring elements **102** are of a tinsel material.
4. The decorative article **100** of claim 1, wherein the at least four ribbons **104** are of one of a fabric material and a plastic material.

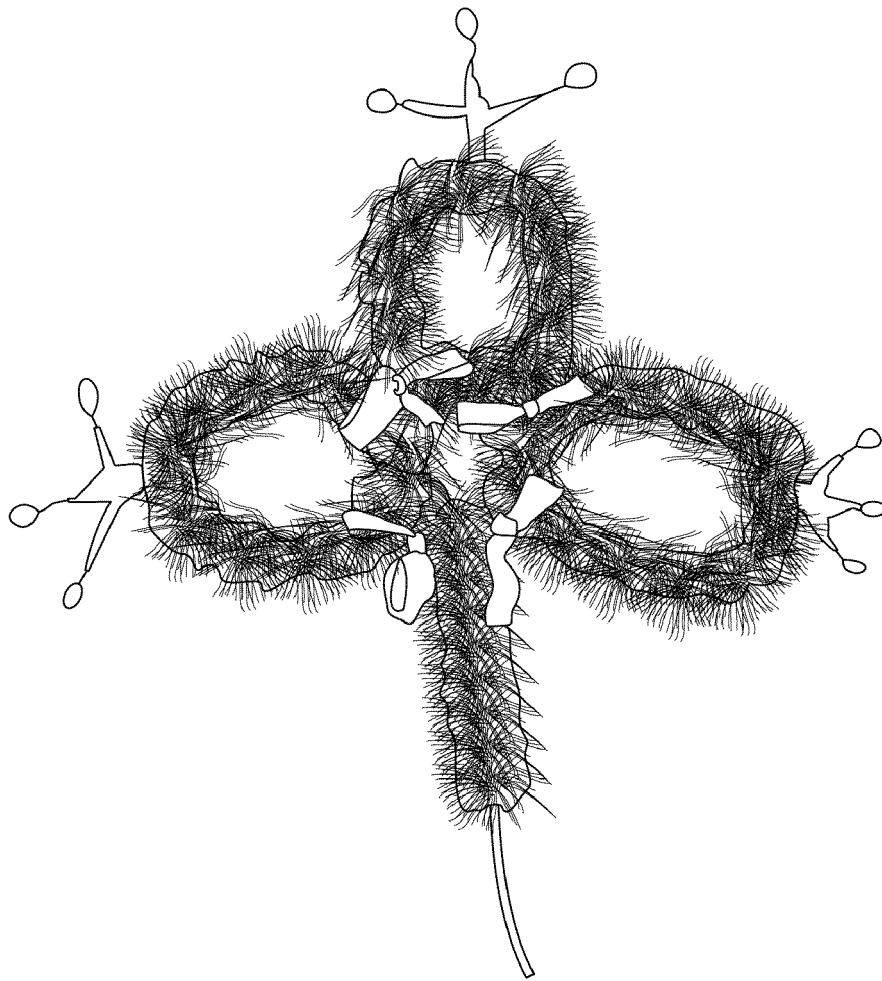


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