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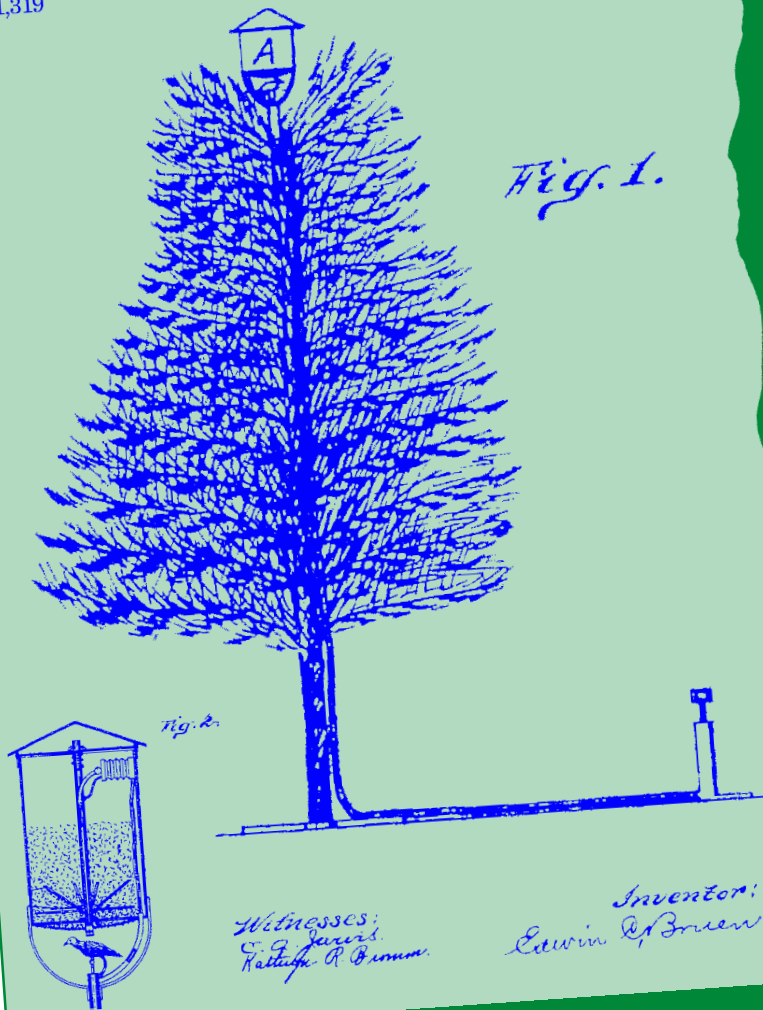
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Be it known that I, Edwin C. Bruen, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and state of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Devices for Producing the Representation of a Snow-Storm.

My invention relates to a novel amusement device particularly designed for use in connection with Christmas trees.

The main feature which characterizes my invention resides in the mechanical means for producing an artificial snow-storm, or in other words the representation of a snow-storm.

In the accompanying drawings illustrating my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a Christmas tree having my invention applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a side view in the elevation and partly in section of the device embodying my invention.

Referring particularly to Figs. 1 and 2, Label A designates a box or receptacle preferably made in the shape of a bird-house. The receptacle A is provided with an upper

crossbar and lower crossbar extending across the interior of the receptacle, and a vertical shaft centrally mounted.

The shaft passes through openings in the crossbars, the openings acting in effect as bearings for the shaft when a rocking motion is imparted as hereinafter described.

Near the lower end of the shaft, a rubber sleeve is keyed to the shaft, and a plurality of rods are fixed to this sleeve and extend radially within the receptacle.

A rubber tube that extends up the trunk of the tree from a floor-mounted air pump is connected to a bellows located inside the top of receptacle A, and the bellows is connected with another tube to the shaft, allowing paper particles representing snow flakes to flow through the tubing and bellows into the shaft, out through the plurality of rods, and, finally, to be distributed above the tree through a pattern of sieve-like holes in the bottom of receptacle A – thereby creating the appearance of a snow-storm encompassing the tree.



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Since so many clients have joined us since we first began this tradition in 1990, we decided that, in addition to our 2002 offering on the first three pages, we wanted to share our previous 12 Christmas Cards as well. So enjoy our journey through Christmases past as we present adapted versions of our previous Christmas Cards in the following pages of this special edition of Asymptote Review.

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