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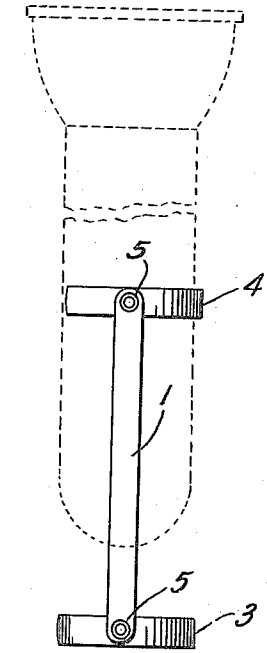


Fig. 1.

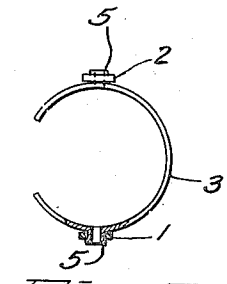


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

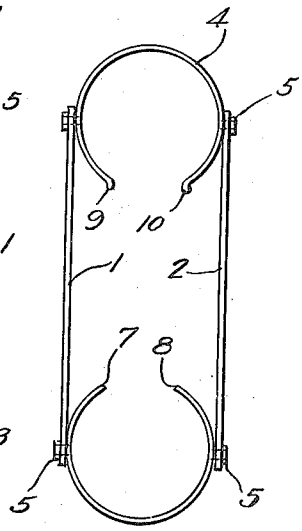


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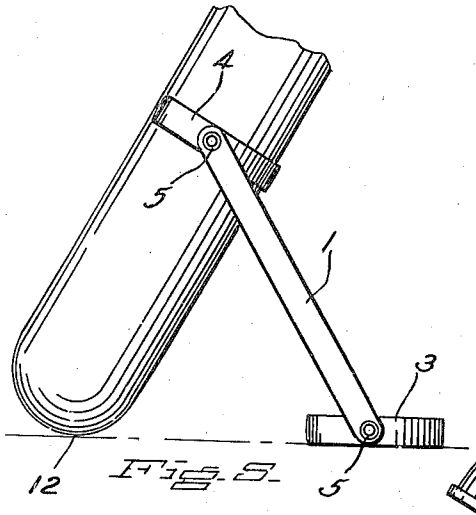


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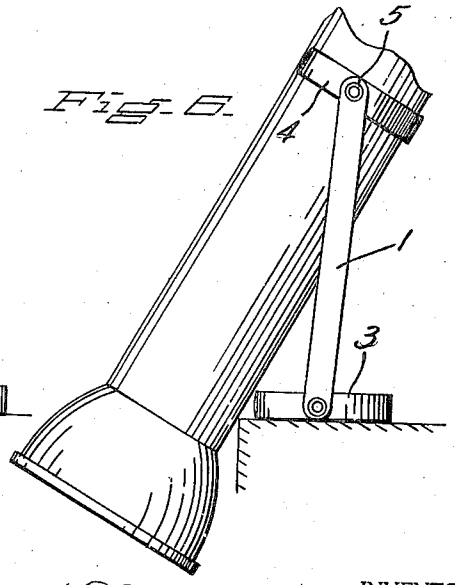


Fig. 6.

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This invention relates to a bracket or holder for a flashlight which can be easily and readily applied to a flashlight casing and removed therefrom, whereupon it can be folded up so as to occupy very little space, thereby adapting it for being carried in the pocket or stored or shipped.

The device is made of metal or other flexible or resilient material that has a considerable degree of rigidity. It requires very little material and can be very economically constructed without any complicated or difficult operations. It will support a flashlight on supports of different sorts such as a floor, table top or the like, or with it a flashlight can be hung upon a nail, etc., or suspended from a finger, button, belt or other objects.

The invention will be understood from the description in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which Fig. 1 is a side view of the device as applied to a flashlight, Fig. 2 is an end view partly in section, Fig. 3 is an edge view of the device in its folded position, Fig. 4 is a corresponding side view, and Figs. 5 and 6 are side views showing the holder adjusted to different positions.

In the drawing, reference characters 1 and 2 indicate straps or arms that are preferably straight and made of metal or other relatively stiff or rigid material. Circularly shaped members 3 and 4 of springy material, such as steel, for example, are connected at diametrical points thereof to the ends of the straps 1 and 2 by means of rivets 5, so that they are frictionally pivoted to these straps, thus enabling them to be adjusted thereon in any position through a complete turn and causing the same to be held in the respective adjusted positions so as to interpose sufficient resistance to further turning and enable the same to stay in adjusted positions under ordinary circumstances but permitting the same to be turned or adjusted when desired to different positions, or even to be folded up as shown in Figs. 3 and 4 for being carried in the pocket or for being stored or shipped.

The rivets 5 may be of the well known sorts, or, as indicated in Fig. 2, they may be made by punching out the metal of the members 3 and 4 and passing the punched-out portion through holes 6 in the straps 1 and 2.

The members 3 and 4 are of the nature of split rings with their ends 7 and 8 separated so that these members can be moved longitudinally along the casings of flashlights of different sizes, or they may be sprung upon flashlights from the side by separating the ends. These members or rings 3 and 4 should extend over at least somewhat more than a semicircle so that they will not become easily detached from flashlight casings by movement laterally of the casings. The ends may be bent outwardly to a slight extent, as shown at 9 and 10 in Fig. 4, to facilitate applying the device to a flashlight casing transversely thereof. The ends of the members 3 and 4 are preferably separated enough not to interfere with the switch or button usually found on flashlights or projecting therefrom when either one of these members is moved longitudinally of the flashlight casing. This bracket or holder can be moved far enough along the casing when it is not in use to be out of the way.

When the device is applied to a flashlight as indicated in Fig. 1, the flashlight can be adjusted to point in different directions in a plane at right angles to the pivots 5, and by turning the member 3 the flashlight can be adjusted to point in various directions in any desired plane.

When the device is adjusted as shown in Fig. 5, the point 12 of the flashlight can be permitted to rest upon the same support as the member 3, thereby providing in effect a support that is at least a three-point support.

The device may even be placed near the edge of the table or other support, as indicated in Fig. 6, to point almost straight downwardly.

What is claimed is:

1. A flashlight bracket comprising a pair of straps of equal lengths and a pair of open ring-shaped members pivoted at diametrically opposite points to the ends of said straps.

2. A flashlight bracket comprising a pair of straps of equal lengths and a pair of open ring-shaped members pivoted at diametrically opposite points to the ends of said straps, said straps and members being all alike in cross section substantially from end to end.

3. A flashlight bracket comprising a pair of straps of equal lengths and a pair of open ring-shaped members pivoted at diametrically opposite points to the ends of said straps, the ends of at least one of said rings extending outwardly.

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