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Fig. 2.

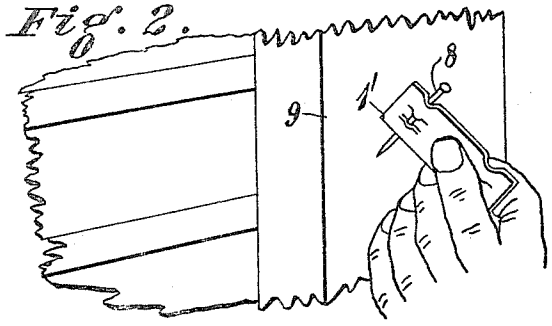


Fig. 1.

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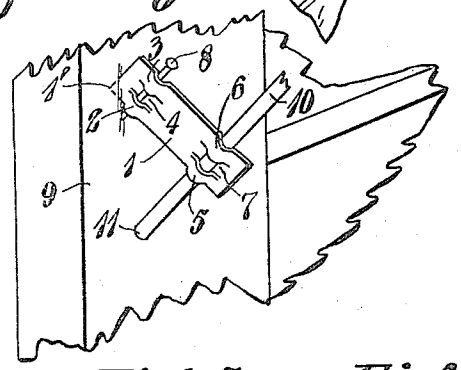


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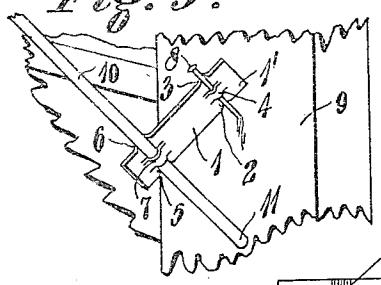


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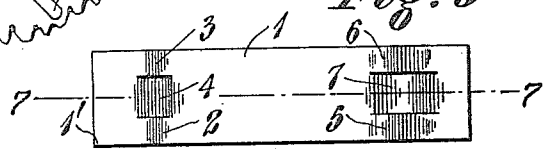


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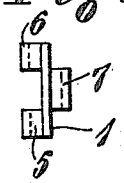
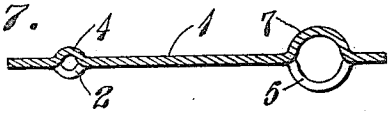


Fig. 7.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, POWEL CROSLEY, Jr., a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Flag-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to supports and fasteners, and its object is to provide an extremely simple device for quickly and conveniently mounting a flag on the side of a building or similar object, and especially for so mounting a flag on a vertical surface.

My invention consists in the combination of parts and in the details of construction and arrangement of parts as will hereinafter be more fully described and claimed.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a general perspective view showing how a flag is mounted in accordance with my invention;

Fig. 2 is a similar view illustrating the convenience of placing the holder in operative position;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view similar to Fig. 1 but looking from the other side of the device, only the lower part being shown;

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 1, only the lower part being shown, and illustrating a slightly different application of the device;

Fig. 5 is an enlarged detail side elevation of the flag holder;

Fig. 6 is an end elevation of the same; and

Fig. 7 is a horizontal cross-section on a plane corresponding to the line 7—7 of Fig. 5.

As illustrated in Fig. 1, the flag holder comprises a flat metal strip 1 of elongated rectangular shape. Near one end this strip 1 has two parallel slits cut in it lengthwise and approximately equi-distant from the middle thereof, whereby for the length of these slits the strip 1 is divided into three parts 2, 3 and 4. The parts 2 and 3 are pressed sidewise in one direction forming two concavities in line across the strip; while the middle part 4 is pressed in a similar manner in the other direction forming a concavity crosswise of the strip in line with those of the parts 2 and 3.

Near the other end of the strip 1 are two parallel slits lengthwise of the strip about equi-distant from the middle thereof, and whereby the strip for the length of these slits is divided into three parts 5, 6 and 7. The parts 5 and 6 are pressed out in one direction and the part 7 in the other direction, in a manner similar to that just described for the parts 2, 3 and 4.

The holder thus constructed is held in one hand, as shown in Fig. 2, with a nail 8 inserted down through the opposed concavities of the strips 2 and 3 on the one side and the strip 4 on the other, and is thus brought with its lower corner 1′, next to the inserted nail, close to the surface, such as the door casing 9, upon which the flag is to be mounted. The nail 8 is then driven firmly into the casing 9 or other object, thus supporting the strip 1 in a downwardly inclined position with the opposed concavities of the parts 5 and 6 on one side and the part 7 on the other open to receive the flag-staff 10 which is inserted down through these concavities until its lower end 11 bears against the surface, such as the casing 9, some distance below the nail 8, as seen in Figs. 1 and 3.

The concavities of the parts 2, 3 and 4 are of such radius that these parts grip the nail 8 firmly, and those of the parts 5, 6 and 7 are so proportioned that these parts grip the flag-staff 10 firmly; it being understood that since the flag-staff 10 is usually of greater diameter than the nail 8, the slits for forming the parts 2, 3 and 4 may be considerably shorter than those for forming the parts 5, 6 and 7. The parts may be driven together to adjust them to smaller flag-staffs.

The nail 8 having been firmly driven into the object 9, and the strip 1 being thus rigidly supported against up and down movement, the projection of the lower end 11 of the flag-staff 10 against the object 9 completes the mounting by preventing sidewise swinging of the strip 1 and the flag-staff 10 held thereby; this being due to the frictional contact of the end 11 with the object 9. It will be understood the nail 8 may be driven at any suitable inclination, inclining the flag accordingly.

This sidewise movement may be further guarded against by driving the corner 1′ into the object 9, as shown in Fig. 4.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A flag holder comprising a single flat elongated strip of metal, having near respective ends pairs of parallel slits lengthwise of said strip and terminating short of said

respective ends, and so located transversely of the strip that the width of said strip for the length of the respective pair of slits is divided into three parts, the middle one of said parts being pressed sidewise in one direction and the other ones of said parts being pressed sidewise in the other direction, whereby opposed concavities are formed opening transversely of the strip, and said strip having a sharp corner at one of said ends, the concavities adjacent to said end being adapted to receive an elongated fastening means down through them in the general direction of projection of said sharp corner, whereby said fastening means and said sharp corner are adapted to be driven into a supporting object to support said strip edgewise thereto, and the concavities near the other end of said strip being adapted to receive a flag staff down through them to rest its lower end against said supporting object, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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