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FIG. 1.

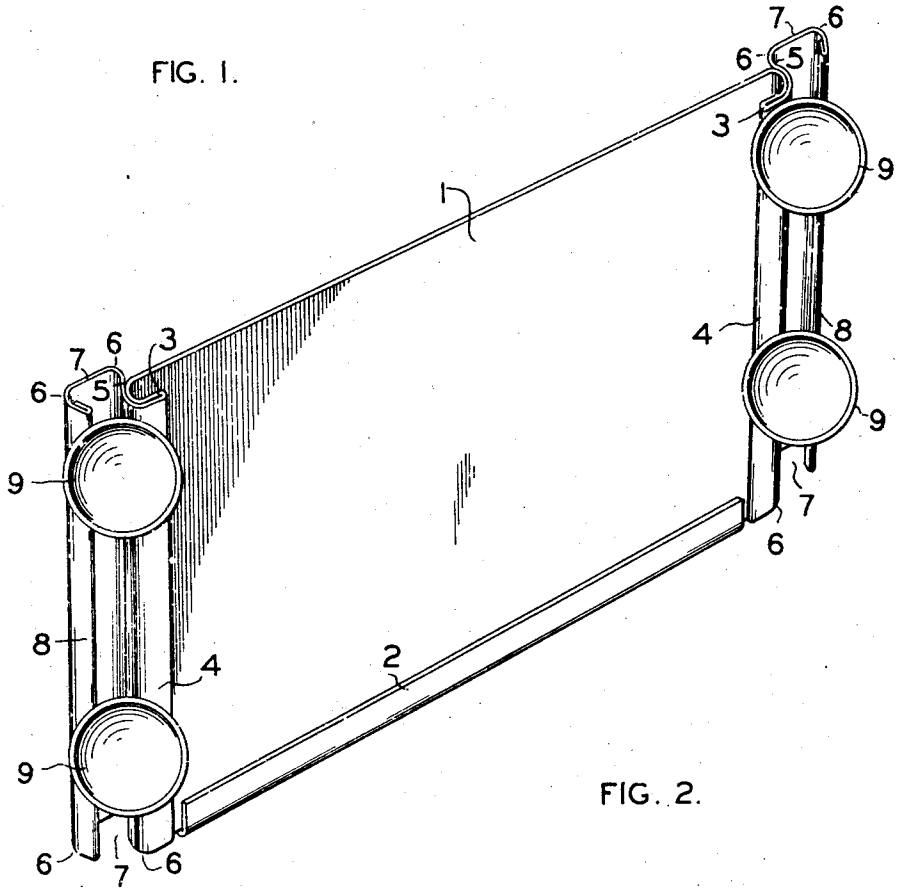
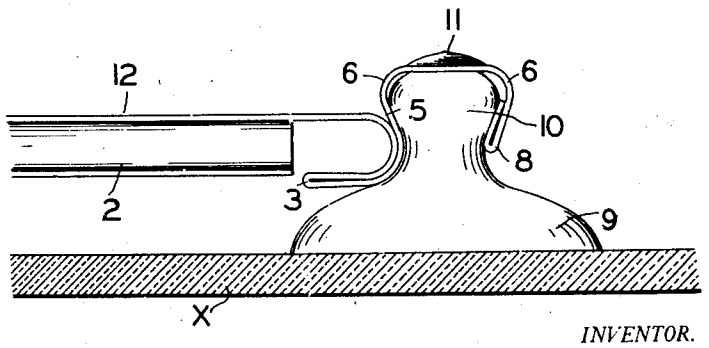


FIG. 2.



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This invention relates to improvements in certificate holders, and more particularly to holders for automobile license certificates, cards, price tags, etc.

Among the objects of the invention is to provide simple, sightly and effective means for detachably attaching a holder to the glass of wind shields, show windows, and the like, for the display of reading matter through the glass.

Another object is to provide a unitary, integral structure free from vibratory parts, so combined and arranged with the attaching means that the holder frame will not contact the glass to which it is attached.

Other objects and advantages will appear as the description progresses.

In this specification and the accompanying drawings the invention is disclosed in its preferred form. It is to be understood, however, that it is not limited to this form because it may be embodied in other forms within the purview of the claims following the description.

In the one sheet of drawings Fig. 1 is a perspective view from in front of a certificate holder constructed in accordance with this invention.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary detail from above showing the manner of attaching the ends of the certificate holder to the glass pane shown in horizontal section.

In detail the construction illustrated in the drawings comprises an integral plate of sheet metal forming the body portion 1. This blank is cut at its opposite lower corners to form a longitudinal extension which is bent outward and back over the lower edge of the body 1 to form the flange 2, within which the lower margin of the certificate is retained.

The ends of the body portion are folded back upon themselves at 3—3. These doubled back ends are then bent outward and back over the ends of the body 1 to form the end flanges 4—4, to retain the end margins of the certificate, which may be inserted into them from above.

The extended ends 5—5 are bent rearward and inward to slightly overhang the back of the plate 1 and are again bent at 6—6, 6—6, to form the channels 7—7 on the opposite ends of the holder.

The extreme ends of the plate are folded back upon themselves to form the flanges 8—8 completing the channels 7—7, and giving a smooth finish to the edges of the holder.

The vacuum cups 9—9 are formed with the stems 10 integral therewith and adapted to fit snugly within the channels 7—7. These cups are preferably four in number arranged adjacent the four corners of the holder.

In addition to the natural expansion of the stems 10, within the channels 7, the bottoms of these channels are provided with the depressions 11—11 to retain the stems 10 in their fixed positions.

The holder 1 is then positioned in front of the glass X and the cups 9—9 forced against the surface of the glass to which they adhere by atmospheric pressure in the usual manner.

The certificate, price tag, or other reading matter printed on a properly shaped card may be inserted before the holder is attached to the glass or it may be slipped into position afterward, from the top, with or without a celluloid protection sheet.

The whole area 12 of the back of the plate 1 is available for advertising matter. Road maps and information cards may be inserted between the overhanging edges at 5—5 within the vehicle.

The vacuum cup attachment to the glass, makes the holder easily detachable, for washing the glass or when the holder is not required.

Various states require touring automobiles to display permits and other legal evidence of their rights, on the windshield. Heretofore these certificates have been pasted to the windshields and become sadly dilapidated, dusty, and illegible after the glass has been wiped a few times.

The present invention provides a uniform, sightly and convenient means for complying with the law where such display is required, without mutilating the vehicle by the attachment of a permanent holder.

Having thus described this invention, what

I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A certificate holder comprising an integral plate of sheet material having its ends folded back upon themselves to form flanges extending over the plane of said plate and open channels at the sides of said holder and attaching means engaging said channels.

2. A certificate holder comprising a plate of sheet material having its ends folded back upon themselves to form flanges extending over the plane of said plate, and open channels at the sides of said holder, and vacuum cups engaging said channels.

3. A certificate holder comprising an integral plate of sheet material having its ends folded back upon themselves to form retaining flanges overhanging the front and rear planes of said plate and open channels at the sides of said holder, and attaching means engaging said channels.

4. A certificate holder comprising an integral plate of sheet material having one edge folded back to form a retaining flange and its ends folded inward over the plane of said plate, and backward lateral to the plane of said plate and attaching means engaging said lateral portions.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 30th day of April, 1930.

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