

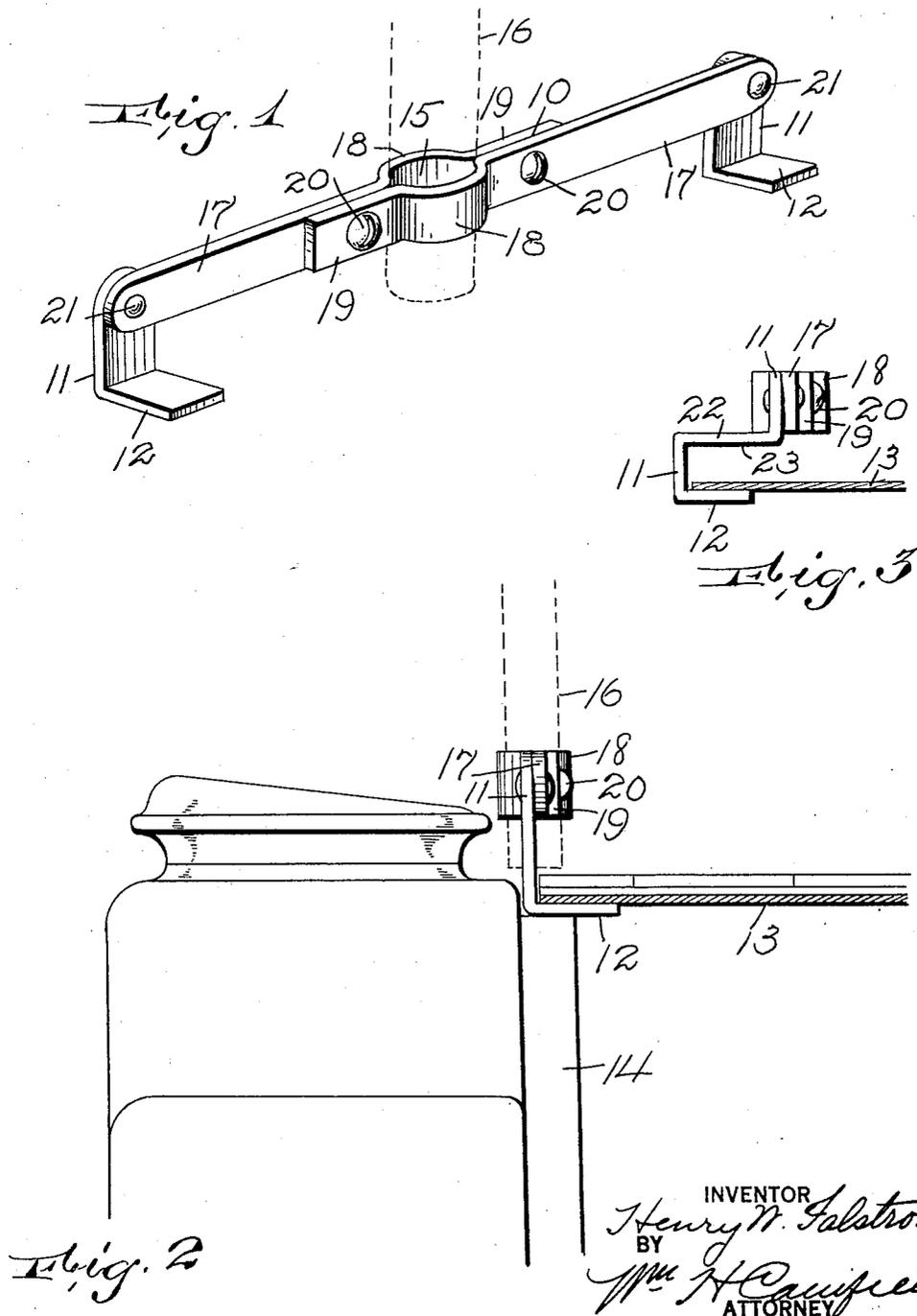
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This invention relates to an improved holder for decorations on an automobile and is designed to be used at the front of the hood and easily attached or detached. The usual form of holder is designed for holding a staff such as used to support a small flag or a placard.

The objects of the invention are to provide a holder secured in place by and beneath the front edge of the hood; to provide a holder that does not interfere with removal of the radiator cap; one that consists of few parts and is simple to manufacture; one that will tilt and is raised when the hood is lifted at one side and is replaced when the hood is lowered thereby requiring no separate handling of the holder and it does not become detached; and one that is firmly held in place and therefore does not rattle or vibrate excessively relative to the car.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which Figure 1 is a perspective view of a holder made according to my invention. Figure 2 is a side view thereof and showing the top part of the radiator and a small section of the hood. Figure 3 is a side view of a holder of modified form.

The invention comprises a cross-bar 10 which serves as a support for a standard or other element, and two clips 11 which have feet 12 that lie under the front edge of the hood 13 and rest on the flange 14 which in all automobiles serves to support the hood 13. Thus when the hood is clamped down the holder is firmly held in place.

The cross arm is preferably made to support a staff as this is the usual ornament support. The cross arm is therefore provided with a central opening 15 in which the staff is clamped. In order to make the cross arm cheaply and to provide a clamping means, I may make the arm of the member 17 each having a recessed part 18 and an extension 19. These parts overlap to bring the recessed parts 18 opposite each other to form the open-

ing 15. The extensions 19 are clamped to the opposite member by screws 20 and thus securely fastened together and also pressed against the staff 16.

It is also desirable to have the arm 10 arranged to rise at the time a hood is raised. To allow this the cross arm 10 is pivoted to one and preferably both clips 11, as at 21. I may make the clips as in Figure 3 with the rearwardly off-set part 22 to carry the cross arm further to the rear of the radiator cap and to provide a surface 23 against which the hood bears when it is raised. Thus the off-set part carries the cross-arm up when the hood is raised and the foot 12 carries the arm down again and reseats it when the hood is lowered. This makes it unnecessary to handle the holder separately. In the form shown in Figures 1 and 2, the hood engages the arm 10 when the hood is raised.

I claim:—

1. The combination of the leaves of a radiator hood, and the supporting flanges therefor, with a holder for decorations comprising a cross arm having clips pivoted to its ends, the clips having rearwardly extending feet and including a rearwardly off-set portion above the feet, the feet being adapted to lie on the flange under the front edge of the leaves of the hood and the off-set part acting to lift the arm when the radiator leaf is lifted to engage said portion.

2. The combination of an automobile hood and its supporting flanges, with a holder comprising a pair of supports having feet to lie under the two leaves of the hood and rest on the flanges, a cross arm pivoted at its ends to the top ends of the feet and including a means at the center to support an article, the feet being free to rise when the leaf of a hood is raised and the cross-arm extending over the leaf to cause the hood to lift the arm when the foot is released by the raising of the leaf, the leaves and the flange forming the sole means for securing the feet in place.

3. A flag holder including a staff-holding member and supporting means therefor, said supporting means comprising a pair of feet arranged in spaced relation and pivotally secured to said staff-holding member, said feet being adapted to lie on either side of an automobile-hood hinge pin for engagement by the hood sections whereby either section may be raised and the staff-holding member will be supported by the foot engaged by the other hood section and the staff-holding member may be pivoted upon the said engaged foot.

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