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ADJUSTABLE SUPPORT FOR FLAGS

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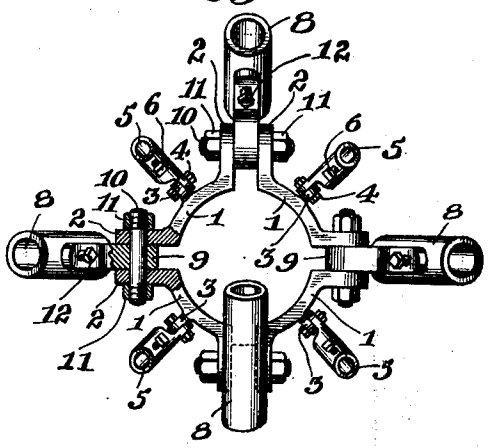


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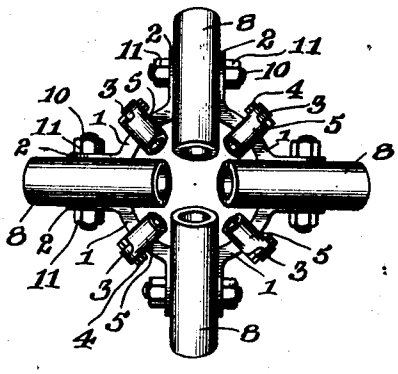


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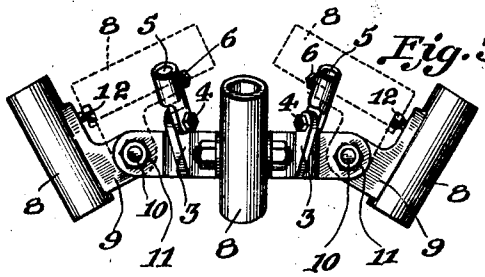


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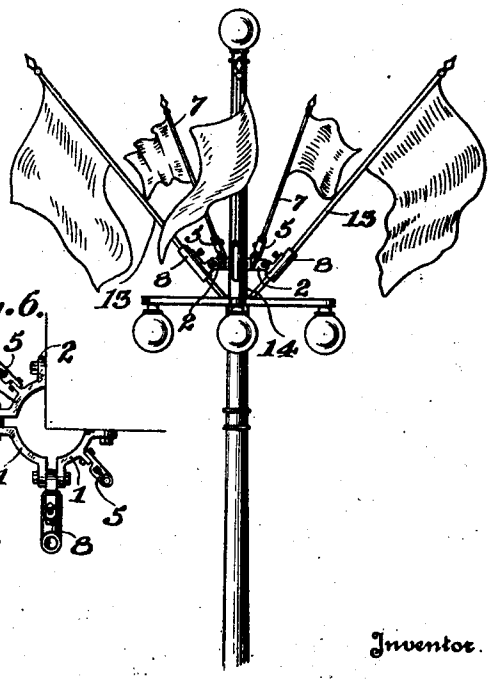


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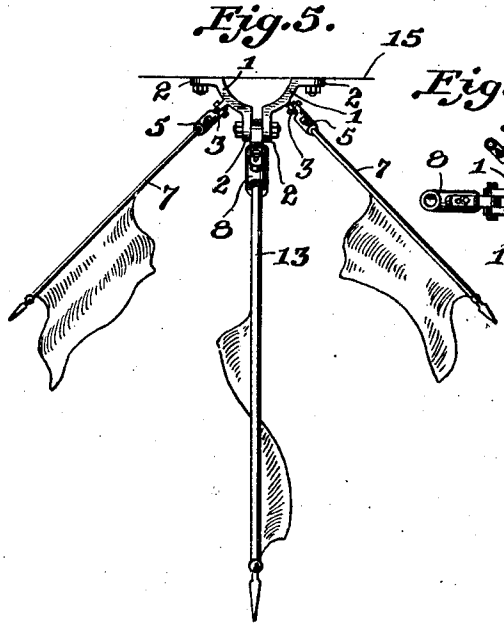


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that JACOB B. BLAW, a citizen of the United States, residing at Atlantic City, in the county of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, has invented certain new and useful Improvements in Adjustable Supports for Flags, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in adjustable supports for flags and has for an object to provide a support that will hold a multiplicity of flags, and wherein the angle of inclination of the several flagstaffs may be changed at will to thereby procure the most artistic effect with the several flags.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a support for a multiplicity of flags or pennants wherein not only may the angle of inclination of the several flags be predetermined, but wherein the support may be readily adjusted to snugly fit the pole or column to which the holder or support is to be attached.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a holder or support for a multiplicity of flags wherein the sockets of the support will accommodate several size flagstaffs so that large flags and small flags will extend from the support and if desired the angle of inclination of the small flags may be different from the angle of inclination of the staffs of the larger flags.

Still another object of the invention is to provide an adjustable support for a multiplicity of flags wherein the support may be snugly arranged about a column, the diameter of which may be accommodated between certain limits, and wherein the sockets for the several flagstaffs may not only be adjusted to suit, but may be also folded inwardly so that the supports when packed for shipment may be nested to thereby occupy but a minimum space.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a support or holder as above outlined and which may be also used to form two separate supports when the supports are to be attached to a plane surface rather than used on a column or standard, or by using three segments the device may be fitted about a corner of a building, and form an efficient holder.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain new and novel arrangements and combination of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claims.

Referring now to the drawings showing my improved adjustable support for flags.

Fig. 1 is a top plan view, partly in section, showing the support and one of the sockets being swung inwardly for the purpose of illustration.

Fig. 2 is a similar view with all the sockets nested or swung inwardly.

Fig. 3 is a side elevation, the dotted line showing the sockets being nested.

Fig. 4 is a perspective showing the support mounted on a column.

Fig. 5 is a top plan view showing how the support may be divided and the halves attached to a plane surface, and

Fig. 6 is a view showing how three segments may be used to form a holder that may be readily secured to a corner of a building.

As may be seen by the several figures, I have provided a support comprising a plurality of segments 1, having the outwardly extending arms 2, while centrally of each segment there is shown an outwardly extending lug 3 which preferably extends slightly upwardly so that this lug may be conveniently drilled for the reception of a bolt 4 which in turn adjustably holds one of the small size sockets 5 which socket is provided with a set screw 6, so that a flagstaff 7, (see Fig. 5) may be held therein.

It will be understood that these four segments are identical and a description of the one is a description of all.

The outer arms 2 are also drilled and the adjacent arms of the segments receive a socket 8 which is of a larger size than the socket 5 and each of these sockets 8 have an integrally cast foot 9 which is drilled for the reception of a bolt 10 and on the opposite ends of this bolt, after the same has been placed through the adjacent arms 2 are secured the nuts 11, or, of course, a headed bolt and nut might be used in each instance.

Extending right through the foot and into the socket 8 is provided a set screw 12, so that a flagstaff 13 may be gripped within the socket and as this socket is hollow

throughout, the flagstaff 13 may be made to rest or bear directly against the column 14 as shown in Fig. 4.

It is not absolutely necessary that the flagstaff extend completely through the sockets and bear against the standard, but in this way rigidity is added to the device as a whole.

When the support is applied to the standard the two separate halves may be placed about the standard and the bolts 10 and 11 applied, and the various sockets 8 adjusted to the desired inclination or, the flagstaffs may be inserted through the sockets 8, arranged as desired and then the flagstaffs forced slightly downwardly through the sockets until they rest against the standard after which the set-screws 12 may tightened.

Although I have not shown any shims or washers between the feet of the sockets 8 and the arms 2, if it is desired to increase the normal diameter of the support as a whole to accommodate a slightly larger diameter standard, it will only be necessary to put shims or washers between the feet and the arms 2 and in this way increase the circumference throughout.

This is so self-evident that the shims or washers are not illustrated in the drawing.

When the supports are packed for shipment, the various nuts 11 will be loosened so that the sockets 8 may be nested, as shown in Fig. 2 and by the dotted line in Fig. 3, and in this way the supports will occupy a far less space than they would if this nesting arrangement were not possible.

In Fig. 5 I have shown how two segments may be used and attached to a plane surface 15 and the other two segments may be likewise used so that in this way the support may be used to support six flags or two pairs of three at two different locations.

Also in Fig. 6 I have shown how by using three segments instead of four the device may be readily attached to a corner or to two angular surfaces.

From the foregoing it will be seen that I have provided an adjustable support for a multiplicity of flags wherein the internal diameter of the support may be changed to accommodate different size standards within certain limits, wherein the angle of inclination of all the flagstaffs may be predetermined or changed and wherein different size flagstaffs may be accommodated so that the cluster will be very artistic in appearance and may be changed, as to angles of inclination, with but little effort.

Furthermore, the support is so arranged that the various sockets may be nested to occupy but a minimum space for shipment and further the support is so arranged that the two halves may be readily attached and form two separate supports when used on a plane surface.

Again I have shown how three segments may be used to form a support that may be used on corners or where two surfaces are substantially at right angles. It will be appreciated therefore that the holder or support provides for universal service and is practically adapted for all conditions for decorative purposes.

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

1. An adjustable support for flags comprising a plurality of segments, means for fastening the segments together, a socket member provided with an aperture extending therethrough with a lug on its outer surface and extending at right angles to said socket member, the lug of the socket member adapted to be clamped between the adjacent ends of two of said segments, the position of the lug on the socket member permitting a flagstaff to extend completely through said socket member and bear against the surface to which the support is secured to thereby brace the said flagstaff.

2. An adjustable support for flags comprising a plurality of segments, the ends of each of the segments extending angularly to their body portion and provided with a hole therein, a socket member provided with an aperture extending therethrough with a foot thereon, said foot extending angularly with relation to the said socket member and provided with an opening, means for holding the segments together and for clamping the foot of the socket member between two of the segments, the position of the lug allowing a flagstaff to be placed within said socket member and permitting the end of the flagstaff to contact with the surface to which the support is secured for further bracing the flagstaff.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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