

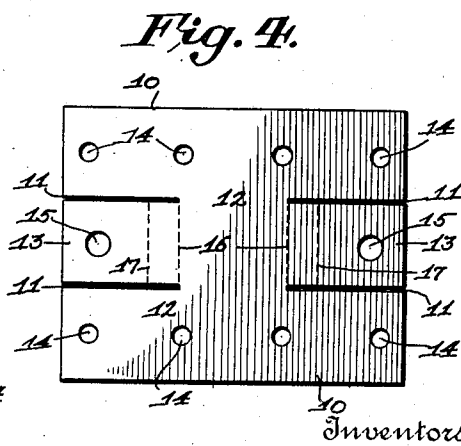
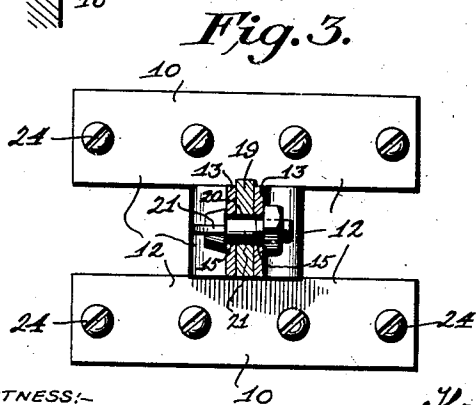
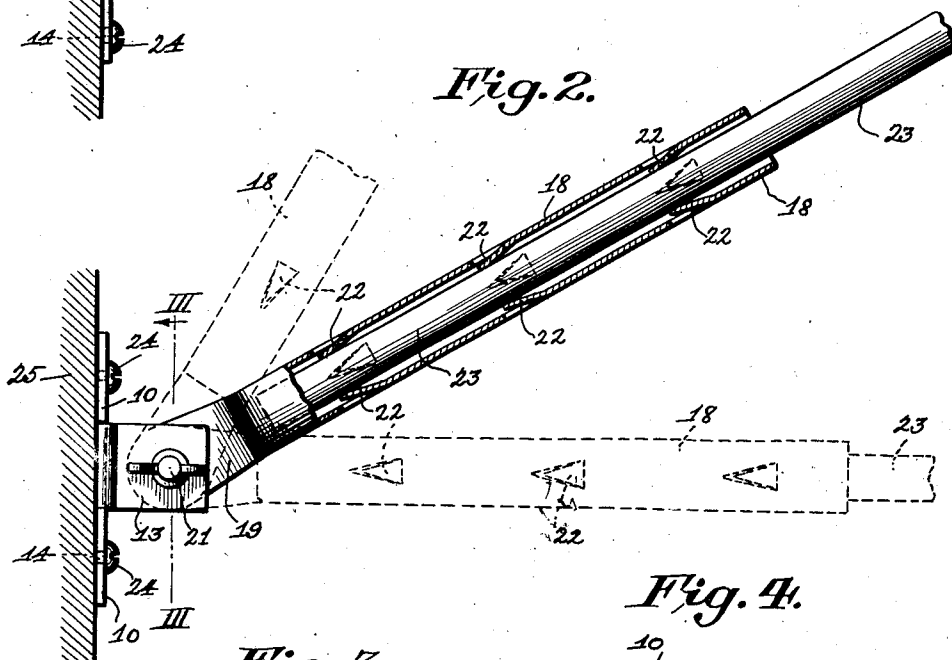
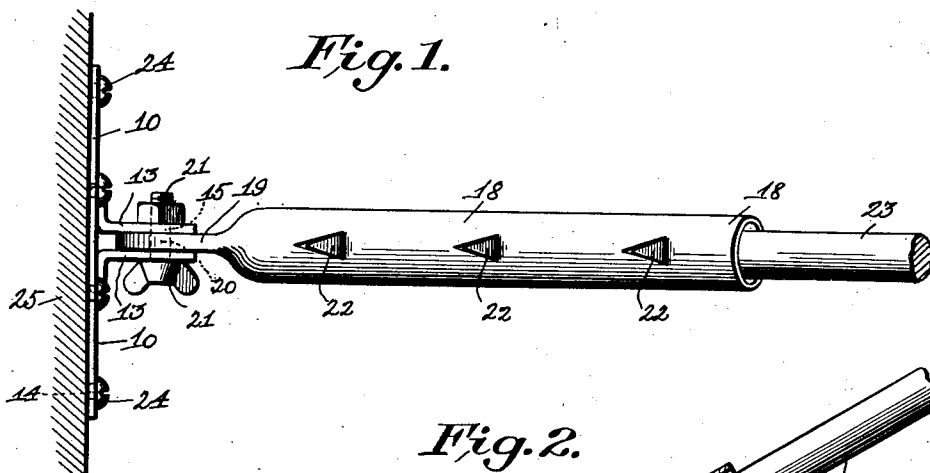
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, THOMAS W. SALTMARSH and HUGH F. GONZALEZ, citizens of the United States, residing at Pensacola, in the county of Escambia and State of Florida, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Adjustable Flag-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to a holder adapted to securely retain and clamp in an adjusted position a flag, banner, sign or any other similar article attached to a staff or pole.

The object of our invention is to provide an adjustable staff or pole holder as above indicated, which will be simple, durable and inexpensive in construction, and at the same time enable any one without special tools or prior experience, to readily and easily attach the same to a building or other structure from which it is desired to display the flag, sign, or other similar article, and properly adjust and rigidly clamp said holder after the same has been attached to the building.

The invention consists of structural characteristics and relative arrangements of elements which will be hereinafter more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the one sheet of drawings in which similar reference characters indicate the same parts in the several figures,

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the adjustable holder.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation, partly in section, of the holder, indicating in dotted lines two adjusted positions of the holder.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on line III—III of Fig. 2, and

Fig. 4 is a top plan view of a blank for making the portion of the holder attached to the supporting structure shown in the other figures.

Referring to the drawings, 10 is the portion of the holder attached to the supporting structure and is preferably made of a plate of sheet steel or any other suitable metal or material, and is I-shape in plan view as shown in Fig. 3, and is made by taking a rectangular thin plate, and on opposite sides making two sets of equally spaced and parallel cuts 11, 11, and 11, 11, as shown in Fig. 4, thus forming an I-shaped section 12 having central wings or flaps 13, 13 connected thereto, said I-shaped section 12 and wings or flaps 13, 13, being pro-

vided, respectively, with holes 14 and 15, for purposes to be presently described.

The wing or flap sections 13 and 13, are first bent over on lines 16, 16, so as to lie flat against the center portion of the I-shaped section 12, and then turned up at right angles to the plane of the section 12 on the lines 17, 17 in order to form by means of the wings 13 and 13, a yielding bifurcated tongue or extension having the circular openings or holes 15 and 15 therein, registering with each other as shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3.

18 is a tubular member having its outer or free end open, and its other or inner end closed and contracted or flattened out as shown at 19, so as to snugly fit within the space between the wings 13, 13 forming the yielding bifurcated tongue, said flattened end 19 of the tubular member 18 being provided with a circular opening 20 adapted to register with the openings 15, 15 of the wings 13 and 13 as shown in Fig. 3.

A bolt 21, preferably provided with a winged head, is adapted to pass through the registering openings 15, 15, of the upturned wings or flaps 13 and opening 20 of the tubular member 18, as shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, and for purposes to be presently described. The tubular member 18 is provided with V-shaped slits along its length in which the cut out metal is struck up or pressed inwardly, thereby forming small elastic tongue-shaped clamps 22, within the bore of the tubular member 18, so disposed and arranged and made integral with said member 18, to tightly and removably grip any staff or rod 23 which might be inserted within said member 18 as clearly shown in Fig. 2.

The operation of the invention is as follows:

Assuming that different parts being constructed and arranged as shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, when it is desired to display a flag, banner, or sign from a building or other structure 25, all that is necessary is to properly place the I-shaped plate 10 at the place desired, either in a horizontal or vertical position, depending upon the position of the structure wall, and firmly secure it in place to said structure 25, by suitable screws or nails 24, passing through the holes or openings 14 in said plate 10, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2. The staff or rod 23 supporting the flag, banner or sign is then inserted

within the tubular member 18, and is prevented from being accidentally withdrawn therefrom, owing to it being frictionally engaged by the tongue-shaped clamps 22, as
5 will be readily understood. The tubular member 18 with flag or banner is then adjusted in its angular relation with respect to the plate 10, with the bolt 21 as a pivot, until such a position is found of the staff
10 23, which will properly suspend the flag or banner from the said staff and side of the building, when the nut on said bolt 21 is easily screwed up on its thread, by turning the bolt 21 by means of one's fingers gripping the winged head on said bolt, which
15 operation causes the separated wings or flaps 13, 13, to be forced toward each other and tightly clamp the inner flattened end 19 of the tubular member 18, between said
20 wings or flaps forming the bifurcated tongue, thereby firmly and securely holding the tubular member 18 with its staff or rod and attached flag or sign, in any adjusted and angular position in a plane normal to
25 the plane of the plate 10.

From the foregoing disclosure of the construction, mode of assembling, operation, and use of our invention, it will be seen that an adjustable flag holder has been devised

which embodies all the advantages, and carries out all the functions enumerated in the foregoing statement of invention, and it will also be understood that many and minor changes would be readily suggested to any one, and may be made without departing
30 from the spirit and scope of our invention.

What we claim is:

A flag staff holder or the like comprising a base consisting of an I-shaped thin flat section and a wing or flap integral with
40 and bent up from each of the sides of the central portion of the I-shaped section and arranged separated from and parallel to each other in planes normal to the plane and between the laterally extended ends of the
45 I-shaped section, an adjustable tubular member having one end interposed between the separated wings or flaps and its interior provided with struck up staff retaining or clamping tongues, and a bolt passing
50 through the tubular member and flaps or wings adjustably clamping said wings or flaps and interposed end of the tubular member together.

In testimony whereof we attach our signatures.

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