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SAFETY LICENSE TAG HOLDER

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The primary object of this, my present invention, is the provision of a holder for license tags that is attached to the vehicle in such manner that the same cannot be detached therefrom without breakage and in which the tag is retained in the holder in a locked condition and cannot be removed from the holder in any other manner than by the mutilating of the tag, and as a result to provide a means whereby license tags cannot surreptitiously be removed from the vehicle carrying the same and attached to other vehicles for nefarious purposes.

A further object is the provision of a license tag holder that embodies the desirable features of simplicity in construction and thorough efficiency and reliability in practical use.

To the attainment of the foregoing the invention consists in the improvement herein-after described and definitely claimed.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a face view of the holder, the major portion of the license tag being broken away.

Figure 2 is an end view thereof.

Figure 3 is a similar view to Figure 1 but showing the manner in which the slide is arranged in or removed from the body frame of the holder.

Figure 4 is a sectional view approximately on the line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Figure 5 is a plan view of the slide, looking toward the rear face thereof.

The holder is of a size to snugly accommodate therein license tags issued by the cities in the various States throughout the Union. These tags are of a uniform size and thickness. In this connection it will be well to state that the holder may be efficiently employed as a frame for cards, signs, pictures, etc.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, the numeral 1 designates the substantially rectangular flat body of the holder. The body is of rectangular formation and has its longitudinal edges and one of its ends formed with a continuous flange 2 that overlies the body proper and which flange has its inner edge formed with a continuous groove 3. The

flange, at the open end of the body is mitered or cut angularly as indicated by the numeral 4 in Figure 3 of the drawing.

The body is constructed of thin but strong material, metal preferred, and the said body is, directly below the flange and adjacent to the ends of the said body, provided with three equidistantly spaced substantially rectangular openings 5, respectively. The upper pairs of openings 5 are arranged in the same plane and the lower opening 5 is arranged centrally with respect to the upper openings, and the body 1, between the upper openings 5 is provided with a round opening whose inner face is reamed, and through this opening there is designed to be passed the threaded shank of a screw 6, the head of the screw being received in the reamed portion of the opening.

The rectangular openings 5 are designed to receive therein three equidistantly spaced rectangular lugs 7 formed on the inner face of head members 8, and the upper and lower lugs 7 are designed to receive therethrough a rod 9 that has its ends rigidly fixed to the vehicle. In lieu of the rod the lugs 7 may pass through slots in the supporting brackets for license tags of the usual type. The screws 7 are threaded through openings in the heads 8 to draw the said heads toward the back of the body 1, and by this arrangement it will be apparent that the body is effectively locked upon the support 9 and also that the said body cannot be removed from such support except by the breaking of the lock or by turning the screws in an unscrewing direction, which can only occur when the body 1 is not covered by the slide or the license tag that is carried by the slide.

The body 1, adjacent to the end flange thereof, has fixed therein a keeper 10. The numeral 11 designates a plate that is designed to be slid through the grooves 3 into the body 1. The plate or slide has its outer end formed with a flange 12 of the same size and shape as the flange 2, the said flange 12 having an inner longitudinal groove 13 (dotted lines Figure 1) to register with the groove 3 in the flange 2 and the ends of the said flange 12 are cut angularly, as at 14, to con-

tact with the angle ends 4 of the longitudinal flanges 2 and afford a neat joint between the slide and body.

The plate comprising the slide, at a suitable distance inward of the flanged end thereof, is provided with an opening 16 which is comparatively long and wide and the longitudinal walls provided by the opening are preferably arched and communicate with the longitudinal groove or depression 17 on the inner face of the said slide 11. In this groove or recess there is approximately centrally pivoted, as at 18, a dog 19. The dog has attached thereto one end of a compression spring 20 received in the notch 21 that communicates with the groove 17 and attached to the lower wall of the said notch. The spring forces the active or toothed end 22 of the dog toward the lower wall provided by the groove 17, and such movement is limited by the tail end 23 of the dog contacting with the upper wall afforded by the said groove 17. The head of the dog is rounded and it will be apparent that after the license plate 24 is arranged in the groove 13 of the flange 12 the slide, and the license plate will be moved into the grooved flange of the body 1 and that the active end of the dog 22 will ride over the rounded outer edge 25 of the keeper 10, and thereafter, through the instrumentality of the spring 20, be brought to locking engagement with the teeth. When the slidable plate, carrying the license tag 24 is thus locked in the body it becomes permanently fixed to the said body and neither the tag nor the slide can be removed from the body, without mutilating the tag. It will be further apparent that the holder is firmly locked on the automobile and consequently neither the tag nor the holder can be separated to permit of the tag being employed for nefarious purposes. To remove the tag it is necessary that the same be cut opposite the opening 16 and that the tail end 22 of the dog 19 be depressed to bring the dog out of engagement with the keeper. To facilitate this the outer face of the slide, in a line from the upper and lower walls afforded by the opening 16 and in close proximity to the groove or recess 17, is provided with alining notches 26 in which are received the loose ends 27 of the plate 28. This plate, when the tag is partly cut away is removed from its seat and is arranged in the dotted line position disclosed by Figure 3 of the drawing so that the operator grasping the bar 28 and exerting a pressure thereagainst will swing the dog to bring its active end out of engagement with the keeper 10 which, of course, permits of the slide being drawn through the groove of the body.

It is believed that when the foregoing description has been carefully read in connection with the accompanying drawing that the construction, operation and advantages of my improvement will be understood and

appreciated by those skilled in the art to which the invention relates. Obviously I do not wish to be restricted to the precise details of construction as herein set forth and, therefore, hold myself entitled to make such changes therefrom as fairly fall within the scope of what I claim.

Having described the invention, I claim:

In a device for the purpose set forth, a rectangular body having two of its edges and one of its ends provided with an outstanding inwardly directed flange, a keeper in the body, a rectangular slide having a longitudinal groove on one of its faces, and an enlarged opening communicating with the groove, and said slide having one of its ends provided with an outstanding inwardly directed flange to receive therein a license plate, a pivotally supported spring influenced dog in the groove of the slide to engage with the keeper when the slide is moved into the body for locking the slide and license tag in the body and said tag, when the same is to be removed designed to be cut away in a line with the groove to permit access being obtained to the dog to swing the latter out of engagement with the keeper and to likewise permit the withdrawal of the slide from the body.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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