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Fig. I.

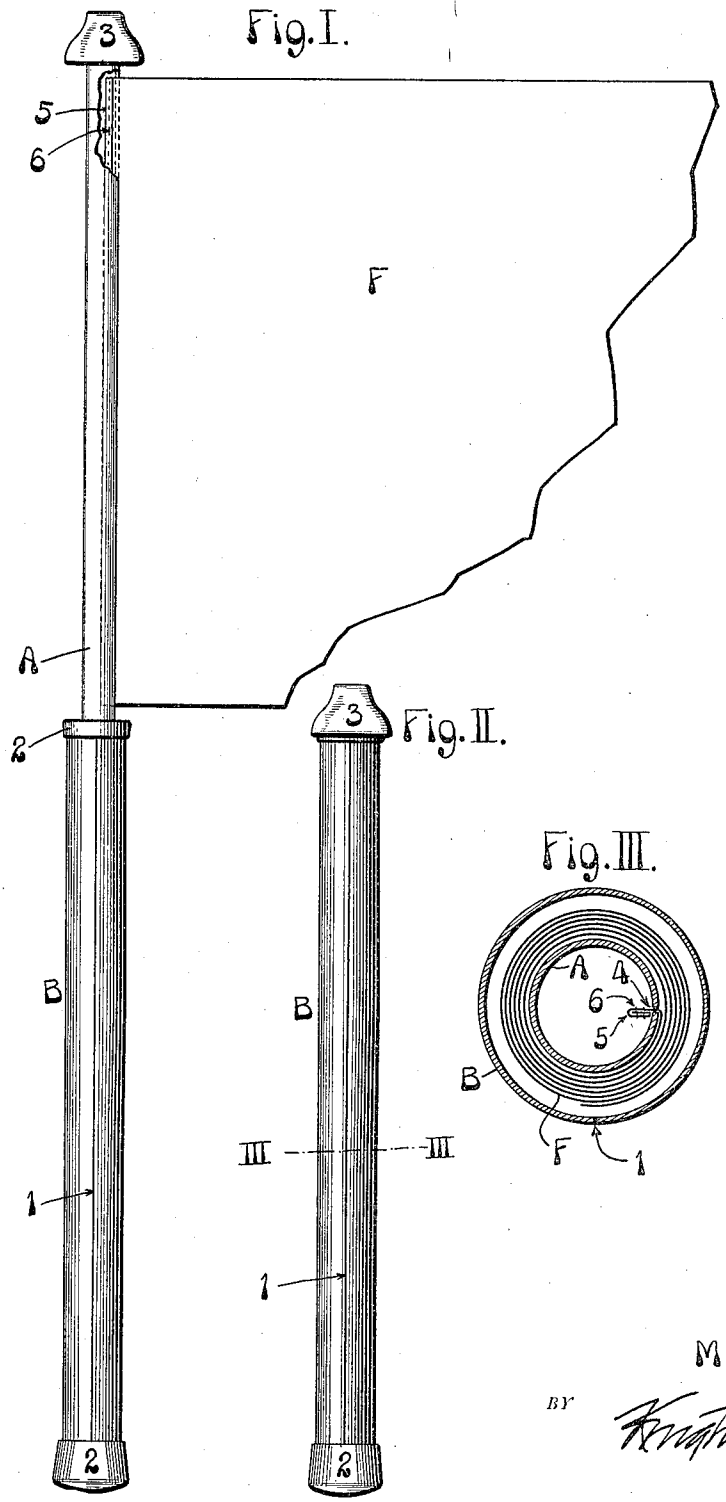
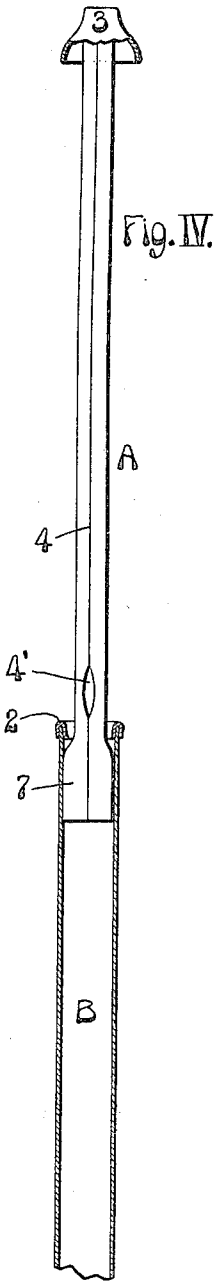


Fig. II.

Fig. III.

Fig. IV.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARTIN W. SCHMIDT, a citizen of the United States of America, a resident of the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Flag-Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in flag holders, one of the objects being to provide a simple means for securing the flag to the flag staff, or flag holder. Another object is to produce a flag holder comprising a pair of telescoping tubes having their elements so constructed and arranged that the flag, secured to the inner tube, can be readily inserted into the outer tube.

With the foregoing and other objects in view the invention comprises the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more specifically described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings wherein is shown the preferred embodiment of the invention; however, it is to be understood that the invention comprehends changes, variations and modifications which come within the scope of the claims hereunto appended.

Figure I is a side elevation illustrating a flag holder constructed in accordance with my invention, the telescoping tubes being extended, and a portion of the inner tube being broken away to show the folded margin of the flag.

Fig. II is a view of the flag holder as it appears when the inner tube and flag are inserted into the outer tube.

Fig. III is an enlarged section on the line III—III, Fig. II.

Fig. IV is a fragmentary vertical section, partly in elevation, showing the flag-receiving split in the inner tube.

The device herein shown comprises telescoping inner and outer tubes, designated A and B, respectively, and a flag F secured to the inner tube. The outer tube B is preferably a sheet metal device having a longitudinal split 1, and provided at its lower end with a cap 2 secured over the lower margin of the tube. A collar 2 is secured to the upper margin of the split tube B, said collar being approximately U-shaped in cross section (Fig. IV), so as to receive the upper edge of the tube.

An ornamental cap 3 is secured to the upper end of the inner tube, and when the inner tube is inserted into the outer tube, the cap 3 forms a closure for the top of the outer tube, as shown in Fig. II. The inner tube A is made of yielding sheet metal, and it is provided with a longitudinal split 4 adapted to receive the flag, a portion of the split being enlarged at 4′ in Fig. IV, to provide a flag-receiving opening. The inner marginal portion of the flag, which lies within the tube A, is folded as shown at 5 (Figs. I and III), and this folded portion is preferably stitched as indicated at 6.

To secure the flag to the tube A, the enlarged marginal portion 5 of the flag is inserted into the opening 4′ (Fig. IV) and the flag is pulled upwardly so as to locate its margin 5 entirely within the tube A. The flag is then gripped by the longitudinal edges of the tube A, said edges forming the flag-receiving split 4, and the enlarged marginal portion of the flag is located within the tube so as to prevent the flag from being accidentally detached, or pulled from the tube. The flag is thus firmly secured to the inner tube, but it can be easily detached by withdrawing its folded margin 5 through the opening 4′ near the lower portion of the inner tube.

To retain the inner tube A in its extended position, shown in Figs. I and IV, the lower portion of said tube is enlarged as shown at 7, and this enlargement frictionally engages the outer tube B. The desired friction can be easily obtained by making the split tube of yieldable sheet metal, and enlarging its lower portion as shown in Fig. IV. This enlarged lower portion 7 also coöperates with the collar 2 to prevent the inner tube from being entirely withdrawn from the outer tube.

It is also important to observe that the flag-receiving intermediate portion of the inner tube is relatively small, so that the flag F can be coiled around the inner tube, as shown in Fig. III, and inserted into the outer tube.

I claim:—

1. The combination of a yielding metal tube having longitudinal edges forming a longitudinal flag-receiving split, and a flag having an enlarged marginal portion located within said tube, said flag being extended through said longitudinal split and gripped by the yielding longitudinal edges

of the metal tube, and a portion of the longitudinal split being enlarged to permit the enlarged marginal portion of the flag to be inserted into and removed from the tube.

2. The combination of a flag holder comprising telescoping inner and outer members, the outer member being a tube adapted to receive the inner member, and a flag secured between the ends of said inner member, the lower end portion of said inner member being enlarged to frictionally engage said outer member, and the flag-receiving intermediate portion of said inner member being relatively small so that the flag can be coiled around said inner member and inserted into said outer member.

3. The combination of a flag holder comprising telescoping inner and outer tubes, the upper end of the inner tube being provided with a cap forming a closure for the top of the outer tube, said inner tube being made of yielding metal and having longitudinal edges forming a longitudinal flag-receiving split, and a flag having an enlarged marginal portion located within said inner tube, said flag being extended through said longitudinal split and gripped by the yielding longitudinal edges of the inner tube, a portion of the longitudinal split being enlarged to permit the enlarged marginal portion of the flag to be inserted into and removed from the inner tube, the lower end portion of the yielding inner tube being enlarged to frictionally engage the outer tube, and the flag-receiving intermediate portion of said inner tube being relatively small so that the flag can be coiled around said inner tube and inserted into the outer tube.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I hereunto affix my signature.

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