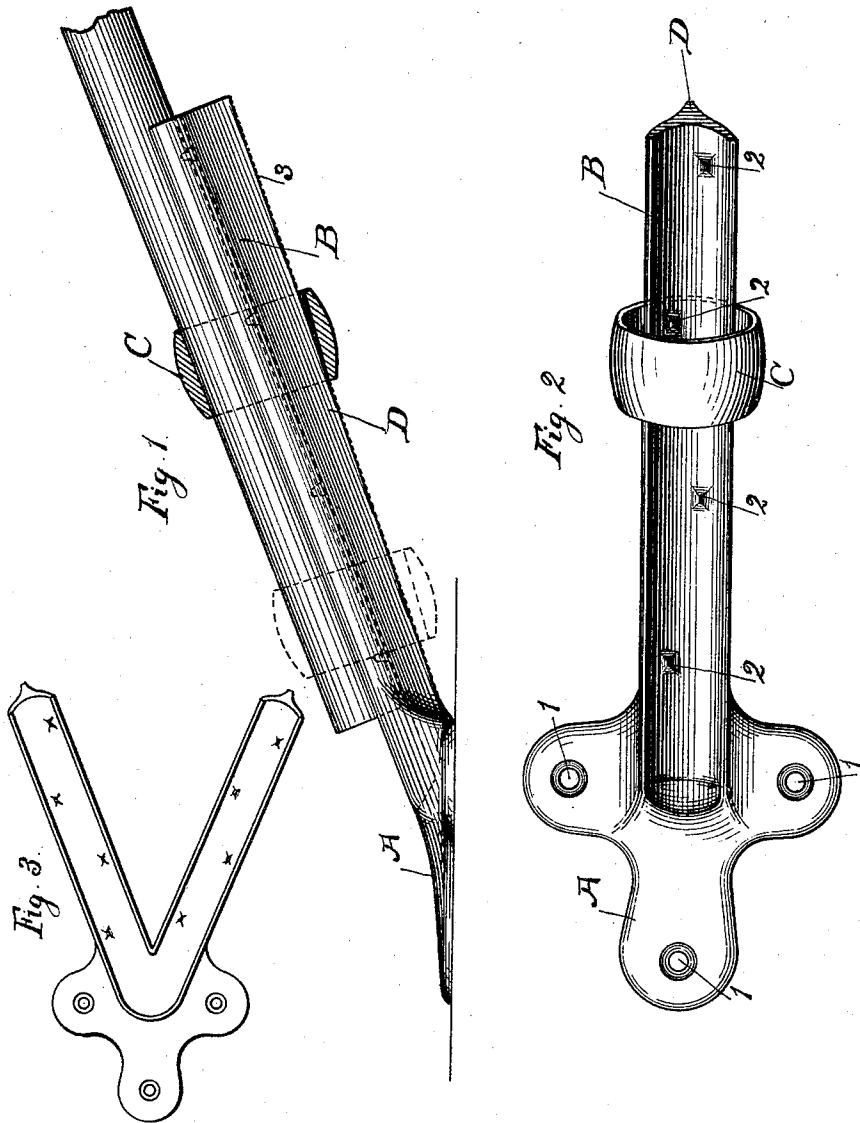


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, GUSTAVE W. BERT and LOUIS WIDMAYER, citizens of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Flag-Staff Holders; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to a novel construction in a holder for flag-staffs, the object being to provide a device of this character of simple, durable, and inexpensive construction.

The invention consists in the features of construction and combination of parts herein-after fully described and specifically claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, illustrating our invention, Figure 1 is a side elevation, partly in section, of a flag-staff holder constructed in accordance with our invention and showing a flag-staff holder thereby. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the same, and Fig. 3 is a modified form of construction embodying our invention.

Referring to said drawings, A indicates the base of the flag-staff, and B the supporting-arm extending therefrom. In the drawings we have shown the said base A as provided with one supporting-arm; but it will be clearly understood that any number of arms can extend from said base, as may be found convenient.

The base A is provided with screw-holes, one of which can be secured to another support, and the arm B desirably extends in an upwardly-inclined direction when said base is secured to the horizontal support. The arm B is curved or concave in cross-section to receive a flag-staff in said concave portion. The teeth or projections 2 are formed, which serve to bite into the flag-staff and form a firm and substantial connection between the flag-staff and arm. It will also be noticed that the teeth 2 are located on either side of a center line drawn through the arm, so that a flag-staff can be centered, as it were, between the two lines of teeth. The said flag-staff is secured to the frame by means of a ring C, which embraces the arm and the flag-staff,

and can be wedged or secured in position by being slipped or forced outwardly, owing to the pitch or gradual increase in thickness of the lower portion or edge D of said arm. This is illustrated in Fig. 1, where it will be seen that when the ring is in the position shown by the dotted lines it can be moved forwardly; but by raising the pitch of said lower edge of the arm it will gradually be wedged thereon, as shown in full lines, and when wedged with considerable force will cause the teeth in the concave portion of the arm to bite into the flag-staff, and will thereby form a firm and rigid holder or support for said flag-staff. As a further and separate improvement, the lower inclined edge D of said arm is roughened, notched, or serrated, as shown at 3, whereby the ring will be held with greater certainty in its wedged position.

In Fig. 3 is shown a modified form of construction embodying our invention. In this construction the base A is provided with a plurality of arms B'. In the instance illustrated two arms B' are shown as extending from the base A; but it will be understood that in accordance with our invention any number of arms could be employed, as found convenient.

It will be noted that various changes and modifications can be made in this construction without departing from the spirit of our invention. For instance, when made to receive a small flag-staff the base A could be made smaller and straight, and the end of the ring could be slipped over the rear end of the arm, and the forward end of the arm could be made to prevent the ring from passing off the end of the same. It will be further noted that the base can be secured in any position, and need not necessarily be secured upon a horizontal support. Said base, therefore, could be made flat on both sides, and the openings therein could be countersunk on both sides, so that, for instance, the flag-staff holder could be secured to the bottom, top, or sides of a window-frame.

We claim as our invention—

1. A flag-staff holder having an arm provided with teeth or projections for engaging a flag-staff, a ring embracing said flag-staff, and arm and means for wedging the same.

2. A flag-staff holder having an arm provided with an inclined edge, and a ring surrounding said arm and adapted to wedge upon said inclined edge and the flag-staff upon said
5 arm.

3. A flag-staff holder having an arm provided with a roughened or serrated inclined edge, and a ring surrounding said arm and adapted to wedge upon said roughened or ser-

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said arm.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures
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