

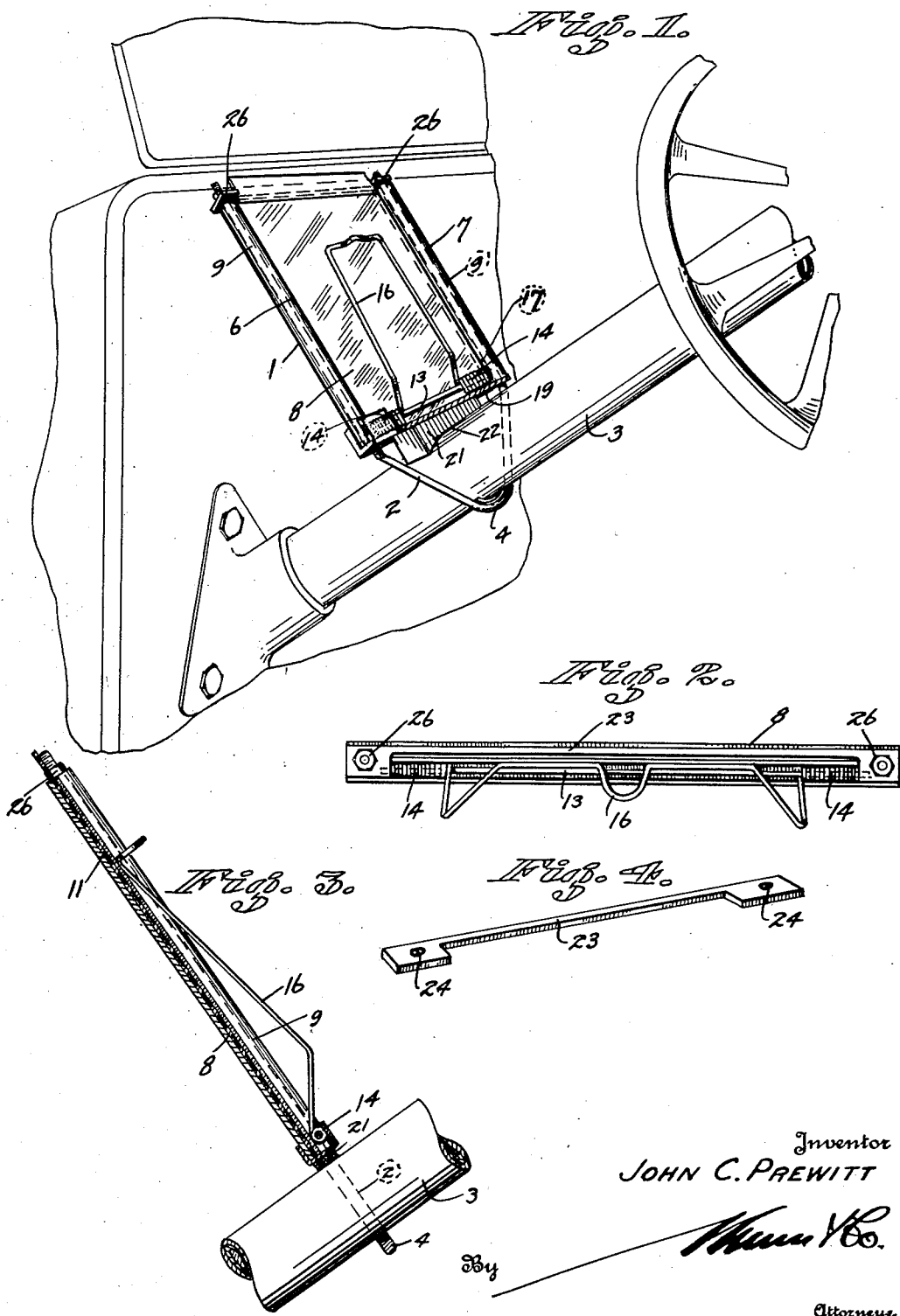
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN C. PREWITT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Santa Margarita, county of San Luis Obispo, State of California, have invented a new and useful Road-Map and Registration-Certificate Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to improvements to road-map holders, and its particular object is to provide a holder of the character described in which a road-map, chart, automobile registration card or the like may be held so as to be plainly exposed to view. It is particularly proposed in this connection to utilize the steering post of a motor vehicle for this purpose and to provide a road-map holder that may be secured to the steering post in such a manner as to project at right angles therefrom. It is further proposed to provide a road-map holder of the character described, in which a road-map is securely held in place, the same resting on a solid backing, having its edges confined between guide members and being held in place by means of a spring bearing on the exposed face thereof.

Further objects and advantages of my device will appear as the specification proceeds. The preferred form of my invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 shows, in perspective view, my holder attached to the steering post of a motor vehicle.

Figure 2 is an end view of my device, looking at it from the upper end.

Figure 3 is a vertical section through the holder.

Figure 4 is a perspective detail view of an end strip used in my device.

While I have shown only the preferred form of the invention, I wish to have it understood that various changes or modifications may be made within the scope of the claims hereto attached, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In its preferred form my road-map holder 1 consists of a rod 2 bent in its central portion so as to encircle the steering post 3, as shown at 4, and terminating in two parallel ends 6, adapted to slidably receive the holding element 7. The latter comprises a plate 8, having its ends curled as shown at 9, the distance between the curls being the

same as the distance between the ends of the rod and the curls being made sufficiently large to allow the same to be telescoped on the ends of the rod. The curls are further made in such a way that their extremities are slightly spaced from the plate itself so as to allow of the introduction of a sheet of paper 11, representing a road-map or a license plate or the like, and a protecting sheet of isinglass 12 between the plate and the curls.

A pin 13 is transversely supported in the two curls and has a spring 14 coiled thereon with its two ends in such a manner that the central portion 16 of the spring extends from the body portion of the plate and bears on the road-map or isinglass, protecting the same for holding it in place.

The extreme ends of the spring are suitably anchored in the end curls of the plate, as shown at 17.

Before the plate is secured on the rod 2, a bar 19 corresponding in length to the width of the plate and perforated near its ends, is slipped over the parallel ends of the rod 2, the bar being provided with a projecting block 21 formed to seat on the steering post as shown at 22, when the bar is forced downwardly on the ends of the rod.

After the holding plate is telescoped on the ends of the rod, an end strip 23, perforated as shown at 24, is guided over the extreme ends of the rod 2 and nuts 26 are threaded on the ends of the rod for forcing the bar 19, the plate 8 and the end strip 23 upon one another and toward the steering post so that the block 21 on the bar 19 co-operates with the bent portion of the rod 2 in firmly holding the device to the steering post.

The manner of using my device is apparent from the foregoing description. The rod 2 is placed relative to the steering post as shown in Figure 1, whereupon the bar 19 is made to slide downwardly on the parallel ends of the rod 2 so as to co-operate with the bent portion of the rod in supporting the device. The plate is then guided downwardly on the rods and secured by means of the end strip 23 and the nuts 26 which latter, when tightened, force the whole device into a firm unit with the steering post. The chart or road-map may then be guided downwardly on the plate underneath the two curls and a protecting sheet of isinglass may

be introduced the same way, the spring 16 being temporarily lifted for this purpose.

I claim:

5 1. A road-map holder of the character described, comprising a rod bent in its central portion to partially encircle the steering post of a motor vehicle and terminating in parallel end portions, a transverse bar slidable on the said end portions and
10 adapted to be forced on the steering post for holding the whole device in place, a plate having its ends curled to ride on the end portions and being adapted to be seated on the transverse bar, a transverse pin supported in the curls of the plate and a spring
15 on said pin having a large central portion bearing on the plate for confining a road-

map or the like between the spring and the plate.

2. A road-map holder of the character described, comprising a plate having its end edges curled to slidably receive and hold a road-map thereon and means utilizing the curled ends for securing the plate to a steering post so as to be disposed at right angles
25 thereto.

3. A backing for a road-map or the like having guides at the ends thereof, allowing a road-map to be slidably received between the guides and the backing, the guides being made for telescoping engagement with
30 parallel supporting elements.

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