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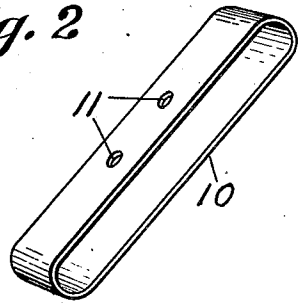

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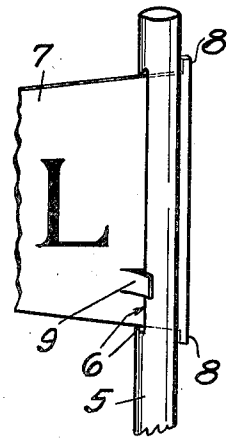

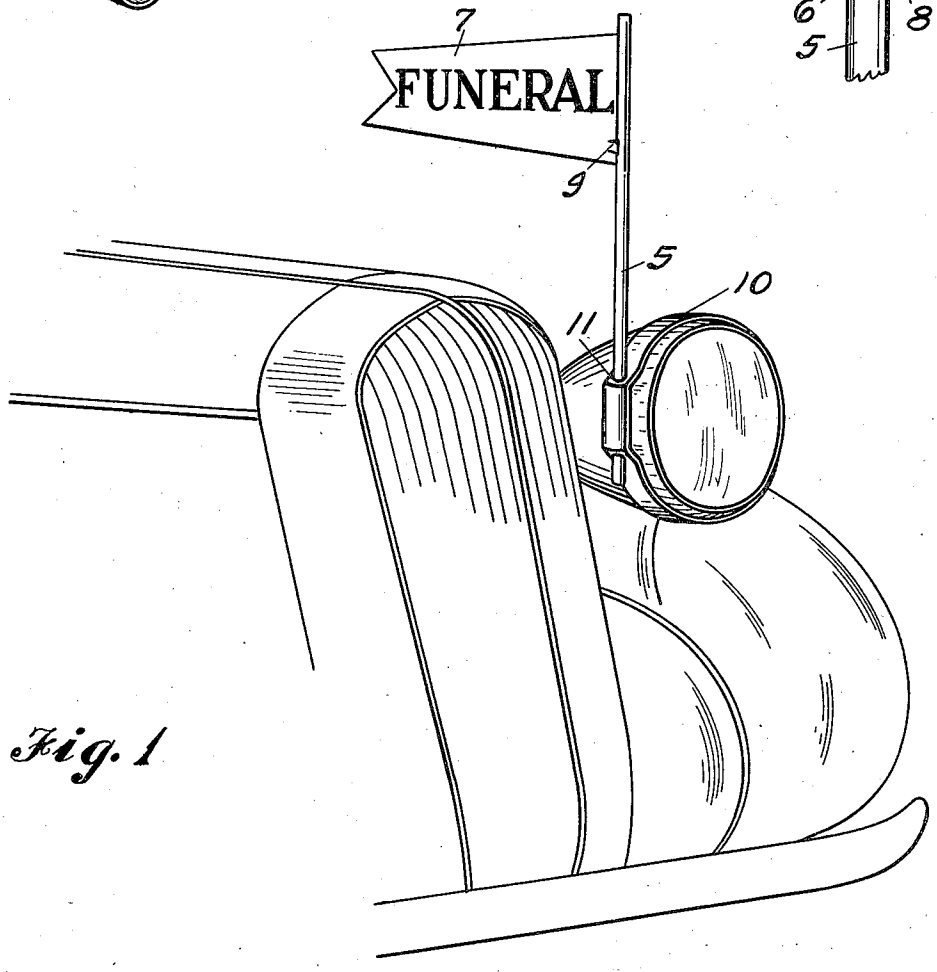

Fig. 1

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My invention relates to improvements in pennant and staff means and the primary object of my invention is to provide a pennant and staff of simple, efficient and inexpensive construction in which the pennant is very quickly and easily removable from the staff thus making the pennant and staff especially well adapted for display purposes where frequent removal and replacement of the pennant from the staff is desired.

A further object of my invention is to provide pennant and staff means of this nature which is particularly adapted for use on motor vehicles employed for funeral purposes to safeguard these vehicles in traffic.

Other and more specific objects of the invention will be apparent from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing.

In the drawing Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pennant and staff constructed in accordance with this invention showing the same operatively supported on the headlight lamp of a motor vehicle.

Fig. 2 is a detached perspective view of an elastic band used in securing this staff to the motor vehicle headlight.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary perspective view of a portion of a pennant and staff.

Like reference numerals designate like parts throughout the several views.

In the drawing, 5 designates a staff which may be made of wood, metal or any other inexpensive material. The staff 5 has a longitudinally extending slot 6 provided in the upper portion thereof. The slot 6 preferably extends substantially diametrically through the staff 5 but does not extend entirely to the upper end of said staff.

The numeral 7 designates a pennant. The major portion of the pennant 7 is of a width less than the length of the slot 6 whereby said pennant may readily be inserted into the slot 6. However, at one end, the width of the pennant 7 is greater than the length of the slot 6 so as to provide stop means 8 on the pennant which engage with the staff 5 at the location of the end portions of the slot 6 and prevent the pennant 7 from being drawn entirely through the slot 6. This limits the movement of the pennant in one direction relative to the staff. Movement of the pennant in the other direction relative to the staff is prevented by holding tab means 9 which is integral with the pennant and is partially or entirely severed or cut loose from said pennant along all except one side leaving said tab means 9 loose so that it may be pushed out into a position of engagement with the staff after the pennant has been inserted in the slot 6 in the staff.

The pennant 5 may be made of any suitable material which has enough stiffness in edgewise directions so that it will stand out from the staff and will stay in the proper position within the slot 6. Cardboard, pasteboard, heavy paper, stiff cloth and sheet metal are some of the materials suitable for use in the construction of this pennant.

The pennant may be quickly and easily applied to the staff by inserting the narrower end of said pennant in the slot 6, passing the pennant through the slot until the stop portions 8 engage the staff 5 and then deflecting the tab means 9 sidewise so that said tab means will engage with the staff 5. The pennant is also very quickly and easily disengaged from the staff by aligning the tab means 9 with the slot 6 and withdrawing the pennant from the staff.

In the drawing I have shown the word "funeral" displayed on the pennant. This is desirable when the pennant is placed on a motor vehicle in funeral use but obviously any other matter may be displayed on the pennant.

When the staff 5 is to be supported from a motor vehicle I find that it may be satisfactorily supported from a headlight lamp of said vehicle by means of an elastic band 10 having two holes 11 therein. The holes 11 are spaced a short distance apart and are adapted to have the staff 5 thrust therethrough. These holes 11 are small enough so that they will bind on the staff and securely hold it in any position into which it is adjusted. The elastic band 10 with the staff 5 held therein is stretched and fitted over the automobile headlight lamp in the manner shown in Fig. 1, in which position it will firmly support the staff 6 in upright position and is very quickly and easily applied to or removed from the headlight lamp.

When the pennant and staff are used on a motor vehicle as shown in Fig. 1, I have found it satisfactory to make the staff from one eighth to one fourth inch in diameter and from eighteen to twenty four inches long, and to make the pennant from twelve to fourteen inches long and from five to eight inches wide at the wider end, and to use an elastic band of fairly thick rubber substantially one inch in width. It is to be understood that I do not limit myself to these dimensions.

Obviously changes in this invention may be

made within the scope and spirit of the following claims.

I claim:

1. In a device of the class described, a staff having a longitudinally extending slot positioned near one end portion thereof; a pennant positioned in said slot, the width of said pennant being less than the length of said slot throughout the greater portion of the length of the pennant and greater than the length of said slot adjacent one end of the pennant, whereby said pennant may be passed through said slot to a position at which the wider end portion of said pennant engages the staff at the location of the end portions of the slot; and tab means integral with said pennant and partially severed therefrom, said tab means being positioned a short distance forward of the wider end portion of said pennant and being readily deflectable sidewise into engaged position relative to said staff whereby said tab means and said wider end portion of said pennant releasably secure said pennant to said staff.

2. In a device of the class described, a staff having a longitudinally extending slot therein; a pennant positioned within said slot; stop means on an end portion of said pennant engaging said staff limiting movement in one direction of said pennant within said slot; and sidewise deflectable staff engaging integral tab means in said pennant just forward of said stop means.

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