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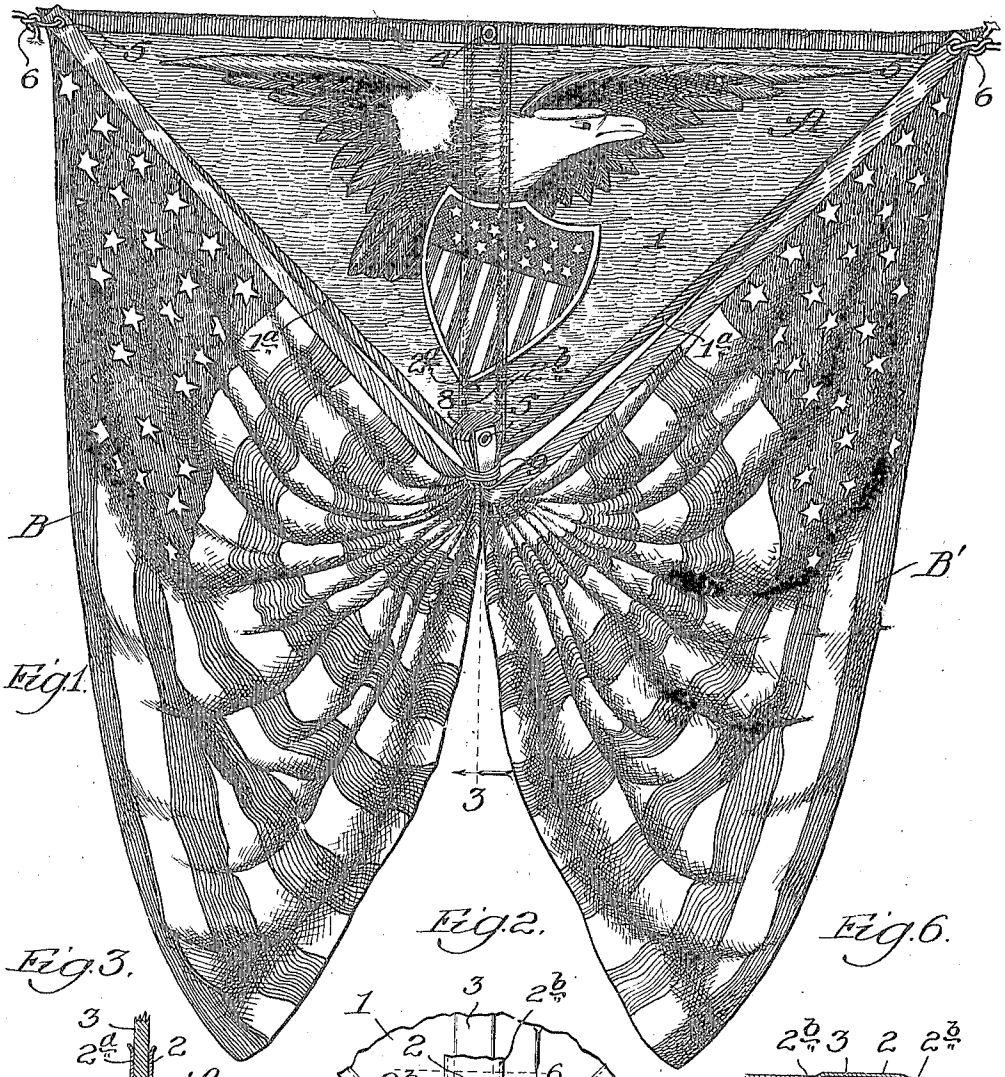


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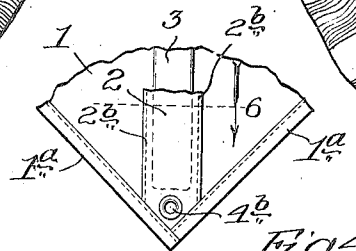


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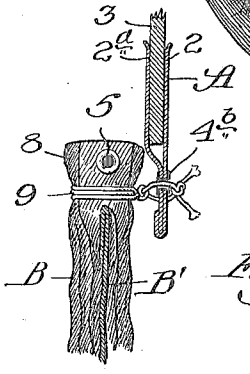


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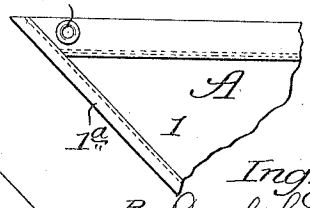


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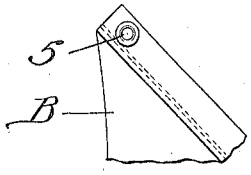


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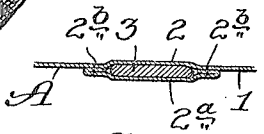
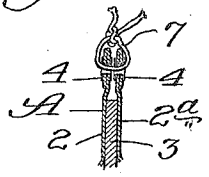


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, INGRAM SEVERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Flag-Draping Devices, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates particularly to a flag-draping device which may be usefully employed for draping flags of various kinds. The improved device is particularly useful in draping flags for street decorations.

The primary object is to provide a device of this character which will enable flags to be gracefully draped and enable the flags to be used for street decorations without injury to the flags.

It may be stated here that the improved device, with the draped flags attached thereto, may be suspended, for example, from a wire stretched across a street. The flag-draping device may be connected, by loops of cord, or wire, with the cross-wires in such manner as to prevent the flags from becoming wrapped about the cross-wire by the action of the wind. In fact, the flag-draping device with the flags attached thereto may make a complete revolution about the cross-wire, when struck by a heavy gust of wind, without danger of the flags becoming entangled or wrapped about the cross-wire. The improved device serves to preserve the flags and to prevent them from being injured by the whipping action of the wind.

The invention is illustrated in its preferred embodiment in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 represents an elevational view of the improved flag-draping device with draped flags secured thereto; Fig. 2 represents a broken elevational view of the lower portion of the triangular flag-draping device employed; Fig. 3, a broken vertical sectional view taken as indicated at line 3 of Fig. 1; Fig. 4, a broken view showing one lateral corner of the flag-draping device; Fig. 5, a broken view of a corner of the flag to be attached thereto; Fig. 6, a transverse section taken at line 6 of Fig. 2; and Fig. 7, a broken vertical sectional view taken at the upper central portion of the flag-draping device.

In the illustration given, A represents the flag-draping device; and B, B′ a pair of flags supported thereby.

The device A is of triangular form. Preferably it comprises a flexible sheet of material, such as a heavy fabric 1, of triangular form, the edges of the fabric being provided with hems 1^a. Canvas, heavy duck or other suitable cloth, serves the purpose best. When such a fabric is employed to form the triangular member, it is preferred to provide the triangular member with a central vertical pocket 2 which is closed at its lower end and open at its upper end. This pocket may be provided by sewing a strip 2^a to the central portion of the triangular piece of fabric 1. The lines of sewing are indicated at 2^b. In the elongated vertical pocket 2 is located a stiff strip 3. This is preferably in the form of a thin comparatively narrow slat, or lath, which may be of wood. This slat may be inserted or removed through the open upper end of the elongated pocket.

The triangular member is provided centrally at its upper edge with registering eyelets 4 one of which is in the body of fabric which forms the triangular member, and the other of which is in the cloth strip 2^a which forms therewith the vertical pocket. The triangular member is further provided at its upper lateral corners with eyelets 4^a, and is provided at its lower corner with an eyelet 4^b.

The flags are shown provided with eyelets 5 at the corners of their attaching ends. Each flag is secured at one corner, by a loop or cord 6 with the lateral upper corner portions of the flag-draping device A. These cords may be passed through the eyelets 4^a and 5, as will be understood from Figs. 4 and 5. A cord or loop 7 (Fig. 4) may be secured in the eyelets 4, thus holding the lath or stiff strip 3 in the pocket. These cords may be looped about a horizontal wire extending across a street, when the device is to be used for street decorating purposes. The opposite corners of the flags may have gathered thereto the folds of the flags including the two lower adjacent corners of the flags, thus forming "bunched" portions 8 of the flags. These bunched corners may be secured, by a cord 9, to the lower portion of the device A. This may be done by tying a cord around the bunched portions of the flags and then securing the cord to the eyelet 4^b of the device A, as illustrated in Fig. 3.

The improved devices enables flags to be gracefully draped and supported without

danger of injury to the flags. When the device is used for street decorating purposes, the annoyance which frequently results from flags becoming wrapped about the supporting wire, for example, is obviated. By making the device A of fabric, it may be compactly rolled up with the flags. If desired, the stiffening strip 3 may be removed to facilitate this operation.

The triangular flag-draping device A may itself be ornamented with a suitable design of a character to harmonize with the flags which are to be draped. For example, where American flags are to be draped, the design of the American eagle and shield may be placed on the triangular device A. Where flags of other countries, or flags of various organizations are to be draped, the design or ornamentation of the device A may be varied to correspond. In the illustration given, two American flags are shown, and the flag-draping device A is ornamented by the picture of an eagle carrying a shield.

The foregoing detailed description has been given for clearness of understanding only, and no unnecessary limitations should be understood therefrom, but the appended claims should be construed as broadly as permissible in view of the prior art.

What I regard as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A flag-draping device comprising a flexible substantially triangular member equipped centrally with a vertical stiffener and provided further with means enabling said member to be suspended and with means for attaching flags so that they will be suspended beneath the inclined lower edges of said member.

2. A flag-draping device comprising a flexible member equipped at its corners with eyelets and provided centrally with an elongated vertical pocket, and a stiffening member in said pocket.

3. A flag-draping device comprising a substantially triangular member composed of fabric and equipped at its corners with eyelets and provided centrally with a vertical pocket which is closed at its lower end and open at its upper end, and a vertical stiffening member in said pocket.

4. A flag-draping device comprising a triangular member composed of fabric and equipped with means for holding its lower corner spaced with relation to its upper edge, said member being equipped with means whereby flags may be suspended beneath its inclined lower edges, and said device having means whereby said device may itself be suspended.

5. A flag-draping device comprising a substantially triangular member composed of fabric, said member having its corners equipped with eyelets, a central strip of fabric having its lateral edges secured to the triangular member and forming a vertical pocket, central eyelets at the upper portion of said triangular fabric and at the upper portion of said strip of fabric, and a stiffening member confined in said pocket.

6. The combination of a flag-draping device comprising a triangular member provided with means whereby it may be supported with its upper edge disposed horizontally, and flags suspended from said triangular member and disposed beneath the inclined lower edges thereof, each of said flags having one corner secured to the corresponding upper corner of said triangular member, said flags being draped and having bunched portions secured to the lower corner of said triangular member.

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