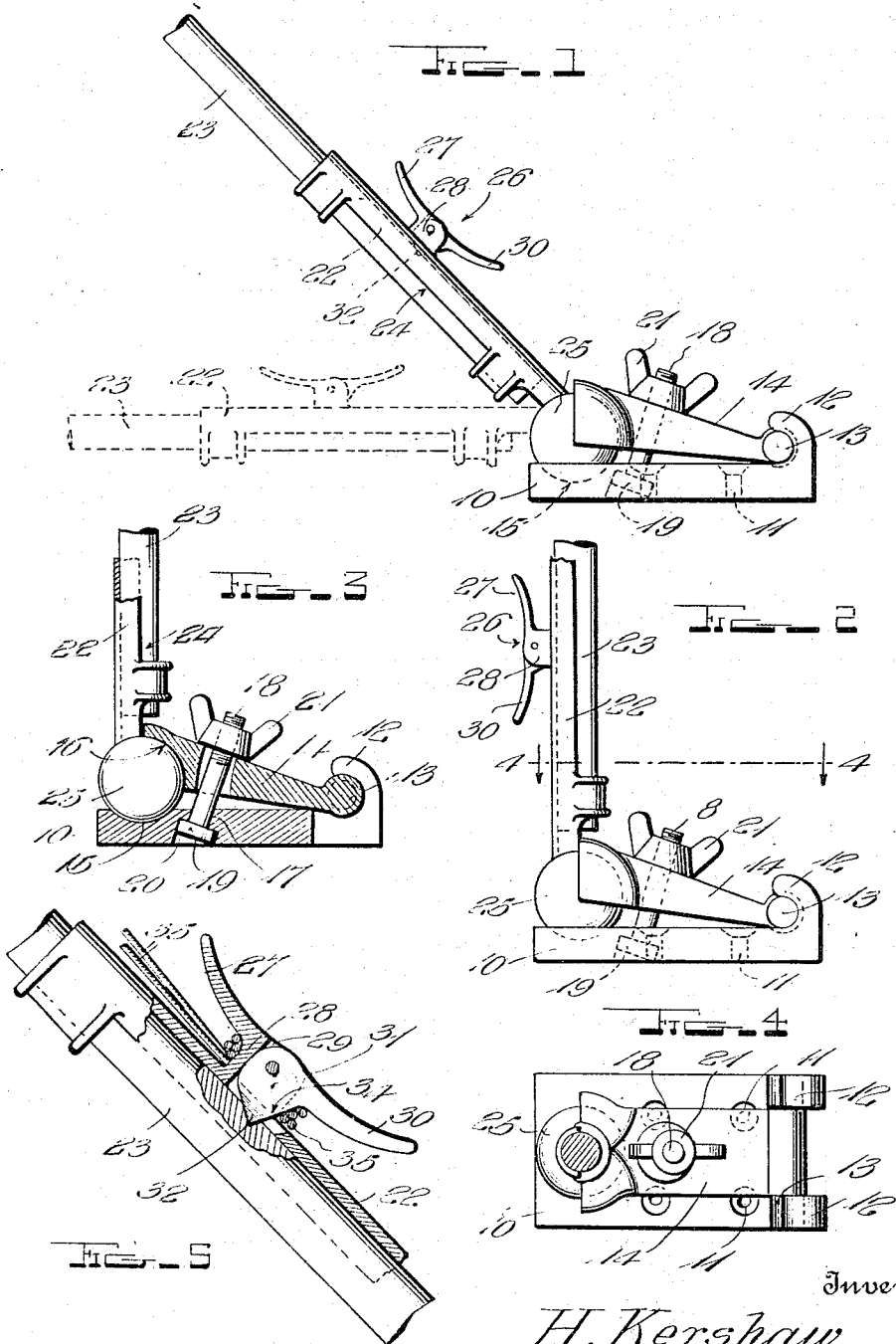


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY KERSHAW, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kearney, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Flagpole-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a device for holding a flag staff or the like, while not necessarily restricted to this use.

An important object of the invention is to provide a device of the above mentioned character so constructed that the flag staff may partake of a universal adjustment.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device to clamp or hold the flag staff in the socket or sleeve of the apparatus, such device serving as the ordinary cleat for securing the ends of the cords or ropes associated with a flag staff.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of the above mentioned character which is strong, durable and convenient in use.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of apparatus embodying my invention,

Fig. 2 is a similar view with the holding sleeve reversed,

Fig. 3 is a similar view, parts being taken in central vertical longitudinal section,

Fig. 4 is a horizontal sectional view taken on line 4-4 of Fig. 4, and,

Fig. 5 is an enlarged central vertical longitudinal section through the sleeve, showing the combined clamp and cleat, parts being shown in elevation.

In the drawings, wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown a preferred embodiment of my invention, the numeral 10 designates a base plate, having openings 11 for the reception of screws or the like, whereby the base plate may be attached to a window sill or other support. At one end, the base plate 10 is provided with upstanding open ears or knuckles 12, for the pivotal reception of a transverse pintle 13, formed upon one end of a swinging upper plate 14, as shown. It is obvious that the pintle 13 may be readily removed from the open knuckles 12.

As more clearly shown in Fig. 3, the opposite or forward end of the base plate 10 is provided with a spherically curved recess 15, for coaction with a spherically curved recess 16, formed in the forward end of the upper swinging plate 14. The spherically curved recess 16 is a little more than semi-circular in transverse cross-section and projects slightly beyond the center of the recess 15.

The base plate 10 is provided with a transverse opening 17 receiving a bolt 18, having a head 19 which is preferably square or polygonal and fitting within a recess 20, thus preventing the bolt 18 from turning upon its longitudinal axis. The upper end of the bolt 18 is screw-threaded and carries a winged nut 21, whereby the upper swinging plate may be clamped toward the base plate.

The flag staff holding element embodies a sleeve or tube 22, for the reception of the flag staff 23. One side of the sleeve 22 is preferably cut away, as shown at 24.

Rigidly secured to the inner or lateral end of the sleeve 22 is a ball 25, fitting within the spherically curved recesses 15 and 16 and adapted to be clamped therein, by adjustment of the nut 21.

The numeral 26 designates a combined cleat and clamp as a whole, embodying a stationary arm 27, carried by a head 28. This head is rigidly secured to the sleeve 22 and has a vertical slot 29, passing through the sleeve 22. The numeral 30 designates a swinging coacting arm, provided at one end with a head 31, having a cam-end 32, preferably pointed, and adapted to be inserted within the staff 23. The head 31 is pivoted within the slot 29, to the head 28, by means of a transverse pin 33. The head 29 has an inclined straight face 34, as shown. The numeral 35 designates the cord or rope of the flag, which is tied or wrapped about the device 26, as is well known.

In the use of the apparatus, the base 10 is secured to a suitable support, and the sleeve 22 adjusted to the desired angular position, and clamped therein by proper manipulation of the winged nut 21. If desired, the sleeve may be turned upon its longitudinal axis to be reversed, as indicated in Fig. 2. The flag staff is inserted within the sleeve 22, the arm 30 being swung to the upper or open position. This arm is now swung downwardly so that the pointed end 32 of the head 29 is forced into the material of the

staff 33, thereby locking the same within the sleeve 22. The cord or rope 35 is now wound or wrapped about the shank of the head 28 and thereby contacts with the inclined face 34 of the head 31. It is thus seen that this cord is not only secured to the device 26 which functions as an ordinary cleat, but the cord also serves to retain the head 31 in the inner holding position.

10 It is to be understood that the form of my invention herewith shown and described is to be taken as a preferred example of the same and that various changes in the shape, size, and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the sub-joined claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

20 1. A device of the character described, comprising a support, a sleeve having pivotal connection therewith to be angularly adjusted, said sleeve being adapted for the reception of a flag staff or the like, a head 25 rigidly secured to the sleeve and provided with a slot which extends through the said sleeve, an arm rigidly secured to the head and extending in one direction longitudinally of the sleeve, and a coaxing arm extending in an opposite direction longitudinally of the sleeve and provided with a cam head which is pivoted within the slot

of the first named head and adapted to engage with the flag staff.

2. A device of the character described, 35 comprising a support, a sleeve having pivotal connection with the support to be angularly adjusted with relation thereto and adapted for the reception of the staff of a flag, and a cleat formed upon the sleeve, embodying a relatively stationary arm and a 40 pivoted arm having means to engage with the flag staff to lock the same within the sleeve.

3. A device of the character described, 45 comprising a base plate provided at one end with open knuckles and near its opposite end with a spherically curved recess, a swinging upper plate provided at one end with a transverse pin to enter the knuckles and at 50 its opposite end with a spherically curved recess, adjustable means connecting the base plate and upper swinging plate and arranged between the ends thereof, a sleeve for receiving the staff of a flag, and a ball 55 secured to one end of the sleeve and arranged within the recesses.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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