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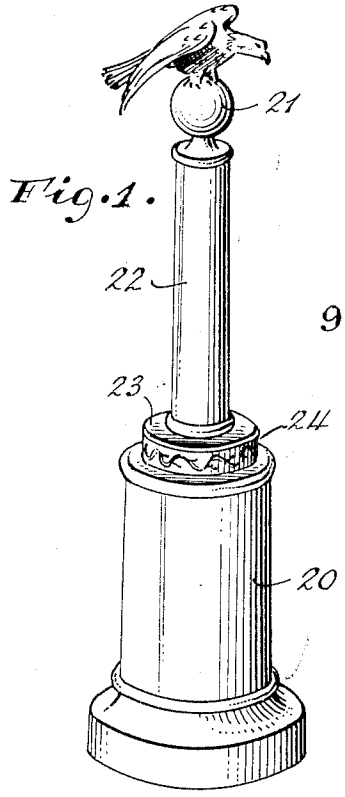


Fig. 1.

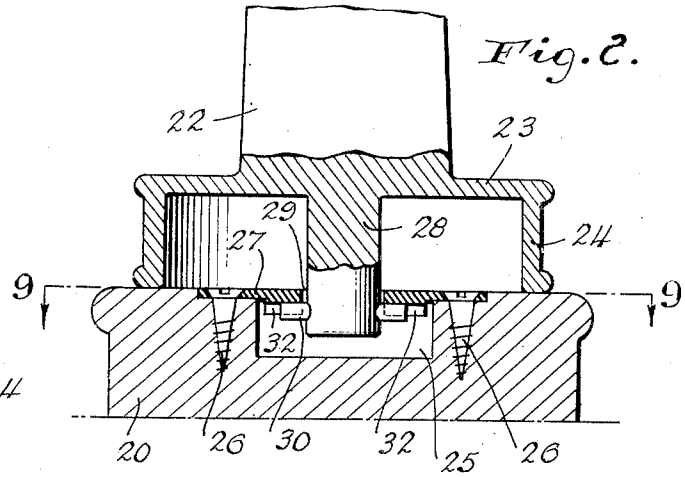


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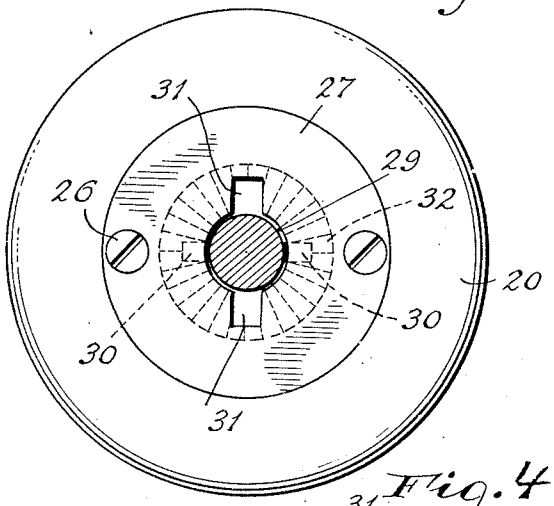


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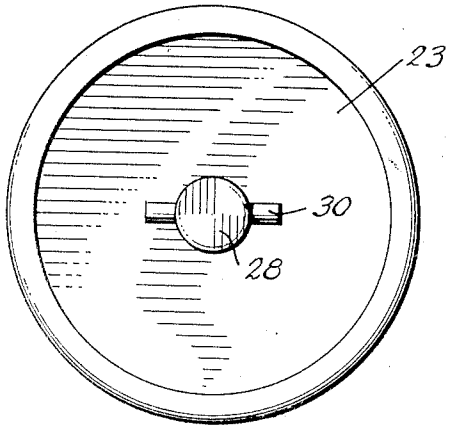
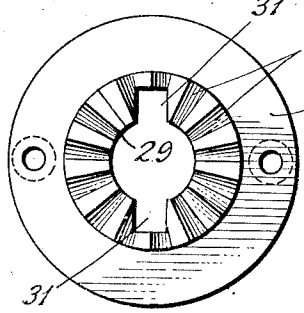


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This invention relates generally to improvements in coupling devices and has particular reference to a mounting for trophies and the like.

Heretofore, in the construction of trophies, it has been the customary practice to provide the base of a trophy with a depending screw which is threaded into a recess formed in the upper end of the pedestal. This construction is not entirely satisfactory in many instances, for such a screw connection does not insure the adjustment and retention of the trophy itself in the proper position relative to the front and center line of the pedestal on which said trophy is mounted.

The present invention is designed to overcome the above difficulty by providing an improved coupling of simple and practical construction wherein two interengaging and relatively rotatable members are attachable, one to the trophy and the other to its pedestal, and are provided with intergaging means for releasably, but securely, retaining said members in cooperative coupling relation and in various positions of rotatable adjustment.

The above and other objects will appear more clearly from the following detailed description, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing which illustrates a preferred embodiment of the inventive idea.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the device form of the invention.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged vertical section through the coupling of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a horizontal section on the line 9—9 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a bottom plan view of the lower member of the coupling, and

Fig. 5 is a similar view of the upper member of said coupling.

The illustration of the invention in conjunction with a trophy, such as may be used for a bowling prize, is merely arbitrary and it will, of course, be understood that such illustration is not to be employed in defining the limits of the invention, reference being had to the appended claims for this purpose.

In the illustrated embodiment of the invention, the numeral 20 indicates the pedestal upon which is mounted a trophy 21 which, in this instance, includes a column 22 provided with an enlarged base 23 of inverted cup-shaped formation and having an annular wall 24 which is adapted to rest upon the upper surface of the pedestal 20. The latter is provided in the center of its upper surface with a recess 25 and countersunk in said surface and secured to the pedestal by means of screws 26 is a base plate 27 in the form of a disk. This plate combines with the trophy base 23 to form the two cooperating members of the coupling which is designed to interconnect the pedestal with the trophy and retain the latter in a position of rotative adjustment on the pedestal. To accomplish this result the base 23 has depending centrally therefrom a post 28 of greater length than the width of the wall 24 so that the lower end of said post will project through an opening 29 formed centrally in the portion of the plate 27 that overlies the recess 25 when said plate is in position. Adjacent the lower end of the post 28 there is secured therein a pin 30 which extends transversely through the post with the ends of the pin projecting therefrom. In joining the two members of the coupling together, the projecting ends are first aligned with diametrically opposed slots 31 formed in the plate 27 and communicating with the opening 29 therein. After the lower end of the post has been inserted through the opening 29 and the projecting ends of the pin 30 have passed through the slots 31 a relative rotary movement between the pedestal and the trophy will engage the ends of the pin with the undersurface of the plate 27.

The portion of the plate 27 overlying the recess 25 may be slightly thickened, as indicated, and the undersurface of said plate surrounding the opening 29 is provided with a plurality of radially extending notches 32 opposed ones of which are adapted to receive the projecting ends of the pin 30 as relative rotary movement is effected between the pedestal and trophy. The plate 27 is made of a material having a sufficient degree of resiliency to enable the central portion of the plate to yield slightly as the trophy is being adjusted, so that the projecting ends of the pin 30 will pass under the portions of the undersurface of the plate 27 between the notches 32 when sufficient pressure is exerted to rotate the pedestal and trophy relative to each other, the resiliency of the plate 27 being such that it will restore to its normal position to permit the projecting ends of the pin 30 to enter opposed notches and thus frictionally maintain the trophy in a different position of adjustment relative to the pedestal.

What is claimed is:

1. A trophy mounting comprising a coupling consisting of a plate secured to the pedestal of a trophy and having an opening therein and a

series of notches formed about said opening on a surface of said plate, a member cooperating with said plate and carried by said trophy for mounting the same on said pedestal for rotary movement relative thereto, a post depending from said member and extending through said opening, and projections on said post engaging in the notches in said plate for retaining the trophy in various positions of rotation relative to said pedestal.

2. In a trophy mounting, the combination with a pedestal having a recess in its upper surface and a trophy supported on said pedestal for rotative adjustment thereon; of a coupling for joining together said trophy and pedestal, said coupling comprising a pedestal plate secured to said upper surface in covering relation to said recess and having an opening therein with the portion of the undersurface of said plate above said recess having a series of notches therein, said coupling further comprising a trophy-carried member resting upon said pedestal and provided with a depending post the lower end of which extends through said opening and into said recess, and projections carried by said lower end engaging in said notches to retain said trophy in different positions of rotative adjustment relative to said pedestal.

3. In a trophy mounting, the combination with a pedestal having a recess in its upper surface and a trophy supported on said pedestal for rotative adjustment thereon; of a coupling for joining together said trophy and pedestal, said coupling comprising a resilient plate secured about its periphery to said upper surface and having a portion overlying said recess to permit of a slight degree of flexing of said plate, said overlying portion having an opening therein and provided in its undersurface with a series of notches, said coupling further comprising a trophy-carried member resting upon said pedestal in all positions of rotative adjustment thereon and provided with a depending post the lower end of which projects through said opening and into said recess, and projections carried by said lower end and engaging in said notches to retain said trophy in different positions of rotative adjustment relative to said pedestal.

4. A trophy mounting comprising cooperating coupling members one of which has a rotary movement in either direction relative to the other when joining a trophy to a pedestal therefor, one of said members comprising a plate having an opening therein and serrations surrounding said opening on one surface of the plate, a post carried by the other coupling member and extending through said opening, and projections on said post engaging said serrations when one of the coupling members is rotated in either direction relative to the other member.

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