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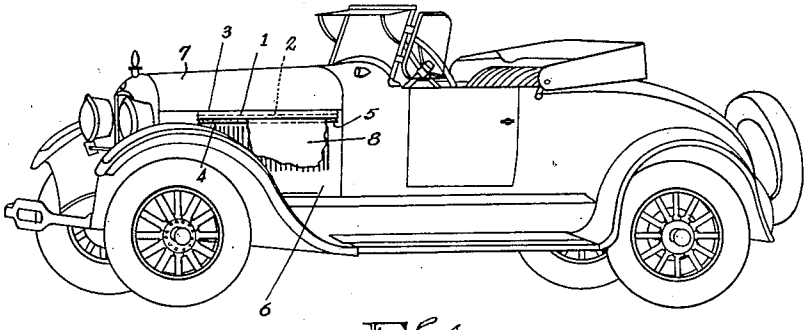


Fig. 1.

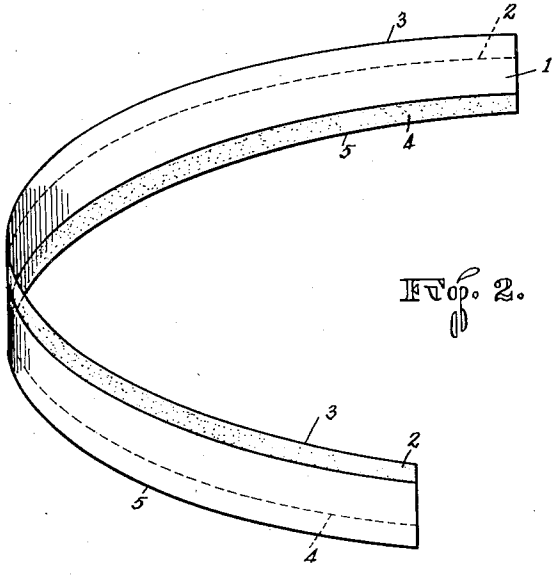


Fig. 2.

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My invention relates to improvements in masking tapes, and it consists in the combinations, constructions, and arrangements hereinafter described and claimed.

An object of my invention is to provide a masking tape that has means for permitting it to be secured to a surface and also has means for permitting a protecting paper to be secured thereto whereby a simple construction is used for protecting the painted parts of an automobile body, or other surfaces.

A further object of my invention is to provide a device of the type described, which is extremely simple in construction.

Other objects and advantages will appear in the following specification, and the novel features of my invention will be particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing forming a part of this application, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an automobile showing the device operatively applied thereto; and

Figure 2 is a perspective view of a piece of the tape.

The usual practice of painting the body of an automobile in two tones is to apply one color to the desired portion of the surface and then to take a piece of tape and secure it to newspaper or other protecting paper by pasting the paper to the tape. The tape is of the desired length, so as to cover the desired portion of the automobile body. It will be obvious that a long strip of tape carrying sheets of newspaper is very clumsy to handle, and it is difficult to properly secure the tape to the automobile body. However, the present practice, as already stated, first secures the paper to the tape and then secures the tape to the automobile body.

My invention contemplates the use of a tape which obviates the necessity of applying the newspaper to the tape prior to the placing of the tape upon the automobile body. Reference to Figure 2 shows that the tape 1 has a gummed surface 2 adjacent to one edge 3 thereof and a gummed surface 4 disposed on the opposite side of the surface 2, and adjacent to the opposite edge 5. The tape may be made of paper or cloth, according to the use to which it is put.

From the foregoing description of the various parts of the device, the operation thereof may be readily understood.

In Figure 1 I show a perspective view of an automobile and let us assume that this automobile has had a portion 6 of the hood 7 painted in a certain color. The tape 1 is cut to a length that will extend from the front to the back of the hood 7. Either the gummed portion 2 or 4 may be moistened by a sponge and then the tape may be applied to the car, as shown, the tape extending along the upper edge of the painted portion 6.

After the tape has been secured in place, the other gummed surface is moistened and protecting sheets of paper 8, or the like, may be secured to the newly moistened surface. The tape and the paper 8 protects the painted part of the automobile and permits the top of the hood 7 to be sprayed with a different color that will not mix, or overlie the color already applied to the surface 6.

For the present construction, it is merely necessary to secure the tape to the surface and to cut off the tape at any desired length. This saves the necessity of handling a number of newspapers, which are bulky. The papers 8 may be applied to the tape one sheet at a time, after the tape has been secured to the car body.

Although I have shown and described one embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that the same is susceptible of various changes and I reserve the right to employ such changes as may come within the scope of the appended claim.

I claim:

A masking tape comprising a strip of flexible material narrow in width and having adhesive material on both sides thereof, the adhesive material on one side covering only a portion thereof and extending in the direction of the longer side of the tape leaving a free portion running the length of the tape.

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