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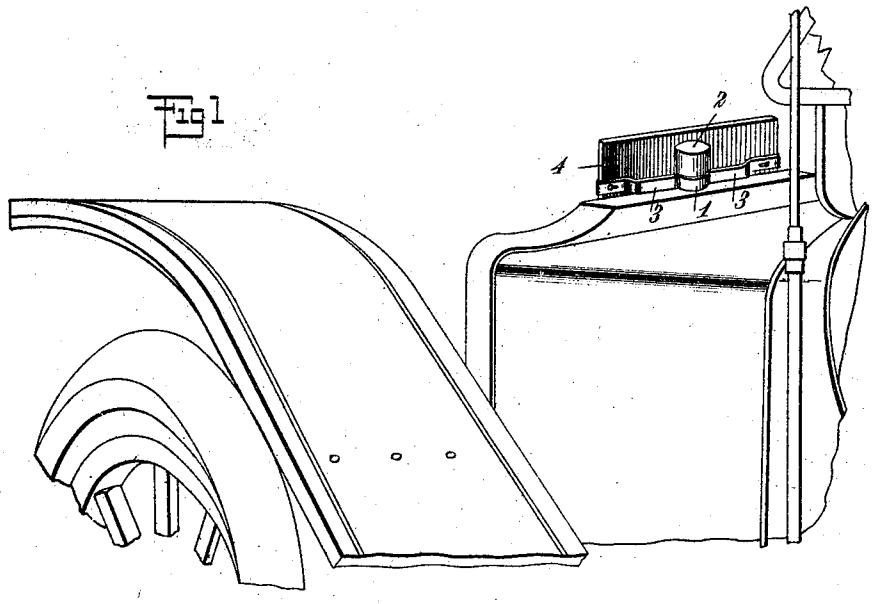
Fig 1



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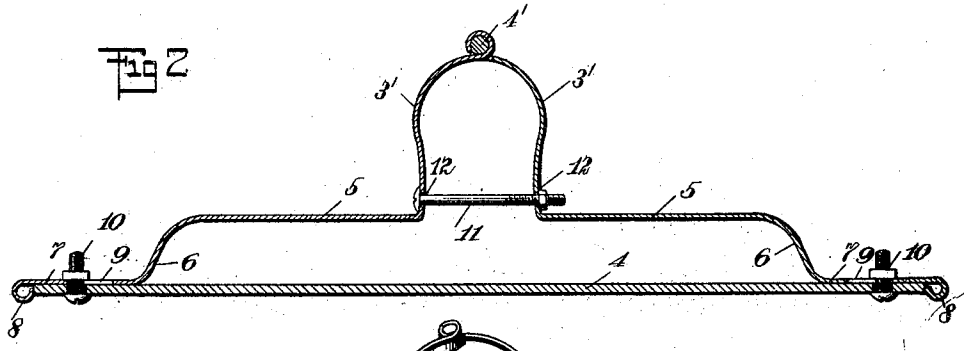

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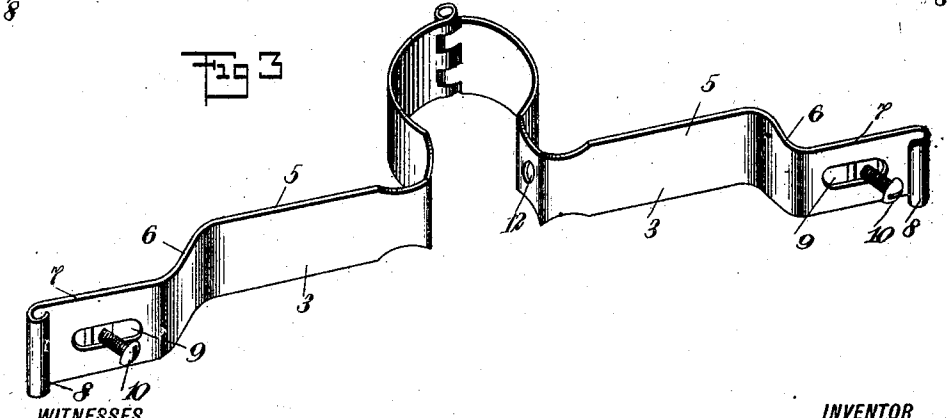

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSWALD M. HEROLD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Gardner, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Holder for Registration-Numbers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention is a holder for registration numbers of automobiles, motor cycles, and vehicles in general, and it comprises a clamp designed to be attached to the radiator base or any other suitable support on the automobile or other vehicle, and having fastening devices by means of which the number plate is secured to the clamp and held thereto in position to be readily seen when in use.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which the same characters of reference indicate the same parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a view of the front of an automobile, showing my registration number holder in place; Fig. 2 is a longitudinal horizontal section of the clamp and the number plate supported by it; and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of my clamp holder.

On the drawings, the numeral 1 indicates my improved registration number holder as a whole, and on Fig. 1 this holder is shown secured to the radiator base 2. It consists of a pair of hinged members 3, the adjacent ends of which are pivotally connected, as indicated at 4′, in any suitable fashion. Adjacent the pivotal connection of the members 3, these members are curved toward each other as shown at 3′, and then extend away from the pivotal connection 4′ for a short distance in approximately parallel directions. The members 3 are then bent outward, forming alined sections 5. These sections 5 are forwardly bent, as shown at 6, and then bent outward, as shown at 7. The sections 7 have their ends turned or coiled over, as shown at 8. Each of the sections 7 has a longitudinal slot 9 therein, and this slot 9 receives a bolt or nut 10, by means of which the number plate 4 is secured to the clamp.

The sections 3′ of the members 3 have apertures 12 in each, and through these apertures passes a bolt 11, by means of which the clamp is fastened in position on any support, the bolt 11 serving to draw the sections 3′ together, making them tightly engage the support on which the clamp is mounted.

The number plate 4 of course has openings in its ends to receive the fastening bolts 10; and by means of the slots 9 the number plate can be readily adjusted. Ordinarily, the clamp is designed to receive a plate of such size that the lateral edges thereof will be engaged by the turned-over ends 8, but obviously I may use my clamp to fix a smaller plate in position if necessary.

While I have shown the members 3 of my clamp as having alined sections 5, the forward-extending sections 6, and the outturned ends 7, it is obvious that I may so form my clamp that the sections 5 and 7 will lie in the same plane, that is, I may do away entirely with the sections 6 and make the sections 5 long enough to receive the bolts 10 in their ends, if desired.

It will be observed that by providing the alined sections 5 and the forwardly-bent sections 6, a plate of substantially the relative dimensions shown on the drawings could be held securely in place on the clamp, even should the bolts 10 not be securely tightened. This is because, by screwing up the bolt 11, the sections 5 can be drawn together, and as soon as the outer ends of the slot 9 engage the shanks of the bolts 10, the plate will be firmly secured to the holder.

While I have shown and described my improved clamp as being designed for holding registration number plates and supporting the same in position upon automobiles and other vehicles, it is obvious that I may use it for signs, placards or any other thing of the sort that it is desired to exhibit in stores, show-windows and other public places.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A device of the kind described comprising a clamp having a pair of members pivoted together at their adjacent ends, said members being curved toward each other adjacent said pivot, and then being bent away from each other, forming outwardly-bent alined sections, a fastening member carried by said members between their pivoted ends and said alined sections, to draw said alined sections toward each other; said outwardly-bent alined sections being bent forward near to their outer ends, and then outward to form terminal portions,

and having longitudinal slots formed in said terminal portions, and fastening devices carried by said slotted terminal portions to secure a sign plate to the clamping members, said fastening devices being adjustably mounted in the slotted terminal portions.

2. A device of the kind described comprising a clamp having a pair of members yieldably secured to each other, said members being bent toward each other to engage a suitable support, and then being bent away from each other to form outwardly-extending alined sections, and a fastening member carried by said members between their bent portions and said alined sections, to draw said alined sections toward each other, said outwardly-extending alined sections having adjustable fastening devices at their outer ends to secure a sign plate to said clamping members.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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