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Fig. 1.

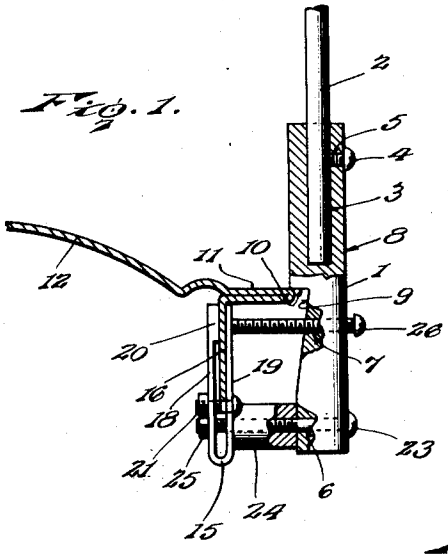


Fig. 3.

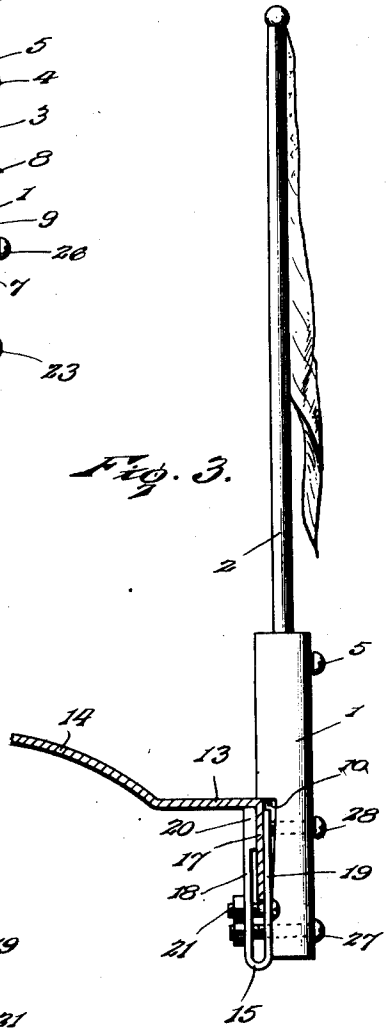
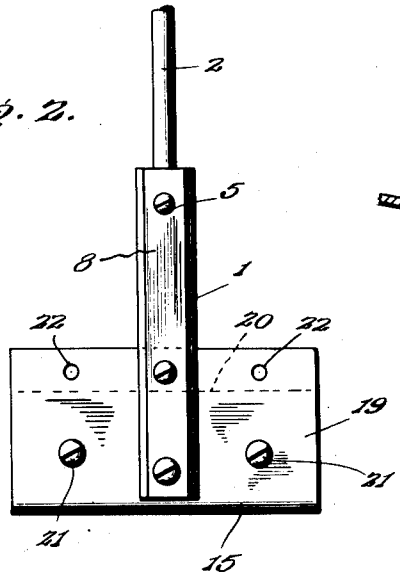


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to flag staff holders and more particularly to a holder especially designed for attachment to an automobile so that flags may be supported on the automobile for decorative or signal purposes.

One object of the invention is to so construct the flag staff holder that it may be securely connected with a portion of a mud guard and support the flag in an upright position.

Another object of the invention is to so mount the socket in which the flag staff fits that it may be angularly adjusted after the holder is attached to the mud guard to dispose the flag staff vertically or at any other angle desired.

Another object of the invention is to so form the holder that it may be adapted to the particular type of mud guard with which it is connected.

This invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein

Figure 1 is a view showing a fragment of a mud guard in transverse section and the improved flag holder connected therewith and shown partially in end elevation and partially in section;

Fig. 2 is a view showing the improved flag holder in side elevation, and

Fig. 3 is a view showing the improved flag holder in end elevation and attached to a mud guard slightly different in its formation from that shown in Fig. 1.

The socket member 1 which carries the flag staff 2 is preferably formed from a solid piece of metal cut the desired length and is bored from its upper end to form a socket 3 to receive the lower end portion of the flag staff, as shown in Fig. 1. A set screw 4 is screwed through a threaded opening 5 which communicates with the socket 3 and when tightened will engage the flag staff and securely hold the flag staff in the socket. Adjacent its lower end the socket member 1 is formed with a transversely extending opening or passage 6 and in spaced relation above the opening 6 there has been formed a threaded opening 7 which leads from the flattened outer side face 8 of the socket member and at its inner end opens through the side wall of the recess 9 formed in the lower portion of the inner face of the socket member. The recess 9 terminates at its upper end in an abrupt shoulder 10 which is spaced from the lower end of the socket member a sufficient distance for overhanging engagement with either the outstanding lip 11 of the mudguard 12 shown in Fig. 1 or the side portion 13 of the mud guard 14 shown in Fig. 3.

The clamp 15, by means of which the flag holder is connected with the depending flange 16 of the mud guard 12 or similar flange 17 of the mud guard 14, is formed of brass or any other metal having sufficient resiliency to normally retain its leaves 18 and 19 in spaced relation. This clamp is U-shaped in cross section or end elevation, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, and of sufficient length to have firm gripping engagement with the depending flange of the mud guard when it is placed in straddling relation to the flange and its leaves are drawn toward each other. One of the leaves has its upper free edge portion internally thickened, as shown at 20, so that the extent to which the leaves or jaws 18 and 19 must be drawn toward each other for gripping engagement with the mud guard flange will be reduced and tight gripping of the flange assured when the bolts 21 which pass through alined openings in the leaves are tightened. These bolts 21 may be passed through openings formed near the lower ends of the leaves, as shown in the drawing, or they may be passed through openings 22 formed adjacent the upper free edges of the jaws. If the bolts 21 are passed through the upper openings 22, it will, of course, be necessary to form openings in the depending flange of the mud guard so that the bolts may pass through the flange of the mud guard.

When the flag holder is attached to a mud guard of the type shown in Fig. 1, it is necessary to have the socket member 1 held in spaced relation to the clamp so that it may project upwardly beyond the outstanding lip 11 of the mud guard. There has, therefore, been provided a fastener bolt 23 which is of sufficient length to carry a spacing sleeve 24 interposed between the clamp and lower end portion of the socket member. After the bolt has been passed through the socket member, sleeve and leaves of the clamp, its securing nut 25 is tightened and the socket member will be held in place but permitted of being swung about the bolt so that it may be angularly adjusted after the clamp has been engaged with the mud guard flange and disposed vertically or at any desired angle. After the socket member has been set to extend at the desired angle, the

elongated set screw 26 which passes through the threaded opening 7 is tightened and will have frictional engagement with the outer leaf 19 of the clamp to securely hold the socket member in the set position. Since the shoulder 10 overhangs the mud guard, a binding action between the shoulder 10 and the mud guard may be effected if so desired to assist in retaining the flag holder in place.

If the flag holder is engaged with a mud guard of the type shown in Fig. 3, the elongated bolt 23, the sleeve 24 mounted thereon and the set screw 26 are removed and a shorter bolt 27 and set screw 28 substituted. Referring to Fig. 3, it will be seen that the socket member is held close to the clamp and that the outer leaf of the clamp fits into the recess 19 so that the socket member will be disposed in close proximity to the mud guard with the shoulder 10 in overhanging relation to the mud guard. The set screw 28 functions the same as the set screw 26 and when tightened will frictionally engage the outer leaf of the clamp and firmly hold the socket member in a set position. While it has been stated that the flag holder is to be applied to the mud guard of an automobile, it will be obvious that it could also be engaged with other portions of the vehicle or applied to any support having a portion adapted to fit between the leaves of the clamp. While it has been stated that the socket is to carry a flag employed for decorative purposes, it will be understood that a signal flag or any other object provided with a stem or staff which would fit into the socket could be mounted therein.

Having thus described the invention, I claim:

1. A flag holder comprising a clamp adapted for gripping a support, a socket member disposed at one side of said clamp, means pivotally connecting said socket member with said clamp with one side portion of the socket member facing the clamp, the side portion of the socket member facing the clamp being formed with a longitudinally extending recess terminating at one end in a shoulder for overlying engagement with the portion of the support engaged by said clamp, and a set screw extending transversely through said socket member in spaced relation to said shoulder and adapted to frictionally engage said clamp and releasably hold the socket member in a set position.

2. A flag holder comprising a clamp adapted for gripping a support, a socket member to receive a flag staff, a removable fastener pivotally connecting said socket member with said clamp, a sleeve upon said fastener holding said clamp and socket member in spaced relation, and a set screw passed transversely through said socket member and adapted to be adjusted into frictional engagement with said clamp for releasably holding said socket member in a set position.

3. A flag holder comprising a clamp adapted to be secured to a support, a socket member disposed at one side of said clamp, means pivotally connecting said socket member with said clamp with one side portion of the socket member facing the clamp, and means for releasably holding said socket member in a set position, said socket member having its side portion facing said clamp recessed longitudinally and having the recess terminating at one upper end in a shoulder for overlying engagement with a portion of a support engaged by said clamp.

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