

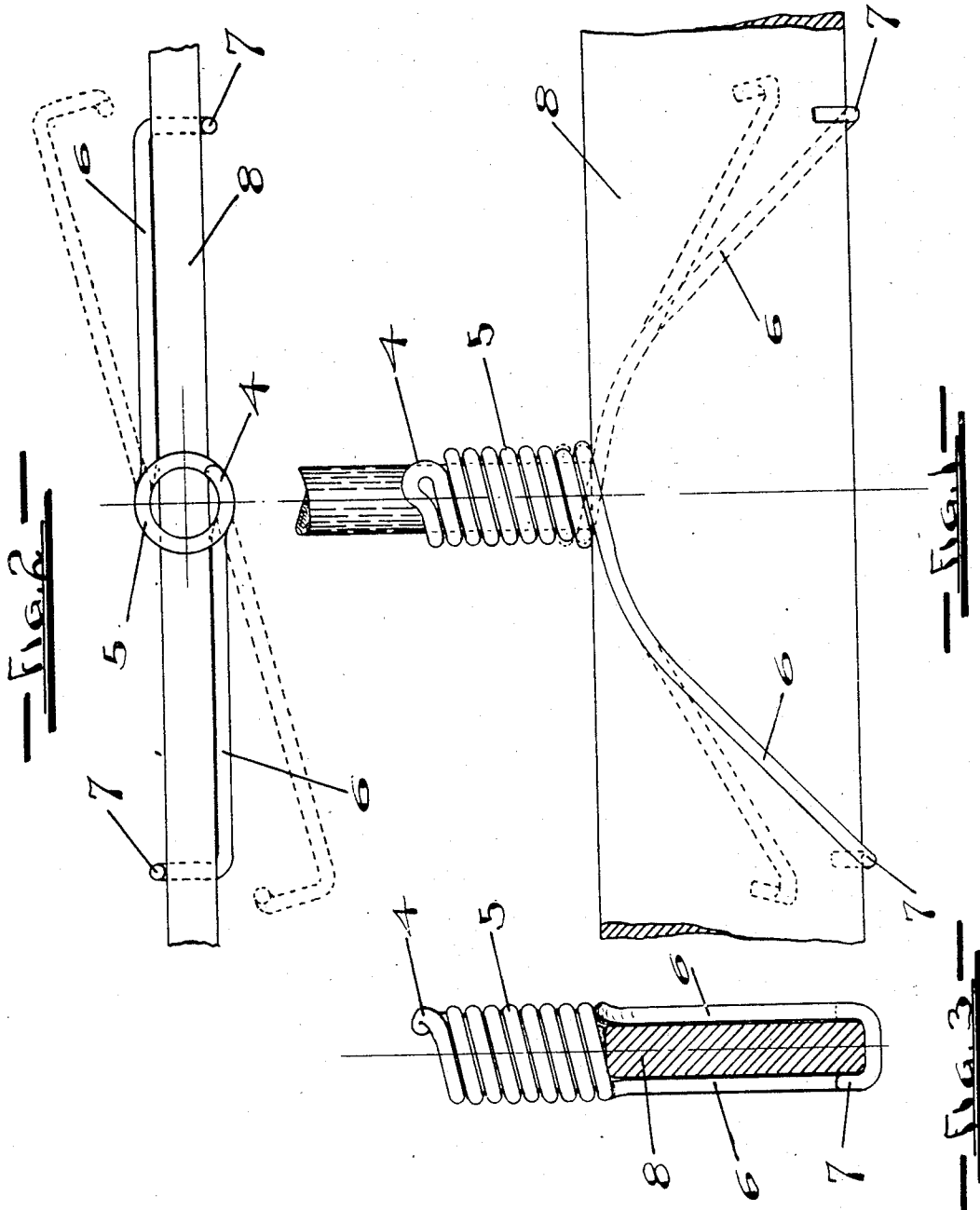
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My invention relates to sockets in general, and particularly to such sockets as are adapted to hold the staffs of flags and other devices in temporary positions of display. My invention is particularly designed for the positioning of flags and other decorations upon the bumpers of automobiles. The object of my invention is to provide a simple and cheap device that is easily placed in position or removed therefrom, and that when in position for use will firmly clamp the staff of the flag or decoration as well as the automobile fender or other support. I accomplish this object by means of the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawing, which is a part of this application for Letters Patent, like characters of reference indicating like parts throughout the several views thereof, and in which:

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of a portion of an automobile bumper with my device in position thereupon.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same.

Fig. 3 is an end elevation of the same.

In general my device consists of a socket member with two yieldable arms extending therefrom, the relation of the arms and the socket being such that when said arms are deflected from their initial position to grasp the support upon which the device is to be mounted the socket will contract upon the flag staff to hold the same securely in position.

As a preferred form of construction I illustrate in the drawing a device made of wire. The wire is first doubled upon itself, thus forming a loop 4. The two ends of the wire are then wound in a spiral or double threaded socket 5 into which the flag staff is to be inserted before the device is placed in position upon the support.

A pair of oppositely projecting arms 6 are led off from the bottom of the socket upon diametrically opposite sides thereof and tangential thereto, as shown in Fig. 2. Said arms are given a downwardly inclination, and terminated in hooked ends 7 adapted to engage the lower edge of the support 8. The arms are thus positioned upon opposite sides of the support.

To use my device the flag staff is first inserted into the socket, and the device is placed upon the support, as shown in Fig. 1. The arms 6 are thus positioned upon opposite sides of the support with the hooks 7 some distance above the lower edge of the support. The yieldable arms 6 are then sprung downward until the lower edge of the support is engaged by said hooked ends 7, as shown in Fig. 1. The act of bending down the arms 6 contracts the lower coils of the socket 5, as shown in Fig. 1 by dotted lines, the result being that the socket tightly grasps the flag staff and thus secures the same firmly in place.

My device may be made of any materials and constructed of any size deemed convenient and suitable for a device of this character, and while I have illustrated and described a form of construction found desirable in materializing my invention, I wish to include in this application all mechanical equivalents and substitutes that may fairly be considered to come within the scope and purview of my invention as defined in the appended claim.

Having disclosed my invention so that others may be enabled to construct and to use the same, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

In a socket device for holding decorations: a wire doubled upon itself to form a loop and then coiled into a double threaded helix with said loop at the upper end thereof; oppositely disposed wire arms leading from each of said helical threads at the bottom of said helix; and hooks formed at the extremities of said arms.

In witness whereof I claim the foregoing as my own, I hereunto affix my signature at Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, this 25th day of Sept., 1928.

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