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FIG. 1.

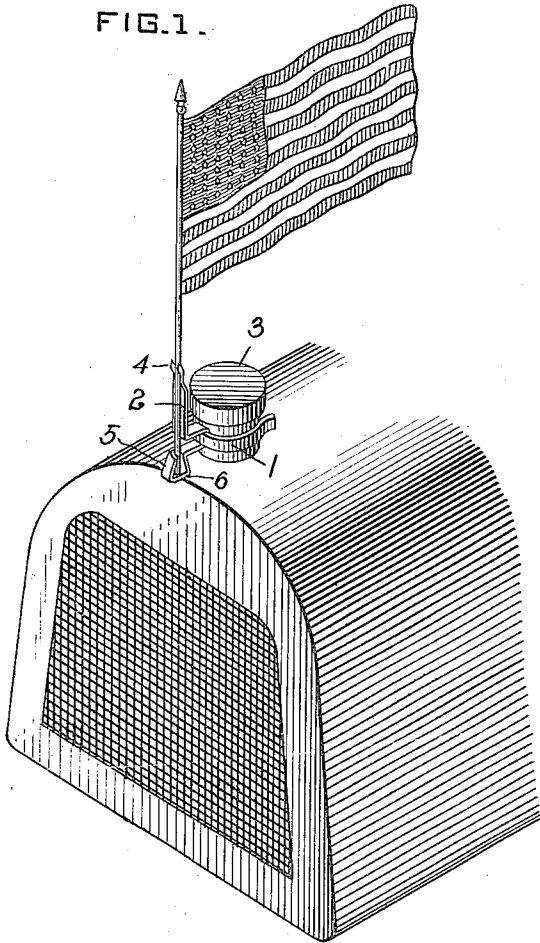
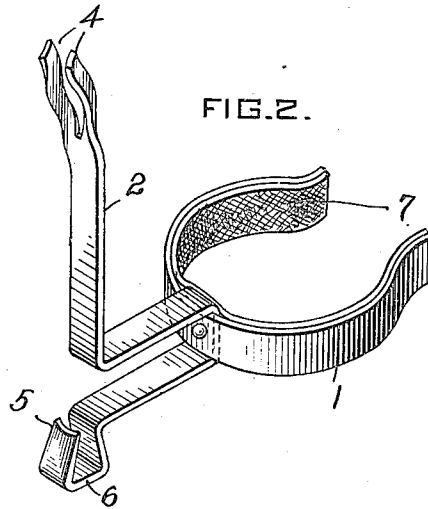


FIG. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER P. GILLESPIE, residing at Wilkinsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, a citizen of the United States, have invented or discovered certain new and useful Improvements in Staff Holders and Attaching Devices, of which improvements the following is a specification.

10 My invention relates to devices for holding staffs, particularly flag staffs, and for attaching them to various supports. The object thereof is to provide a device of the character described which will be simple and inexpensive in construction, and whereby 15 a staff may be quickly attached to or removed from a support, and, when attached thereto, effectively held in the desired position.

20 While the device which I provide may be used for attaching flag, pennant, or other staffs to various objects or supports, it finds particular adaptability to attaching such staffs to the radiator-filling pipes of automobiles; and is thus illustrated herein.

25 Figure 1 of the drawings is a perspective view of the device which I provide, and Fig. 2 a similar view thereof when used to attach a flag to an automobile radiator-filling pipe.

30 The staff holder and attaching device which I provide comprises a spring yoke 1 and a staff holder 2 secured to each other. The yoke is, as indicated, open at one side 35 to receive a support such as the radiator-filling pipe 3, and is constructed of spring metal (preferably a flat strip thereof), the inherent resiliency of which is the sole medium of fastening the device to such support. The staff holder, which is also preferably constructed of a flat strip of yielding metal, is provided with spaced yielding members for engaging a staff at two points.

These yielding members preferably take the form of fork-shaped spring clips 4 at the upper end of the holder, and a U-shaped spring clip 5 at the lower end thereof. 45

While, as already stated, the device is preferably constructed of two strips of flat spring metal, it may be constructed of other forms of resilient material. 50

When using the device, the lower end of a staff rests upon the base or horizontally-disposed portion 6 of the holder 2, and the staff is engaged at its lower end by the clip 5, and at a point above its end by the fork shaped clips 4. Thus the staff may be firmly held and attached to a support without the necessity of manipulating bolts or screws, which are also objectionable in that they become loosened by the vibration of an automobile when the device is used for attaching a flag thereto. 55

If desired, the yoke 1 may be faced with a felt strip 7 to eliminate rattling and to prevent marring the support which it engages. 60

I claim as my invention:

A staff holder and attaching device comprising a yoke constructed of a substantially flat strip of spring metal and open at one side to receive a support, and a holder constructed of a substantially flat strip of spring metal secured to said yoke, the upper end of said holder being slit and bent laterally to form fork-shaped clips adapted to yieldingly engage a flag-staff; and the lower end U-shaped to receive and hold a staff, the base portion of said lower end being horizontally disposed and adapted to support the end of a flag-staff. 70 75 80

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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