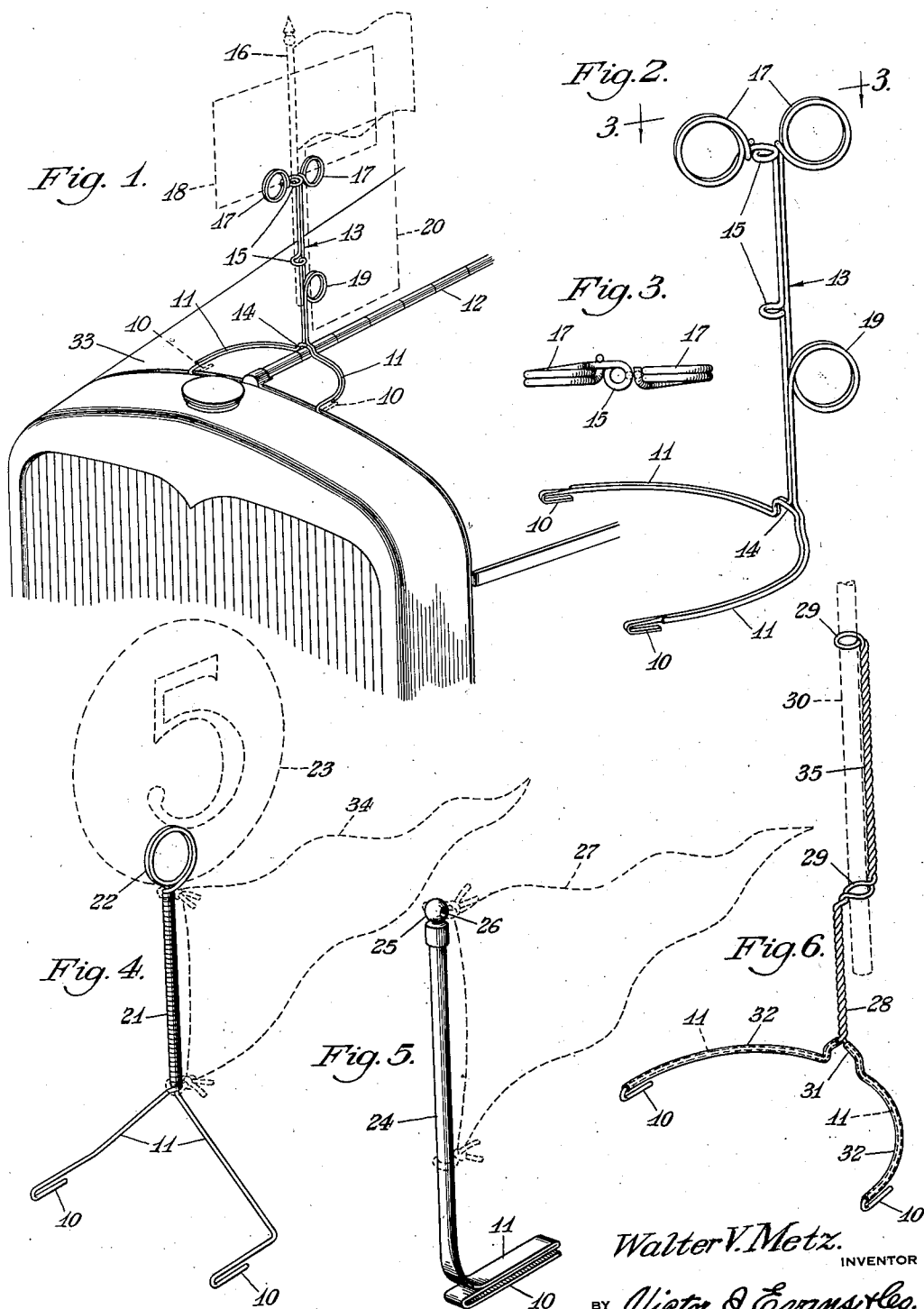


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This invention relates to certain novel improvements in supporting devices, and has for its principal object the provision of an improved construction of this character which will be highly efficient in use and economical in manufacture.

An object of this invention is to provide a new and improved supporting device for attachment to the hood of an automotive vehicle to support an ornament such as a flag, pennant, card, insignia, or the like in a conspicuous position at the front of the vehicle hood.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists in the novel combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention will be best understood by reference to the accompanying drawing, showing the preferred form of construction and in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing a preferred form of the new holding device in use;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the form of the device shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a plan view on line 3—3 in Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a modification of the invention;

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of another modification of the invention; and

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a further modification of the invention.

Each of the several forms of the invention shown in the drawing is formed from a continuous length of metal or wire and has a hook element 10 for attachment to a leaf of the hood 33 of an automotive vehicle at one side of the common pivot or rod 12 on which the hood leaves 11 are mounted. These hook elements 10 are formed at the ends of arms 11 and are a common feature of each of the several forms of the invention shown; the arms 11 in the different forms of the invention differing in design from each other but having the same function, namely, for attachment to the hood to hold the supporting staff of the device.

In the form shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, the device has a supporting staff indicated generally at 13. Formed at the lower end of the staff 13 where the same merges into the hooked arms is a V-shaped opening or crotch 14 to accommodate the device to the rod 12 in the manner shown in Fig. 1. Formed integral with the staff 13 is a pair of vertically spaced aligned loops 15 for the reception of a flag staff 16. Also formed integrally with the staff 13 at the top thereof is a pair of horizontally spaced clips 17, each clip 17 being formed of a pair of concentric yieldable rings

which may be spread slightly to hold a display card or insignia 18. Another clip 19, similar to the clips 17, is formed integral with the staff 13 between the ends thereof to support a card or insignia 20.

The modification of Fig. 4 has a staff 21 with which is integrally formed, at the top thereof, a clip 22 that is similar to the clips 17 and 19, for holding a card 23 or the like. A pennant 34 may be attached to the staff 21.

The modification of Fig. 5 has a staff 24 to the top of which is threaded or otherwise fastened a head 25 having an aperture 26 formed therein to which may be attached one corner of a pennant or insignia 27; the other corner being attached to the staff 24.

The modification of Fig. 6 has a staff 28 which includes an offset portion 35 in which are formed a pair of vertically spaced aligned loops 29 for the reception of a flag staff 30. This form of the invention also has a crotch 31 formed therein for the reception of the rod 12 and its arms 11 are covered with protective rubber sleeves 32 to prevent marring the paint on the hood 33.

It will be noted that in the forms of the invention shown in Figs. 1 to 4, inclusive, and Fig. 6, the arms 11 have a relatively wide spread, are made of flexible or resilient material, such as wire, and extend in a plane substantially at right angles to the upright portion of the device. The relatively wide spread of the arms 11 and their flexibility enables them to be accommodated to the hoods of various types of cars which vary considerably in the construction and width of the devices 12 upon which the hood leaves 33 are mounted at the center line therebetween. The projection of the arms 11 at right angles to the upright enables them to rest upon the hood leaves and support the device in upright position.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred form of construction for carrying my invention into effect, this is capable of variation and modification, without departing from the spirit of the invention. I, therefore, do not wish to be limited to the precise details of construction set forth, but desire to avail myself of such variations and modifications as come within the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

1. An automotive vehicle hood ornament support including a vertical upright portion for attachment to an ornament, said device including spaced arms arranged at the lower end of said

upright and having attaching portions at their ends for pinching attachment with the hood of the vehicle on opposite sides of the horizontal center line between the hood leaves or sections, said arms being formed of flexible material, said arms projecting substantially horizontally so that in use they will rest upon the hood and support the said upright portion, to brace the vertical upright portion, and said arms having a relatively wide spread or space between the said attaching portions thereof so that the latter may be accommodated to the varying widths of different devices employed for mounting the hood leaves at said center line therebetween.

- 15 2. A hood ornament for automotive vehicles comprising an upright standard for supporting an ornament, a pair of members shaped to simulate

an inverted V with the apex portion connected with the lower end of the standard, each of said members having a horizontal reach with a portion bent back upon itself to provide a U-shaped clip arranged to engage the top and bottom sides of a leaf of the hood of the vehicle, said reaches extending inwardly of the leaves in contact therewith beyond the inner ends of their associated U-shaped clips, to constitute a brace for the standard, said V-shaped construction providing accommodation for hinge constructions connecting the two leaves of an automobile hood, to permit a clip to be attached to each leaf with the standard arranged in vertical alignment with the hinge construction.

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