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Fig. 1.

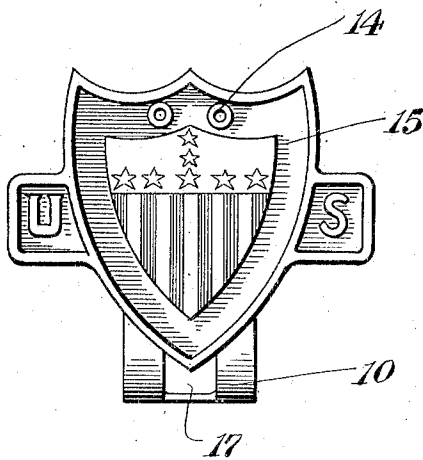


Fig. 2.

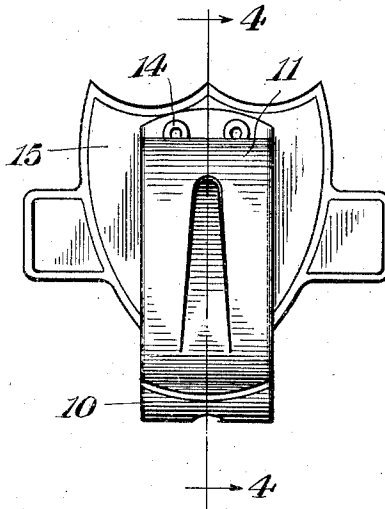


Fig. 3.

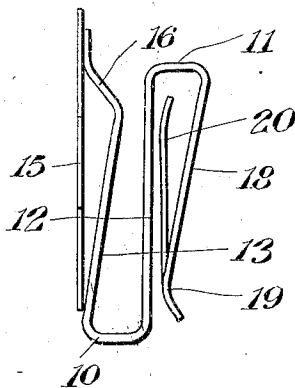


Fig. 4.

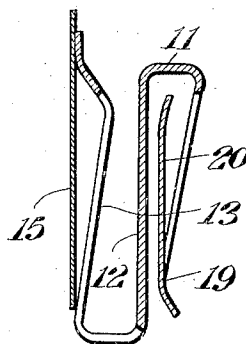
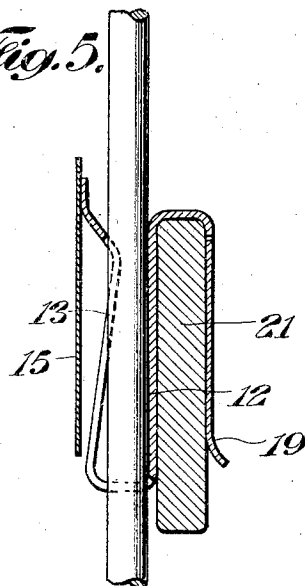


Fig. 5.



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The present invention broadly relates to improvements in means for supporting and holding a supported member such as a flag and more specifically the invention aims to provide a holder for flags and other similar articles adapted for detachable disposition on a supporting member such as the bumper of an automobile.

An object of the invention is to provide a device of the above character having means for detachably and resiliently maintaining the supported member in service and means for detachably and resiliently securing said device to the supporting member.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which is simple in construction, cheap to manufacture and efficient in the performance of the functions desired.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention further resides in certain new and novel features and details of construction, more particularly and specifically pointed out in the following description of the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of a device constructed in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 2 is a back elevational view of said device;

Figure 3 is a side elevational view looking from the right of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a sectional elevational view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 2; and

Figure 5 is a view similar to Figure 4 showing the device disposed in service on a supporting member and holding a supported member.

Referring now to the drawings which show by way of illustration the preferred embodiment of the invention and to the details of which I do not intend to confine myself, the invention is embodied in a device which is constructed to a single piece of resilient material, such as spring steel, having a U-shaped portion 10 and an inverted U-shaped portion 11, the U-shaped portions having a common side, 12. Attached near the

top of the free side, 13, of the U-shaped portion, 10, as by means of rivets 14 or other securing means is a shield 15 or other form of ornamentation serving to augment the appearance of the said device. The U-shaped member 10 slants slightly upwardly to form an inwardly extending bend 16 and the side and bottom of the U-shaped member has a vertically extending slot 17. The free side 18 of the inverted U-shaped member 11 also converges toward the common side, 12, to form a bend 19 and as best shown in Figure 3, a tongue 20 is cut out of said free side. This tongue extends vertically and substantially parallel to the common side, 12, of the U-shaped portions.

In the operation and use of the present invention, the device is disposed in service on a supporting member 21 such as the bumper of an automobile, the inverted U-shaped portion 11 serving to accommodate and engage said supporting member as indicated in Figure 5. When the device is placed on the supporting member, by reason of the resilient action of the free side 18, it is firmly, although detachably, held in place so that it is not loosened by jars or shocks such as an automobile is subjected to in service. The inwardly struck tongue 20 adds to the resilient grip of the device on the supporting member and it will be noted that this tongue causes the resilient engagement of the free side 18 to extend practically along the entire length of said side and not merely at the bend 19. The flag or other supported member is placed in behind the shield and down into the slot 17 where it is resiliently and detachably held in place by the spring action exerted on it by the free side 13 of the U-shaped member 10. The purpose of the slot is to maintain the supported member in substantial vertical position and to prevent any tendency for the flag to become loose or to wiggle.

It will be understood that the specific construction shown is merely taken for the purpose of illustration and that modifications and variations may be made therein without departing from the spirit of the invention, and I therefore desire to be limited only by

the state of the prior art and the scope of the appended claim.

I claim:

A device of the class described comprising
a U-shaped member of sheet metal having
resilient sides adapted to receive a post-like
member with the axis of the post-like mem-
ber substantially parallel to the axis of the
sides, one of said sides bent inwardly toward
the other, and flaring outwardly at its ex-
tremity for convenient reception of the sup-
ported member, said side being slotted from
its lower extremity to a point above the in-
ward bent to receive the post-like member
and prevent lateral movement thereof be-
tween the sides.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my
name to this specification this 11th day of
February, 1927.

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