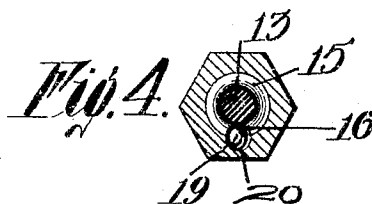
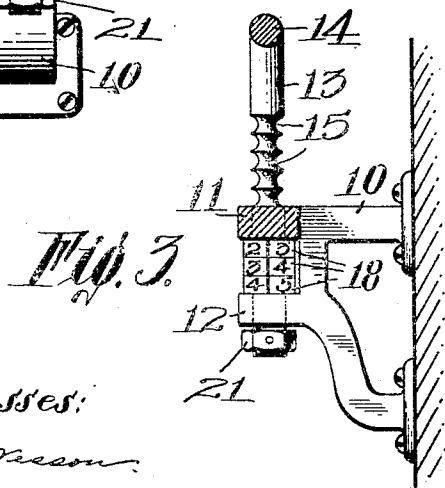
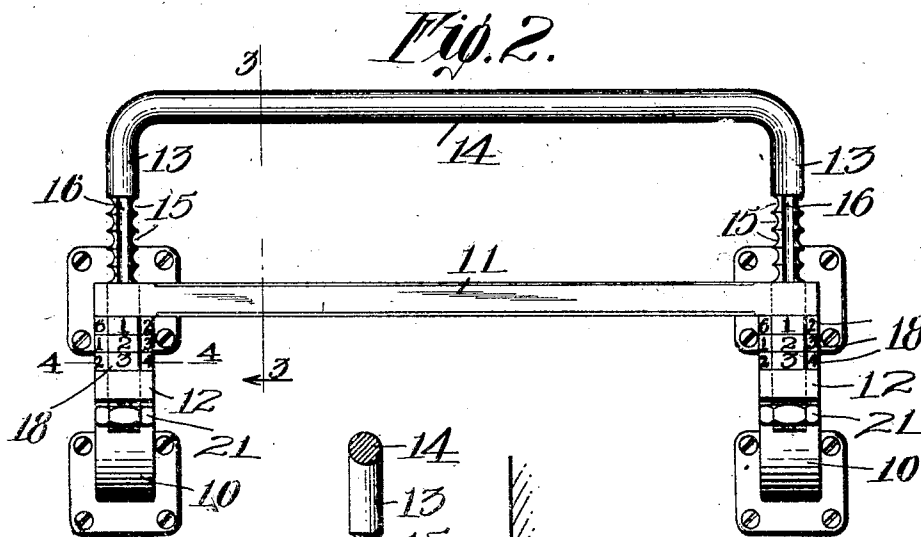
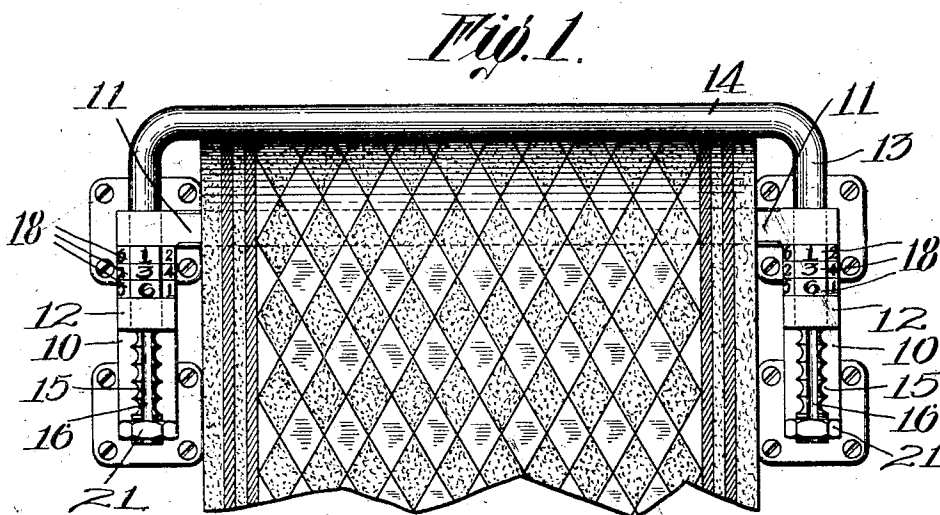


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN T. DELANEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Worcester, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Blanket-Holder for Automobiles and the Like, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a holding device for blankets, robes, coats, and the like.

It is capable of general use, but particularly adapted for automobiles.

The principal objects of the invention are to provide a suitable device of this character of such a construction that it will efficiently hold blankets, robes, coats, and the like to prevent their being stolen and will operate without the use of keys or other locking devices which can be lost.

The invention involves the use of an ordinary bar for supporting the blanket, and means arranged in connection therewith for locking the blanket, or the like to the bar.

It also involves other features of construction as will appear hereinafter.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a device constructed in accordance with this invention; Fig. 2 is a similar view with the parts in a different position; Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2; and Fig. 4 is a sectional view on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2 on enlarged scale.

The invention is shown as applied to a vertical surface as for example, the surface of the back of an automobile seat, and as comprising a pair of end brackets 10 having an integral horizontal bar 11 extending from one to the other. This bar is designed for supporting the coats, blankets, or the like which are to be secured in position. Each of these brackets is provided with an integral projection 12 below the end of the bar 11. These projections are provided with vertical perforations and above them are perforations of a similar character in the ends of the bar. Through these perforations extend the legs 13 of a U-shaped clamping member 14. Each of these legs is provided with a series of circumferential grooves 15 and with a longitudinal groove 16 extending throughout the space occupied by the circumferential grooves. Between the projections 12 and the bar 11 are arranged a plurality of locking disks 18 each of which

is provided with an interior socket 19 for receiving a shot or bearing ball 20. This ball projects from this socket into a longitudinal groove in the member 13 and is capable also of passing into the grooves 15. The disks are polygonal and have characters on their several sides. The end of each of the legs 13 is provided with screw threads and a nut 21 is shown for engaging them and limiting the upward motion of the locking member 14.

In use the parts are in the position indicated in Fig. 2. The blankets, coats, or any other articles to be held are laid on the bar 11 and the disks at both ends are turned until a certain combination is effected by which all the balls 20 are brought into alinement and into registration with the grooves 16. When the parts are in this position the bar 14 is forced down on the articles until they are under sufficient pressure to permit of the disks being turned to bring the balls out into the grooves 15 and out of registration with the grooves 16. It will be seen then that the arrangement holds the locking member 14 in this position until the disks are turned to the same combination again. This combination, of course, is indicated by the numbers, letters, or other characters on the several faces of the disks. It will be understood that the nuts 21 are used only to limit the upward motion of the member 14 to prevent its being pulled out entirely. With this arrangement it will be seen that articles particularly compressible articles like coats, blankets, and the like can be held securely in position and located there by a person who knows the combination, yet no keys or other devices are required, which might be lost or misplaced.

Although I have illustrated and described a single embodiment of the invention, I am aware that it is capable of being carried out in many other forms without departing from the scope of the invention as expressed in the claims. Therefore I do not wish to be limited to all the details of construction herein shown and described, but

What I do claim is:—

1. In a holding device, the combination of a pair of brackets adapted to be fixed on a plane surface, a bar connecting said brackets and provided with perforations near its ends, said brackets having perforations in alinement with the perforations in the ends of the bar, a pair of connected removable

rods extending through the perforations at each end, and locking devices for said rods between the bar and the perforation in each bracket.

5 2. In a device of the character described, the combination of a fixed bar having a perforation therethrough, a locking member having a portion projecting through said
10 perforation, and provided with a series of circumferential grooves and a longitudinal groove, said grooves being semi-circular in cross section and a plurality of polygonal
15 disks on said grooved portion each having a hemispherical socket therein, and each provided with a ball adapted to engage in the grooves of said grooved member, and means for holding the locking disks in a stationary position relative to the movable locking bar.

3. In a device of the character described,
20 the combination of a horizontal bar having perforations near its ends, a pair of members fixedly connected with the bar below said perforations and also having perforations in alignment therewith, a locking member
25 parallel with the bar and having a pair of legs adapted to pass through said perforations, said legs being provided with circumferential grooves and with a longitudinal groove, and disks located between the

perforations at each end of the bar and
30 adapted to engage said legs when they pass through the perforations, each disk being provided with a member for entering the grooves in the legs and with characters on its faces to indicate the combination. 35

4. In a device of the character described, the combination of a fixed bar having a perforation therethrough, a locking member having a portion projecting through said
40 perforation, and provided with a series of circumferential grooves and a longitudinal groove, and a plurality of polygonal disks on said grooved portion each having a hemispherical socket therein, and each provided with a ball adapted to engage in the grooves
45 of said grooved member, the faces of said disks being provided with characters to indicate the combination, the ends of said members being screw-threaded, and a nut on each screw thread to prevent withdrawal
50 thereof.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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