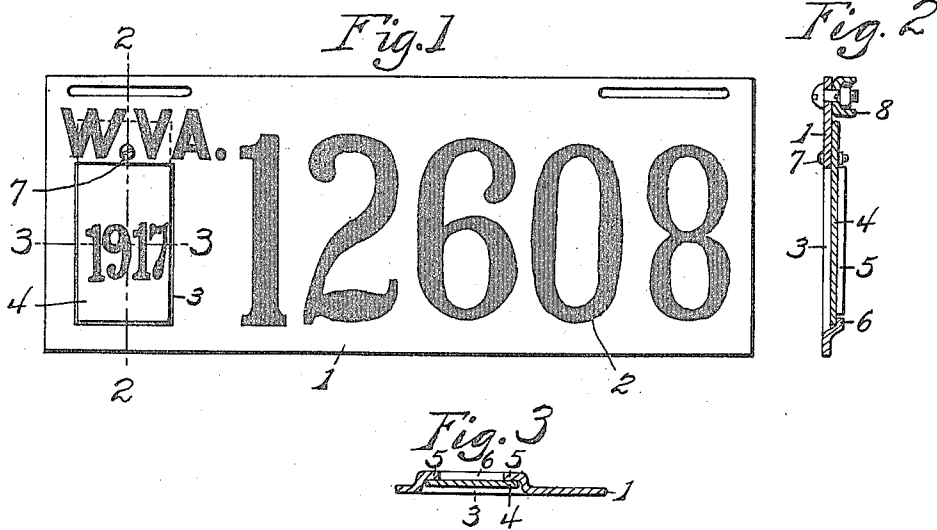


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PETER F. HABERSTICK, a citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Wheeling, county of Ohio, and State of West Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in License Plates or Tags, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates broadly to number plates, and more specifically to a license plate or tag for motor-vehicles and the like.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a license plate or tag of which but a small and relatively inexpensive part, instead of the entire tag, requires changing from year to year to evidence payment of the current year's license tax.

A further object is to provide a license tag or plate composed of a main body, or number-bearing portion, and a year-plate, the main body being designed to be permanently carried by the vehicle for which it is issued and carrying a number which shall be the permanent identifying number of said vehicle, and said year-plate being detachably secured to said main body in a prominently displayed position.

A still further object is to provide a device of the character mentioned wherein detachment of the year-plate can only be accomplished when the body of the tag has been detached from its mounting.

With these and other important objects in view, the invention resides in the features of construction, arrangements of parts, and combinations of elements which will hereinafter be fully described, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the invention; and

Figs. 2 and 3 are sections taken respectively on lines 2—2 and 3—3, Fig. 1.

Referring to said drawings, in which like designating characters distinguish like parts throughout the several views—

1 indicates the main body portion of a metallic license tag carrying an identification number 2, as ordinarily. Provided in said body 1 adjacent to one end thereof is an aperture 3 of rectangular form, through which is exposed a portion of the face of a year-plate 4 which is also of rectangular form. Rearwardly struck retaining flanges 5 extend along the vertical lateral edges of the aperture 3, the same being bent to form guide-members between which the year-plate

4 is received, as is most clearly shown in Fig. 3. A similar struck-up retaining flange 6 extends along the lower edge of said aperture and is bent to form a seat upon which the lower edge of the year plate rests. The year-plate, which is of greater length than the aperture 3, is introduced between the upper ends of the flanges 5 and is slipped downward between the latter to its seating position upon the flange 6. Said year-plate is preferably secured against withdrawal in a vertical direction, as by means of a screw or bolt 7 directed through the body 1 above said aperture 3 and through the underlying upper end portion of the year-plate. Such attaching means may be dispensed with, however, as the year-plate is preferably made of such length that its upper edge closely underlies the usual license-bracket 8 to which the body 1 is attached, and such bracket effectually consequently guards against the withdrawal of the year-plate.

From the foregoing it will be understood that the body of the license plate or tag may form a permanent fixture for the vehicle and that, consequently, the identifying number remains the same from year to year—a feature which is most desirable for various obvious reasons. Further, the yearly furnishing of the relatively small, light and inexpensive year-plate results in a large reduction in the expense to which the state is subjected under the present system of yearly furnishing entire new tags. The year plates preferably differ in color from the main plate or body and will be furnished in different colors in successive years for more readily indicating the years for which they are issued.

What is claimed is—

1. In combination with a supporting bracket, a license plate or tag having its upper edge attached to said bracket, said plate comprising a main body bearing an identification number and having an aperture therein located laterally with respect to said number, a year-plate mounted rearward of said aperture and vertically slidable into and out of position, said year-plate exposing a portion of its face through said aperture and having its lower edge disposed in underlying relation to said bracket whereby its withdrawal is prevented.

2. A license plate or tag comprising a main body bearing an identification number, said plate having an aperture therein, verti-

cal retaining flanges provided laterally of
said aperture, a horizontal seating flange at
the lower edge of said aperture, a year-plate
slidably received between and held by said
5 vertical flanges and seated upon said seating
flange, said plate being disposed rearward
of said aperture and exposing a portion of its
face through the latter, said plate being dis-
posed with its upper end closely underlying

the support by which said main body is car- 10
ried so that said support guards against
withdrawal thereof.

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