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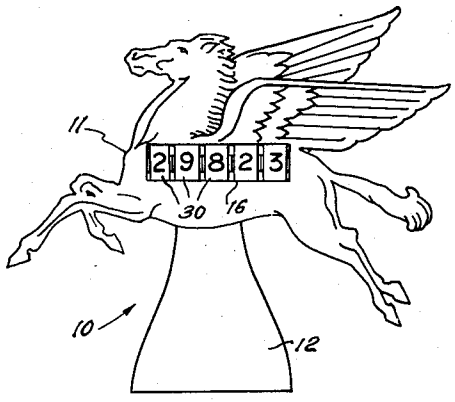


Fig. 1

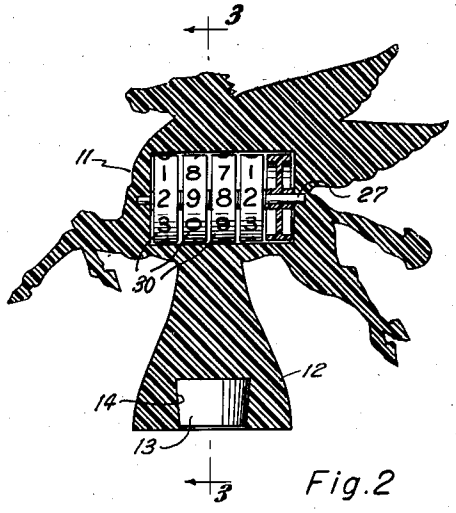


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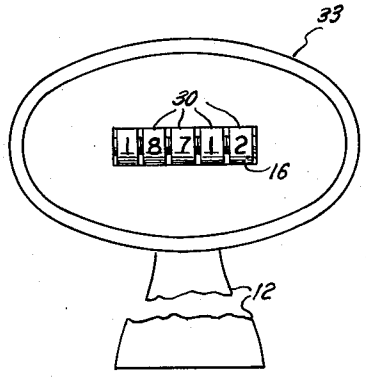


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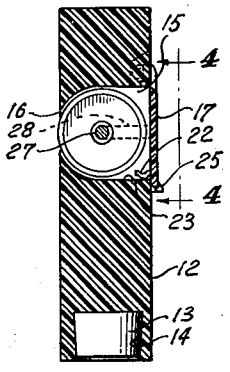


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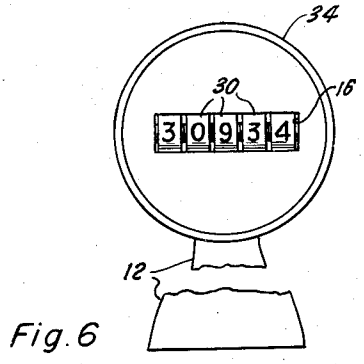


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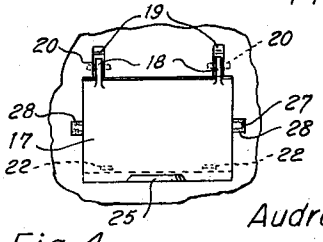


Fig. 4

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This invention relates to novelty devices and more particularly to novelty devices having indicating means.

An object of this invention is to provide a new and improved novelty device having an indicating device.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of the type described having a plurality of rotatable aligned indicia wheels which may be each independently set.

Still another object is to provide a new and improved device, of the type described, which may be secured in a vehicle and whose indicia wheels may be set to indicate a particular mileage, as determined by the speedometer of the vehicle, at which a trip of the vehicle was started, the oil in the vehicle was changed, or any other event occurred.

Another object is to provide a device, of the type described, mounted on a base provided with a means by which device may be easily and securely attached to the vehicle.

Additional objects and advantages of the invention will be readily apparent from the reading of the following description of a device constructed in accordance with the invention, and reference to the accompanying drawings thereof, wherein:

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of a novelty device constructed in accordance with the invention;

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view of the device of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Figure 2;

Figure 4 is a fragmentary view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 3;

Figure 5 is a fragmentary elevational view of a modified form of the device; and

Figure 6 is a fragmentary elevational view of another modified form of the device.

Referring now particularly to Figures 1 to 4 of the drawing, the novelty device **10** includes a body in the shape of an emblem, or figure **11**, which may be that of a winged horse or any other desired shape, mounted on a pedestal or base **12**, which may be integral with the figure **11**. A permanent magnet **13** is securely disposed in the lower end of the pedestal adjacent the bottom thereof so that the device will be held securely in place by the magnetic force of the magnet **13** whenever the bottom of the pedestal abuts an object made of a magnetic substance, e. g. the dashboard of an automobile.

The pedestal may be cast or moulded about the magnet, as shown in Figures 2 and 3, or the magnet may be held in a recess in the pedestal by means of an adhesive or by any other suitable means.

The figure **11** is provided with a transverse slot or recess **15** which is reduced forwardly to form a narrow elongate window **16** at the front of the figure. The rear of the transverse slot **15** is closed by a cover **17** having a pair of forwardly and upwardly extending lugs **18** which extend into vertical rearwardly opening recesses **19** of the figure. The lugs **18** are provided with transverse protuberances **20** which engage and embed in the sides of the recesses **19** and about which the cover is adapted to pivot upwardly to uncover the recess or slot **15**. The cover is normally held in closed position by spring catches **22** which extend forwardly from the cover and engage the bottom surface **23** of the recess **15**.

The cover is curved outwardly at its lower edge, as at **25**, to provide a nail recess by means of which a finger nail may be inserted between the figure **11** and the lower edge of the cover to pivot the cover upwardly toward open position.

A transverse horizontal shaft **27** extends transversely through the transverse recess **15** of the figure **11** and has its ends disposed in slots **28** which communicate with the transverse recess. The ends of the shaft are rigidly secured in these slots by an adhesive or by any other suitable means.

Mounted in the shaft **27** in the recess **15** are a plurality of indicia wheels **30** along whose peripheries are disposed the numerals 0 through 9, which are visible through the forward window **16** of the figure **11**. The indicia wheels **30** are firmly but rotatably mounted on the shaft **27**, so that a slight amount of force will rotate them on the shaft but so that they will remain in any position to which they are rotated.

In use, the device may be mounted on a dashboard or other interior surface of an automobile by placing the bottom of the pedestal thereon, whereupon the magnet **13** holds the device securely in place. The indicia wheels may then be individually rotated on the shaft **27** until a desired mileage is seen through the window **16**. This mileage may be the mileage at which the oil in the vehicle was last changed, or the mileage indicated by the speedometer at the beginning of a trip, or any other numerical figure of importance to the operator of the vehicle. This numerical figure can be changed, of course, when the oil is again changed, or at the beginning of the next trip.

In Figure 5 is shown a modified form of the novelty device wherein the emblem **33** mounted on the base **12** is in the form of an ellipse. In Figure 6, the modified form of the novelty device includes an emblem **34** mounted on the base **10** which is in the form of a circle or disc.

It is also believed manifest htat the indicia wheels may be in the form of flat overlapping discs having the numerals thereon and exposed through the window **16** in the body.

It will be seen now that a new novelty device has been described and illustrated which includes an emblem or figure representation mounted on a pedestal **10**, having a permanent magnet by means of which it may be detachably secured to a dashboard or the like. It will also be seen that the emblem or representation is provided with a recess **15** in which are rotatably mounted indicia wheels **30** having indicia on their peripheries, the indicia of each wheel being individually visible through a window **16** of the representation or emblem which opens into the recess **15**.

The foregoing description of the invention is explanatory only, and changes in the details of the construction illustrated may be made by those skilled in the art, within the scope of the appended claims, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A device comprising: a pedestal; a solid emblem on said pedestal formed integral therewith and having front and rear planar surfaces, said emblem having a transverse recess formed therein fully open at the rear surface of the emblem, said emblem having a reduced forward window in its front surface opening into said recess; a plurality of individually movable indicia means mounted in said recess and frictionally restrained against rotative movement therein; selected indicia of said indicia

means being visible through said window; and a cover mounted on the rear surface of the emblem and openably closing the rear opening of said recess.

2. A device comprising: a pedestal; a solid emblem on said pedestal formed integral therewith and having front and rear planar surfaces, said pedestal and said emblem being formed of non-magnetic plastic material, said emblem having a transverse recess formed therein fully open at the rear surface of said emblem, said emblem having a reduced forward window in its front surface opening into said recess; a fixed shaft extending substantially centrally through said recess transversely of said pedestal; a plurality of wheels frictionally rotatably mounted on said shaft, narrow sections of the periphery of said wheels being visible through said window, said wheels having indicia on their periphery whereby said wheels may be rotated on said shaft to expose said indicia through said window; a cover mounted on the rear surface of the emblem openably closing the rear opening of the recess at the rear surface of the emblem; said pedestal being flared outwardly toward its lower end to provide an amplified planar base surface at such lower end; and a permanent magnet fixedly secured in said pedestal and having a face exposed in the plane of the planar base surface at the lower end of the pedestal; whereby said magnet will hold said planar surface in contact with a metallic surface to support the device in an upright position on said metallic surface.

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