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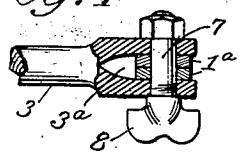
Fig. 4.



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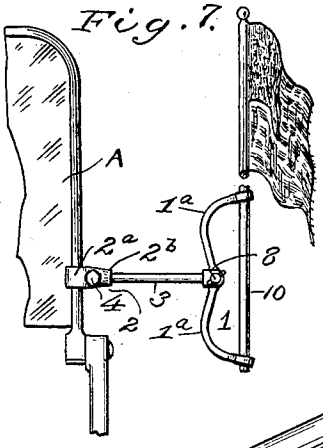

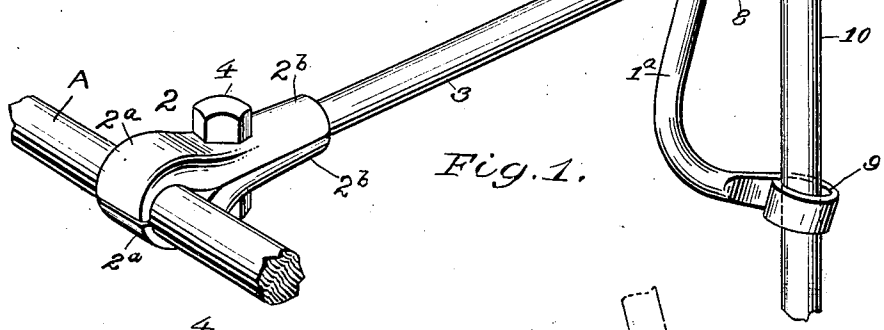

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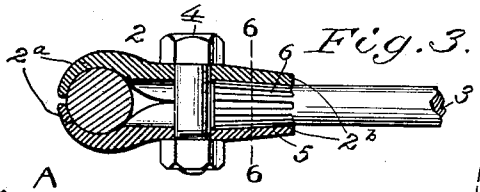

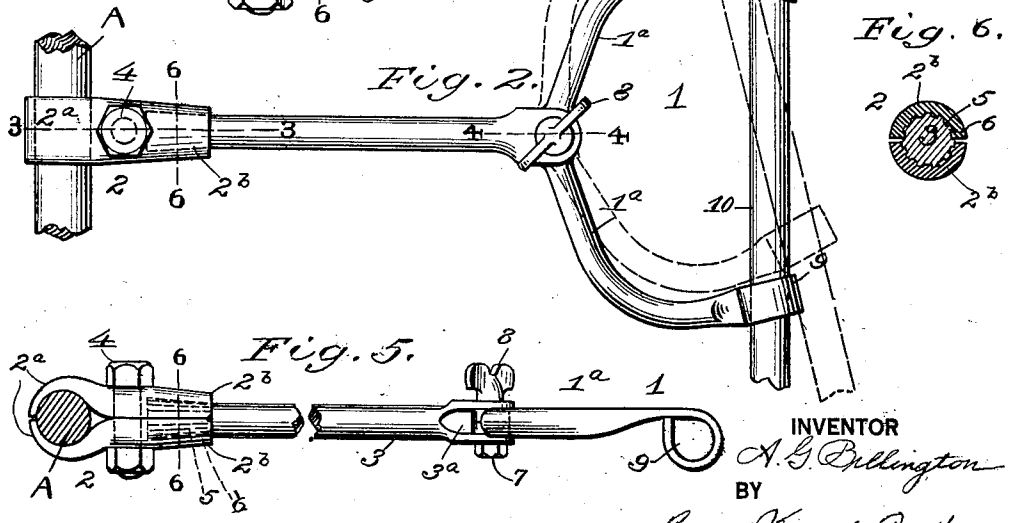

Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR G. BILLINGTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rye, in the county of Westchester and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Flag-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

The object of my invention is to provide a device for displaying flags, more particularly from automobiles and other vehicles, which device will be simple in construction, inexpensive to produce, and which may be readily attached to a supporting part of the automobile, whether said part is horizontally or vertically or otherwise disposed, and at the same time will support the flagstaff so as to display the flag in the position desired. With this end in view, the invention consists of a flagstaff holder comprising an attaching or clamping member adapted to be fastened to a support, and a flagstaff holder proper connected with the clamping device, said device being of improved form and construction to enable the flag to be held in the position desired, without regard to the particular disposition of the supporting part to which the device is applied.

The invention consists also in constructing the flagstaff holder proper of a pair of arms provided with eyes to receive the flagstaff, and adjustable relatively to each other to cause the eyes to bind on the staff and thereby hold the same in fixed position.

The invention consists also in connecting the holder proper to the clamping device so that the former may be adjusted relatively to the clamping device to enable the flag to be held horizontally or vertically or in any other position, without regard to the particular position or disposition of the part to which the clamping device is attached.

The invention also consists in the details of construction and combination of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved device attached to a horizontal supporting part with the flagstaff held in vertical position.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same.

Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 5 is a top plan view showing the clamping device applied to a vertically disposed support, with the flagstaff held in vertical position.

Fig. 6 is a section on the line 6—6 of Figs. 2, 3 and 5.

Fig. 7 is an elevation of a portion of the wind shield of an automobile with my improved device clamped thereto.

Referring to the drawings:

My improved device comprises a flagstaff holder proper 1 and a clamping device, the latter consisting of clamping jaws 2 and a stem 3 to which the holder proper is attached. The clamping jaws are formed with clamping fingers 2^a and with attached shanks 2^b which extends longitudinally from the fingers, a clamping bolt 4 being extended through the jaws and provided with a clamping nut so that the fingers may be caused to tightly grasp the supporting part A, and so that the shanks of the jaws may be caused to tightly clamp the end of the stem 3; whereby these parts may be held firmly in relatively fixed positions with the stem extended longitudinally of the jaws. The inner sides of the shanks are corrugated or roughened longitudinally, as at 5, to cooperate with similar corrugations 6 on the end of the stem, whereby the stem may be adjusted in the jaws to different positions around the longitudinal axis of the same and may be held firmly in its adjusted position. Also the end of the stem within the shanks is widened or flared to fit the inclined opposing surfaces of the shanks, as a result of which construction the stem will be prevented from escaping from the shank when the clamping bolt is loosened.

The holder proper 1 consists of a pair of curved arms 1^a, the inner ends of which are pivoted together in a slot 3^a in the end of the stem, by means of pivot bolt 7 which extends through the slotted end of the stem and the overlapping ends of the arms, and is provided with a wing nut 8 for clamping the parts together in fixed relations. At their outer ends the arms are provided each with an eye or hole 9 to receive the flagstaff 10 which is held fixedly and firmly by the

arms by forcing them inward toward each other to cause the eyes to bind on the opposite sides of the staff, as shown in Fig. 2, or the same result may be accomplished by spreading the arms apart, as shown in Fig. 1.

In the use of the device, the wing nut 8 is unscrewed and the arms 1ª adjusted so as to bring their eyes thereon into registry with each other to receive the flagstaff. The arms are then spread apart or forced toward each other, as the case may be, to cause the eyes to bind on the opposite sides of the staff, and the wing nut is again tightened to hold the parts in their adjusted position.

The clamping nut on bolt 4 is now loosened so as to allow the jaws to be spread apart to embrace the supporting part to which the device is to be attached, whereupon the bolt is again tightened up to cause the clamping fingers on the jaws to firmly grip the supporting part. If the supporting part is in a horizontal position, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and it is desired that the flagstaff be held in a vertical position, the stem 3 is turned around in the shanks of the jaws until the plane of the two arms 1ª extends vertically; or if the supporting part A is in a vertical position as shown in Figs. 5 and 6, the stem may be adjusted similarly to hold the staff in a vertical position; or if it is desired that the staff shall be held horizontally, the stem is adjusted relatively to the shanks of the jaws to bring the plane of the two arms 1ª in a horizontal position.

The arms 1ª may be adjusted bodily together with reference to the stem, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 2, to hold the flagstaff at an inclination.

Due to the various adjustments of the parts above mentioned, it will be observed that the device is adapted to be applied to supporting parts which may be either horizontally or vertically or otherwise disposed, and the staff may be held vertically or horizontally or otherwise, as desired.

While I have described and shown my improved device as applicable particularly for holding flagstaffs, it will be manifest that it may be used for holding other devices or members without departing from the limits of the invention, provided that the parts of the holder will operate and function substantially as hereinbefore described and as claimed.

In the accompanying drawings and foregoing description, I have set forth my invention in the particular detailed form I prefer to adopt, but it will be manifest that these details may be variously changed and modified without departing from the spirit of the invention, and it will be understood that the invention is not limited to the particular construction specified in the claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A flagstaff holder comprising a pair of arms provided with eyes to receive the flagstaff, said arms being adjustable relatively to and from each other to cause the eyes to bind on and hold the staff, and releasable means for positively holding the arms fixedly in their adjusted positions.

2. A flagstaff holder comprising a pair of arms pivoted together and provided with eyes to receive the flagstaff, and means for adjusting the arms on the pivot to cause the eyes to bind on and hold the staff.

3. A flagstaff holder comprising a clamping device for attachment to a support, a pair of arms sustained by the clamping device and provided with eyes to receive the staff, said arms being adjustable relatively to and from each other to cause the eyes to bind on and hold the staff, and releasable means for positively holding the arms fixedly in their adjusted positions.

4. A flagstaff holder comprising a clamping device for attachment to a support, a pair of arms pivoted to the clamping device and provided with eyes to receive the flagstaff, and means for adjusting the arms relatively to each other to cause the eyes to bind on and hold the staff.

5. A flagstaff holder comprising, in combination, opposing clamping jaws provided on one end with gripping fingers and having shanks extending from the fingers, a stem clamped between the shanks and adjustable therein about the longitudinal axis of the stem, and a pair of arms pivoted at their inner ends on the stem and adjustable relatively to each other to bind on the staff and also adjustable together relatively to the stem, to vary the inclination of the staff relative to the stem, said arms being provided with eyes to receive the flagstaff.

In testimony whereof, I have affixed my signature hereto.

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