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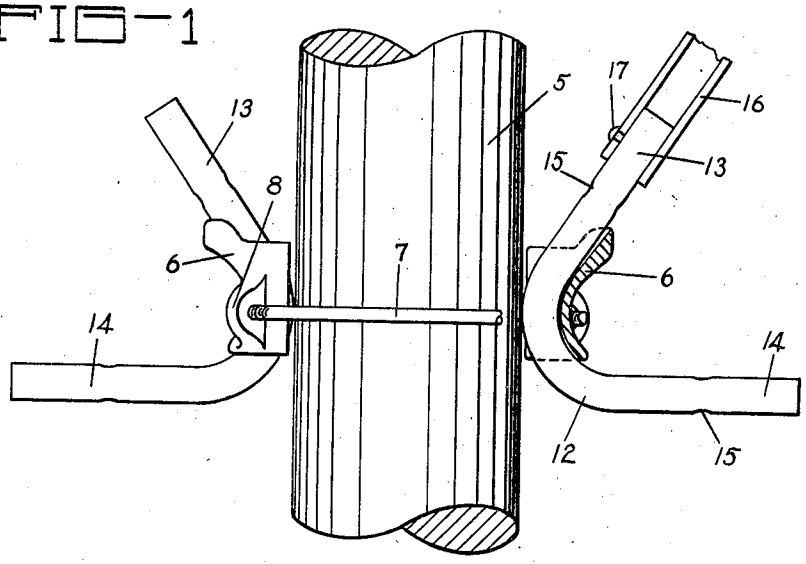


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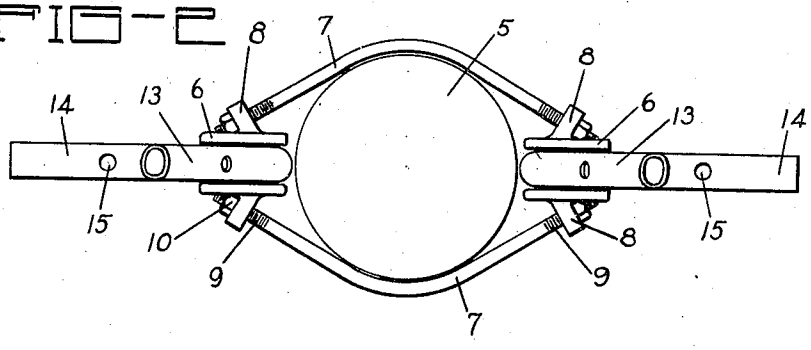
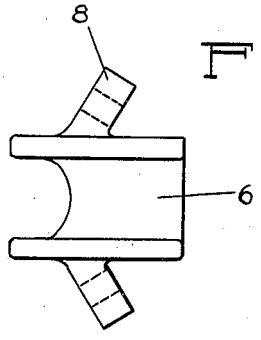


FIG-3



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Our invention has reference to a flag and banner holder, and is designed for attachment to electric light poles or similar supports at the side of a street for the purpose of decorating the street or displaying advertising matter thereon. One of the purposes thereof is to provide a cheap and efficient flag holder which can be quickly put in place, and which contains a multiple of flag holding elements, making it possible to support a number of flags from a pole at various angles. The same can thereby be used in different combinations for conventions, fairs, carnivals, sale days, and other features, with the display banners and advertising matter held on a lower level, and with flags or pennants above the same.

The device is so constructed as to be readily adaptable to poles of slightly varying diameters, and it can also be made in different sizes to meet the needs of large or small poles.

Another feature of the invention consists in an attachment therefor for use with flags having larger staffs, or for the support of small Christmas trees.

It is usual for the Chamber of Commerce in a city to superintend the decorating of the streets for some occasions, especially those of a commercial character, and the present invention is specially designed for such uses. The holders can be positioned permanently on the poles, and the flags and banners changed to meet the requirements.

The above named, and other features and advantages of the invention, will be more fully understood from the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 shows the invention, partly broken away, as it appears in place on a pole.

Fig. 2 is a plan view thereof.

Fig. 3 is a plan view of one of the saddles **6**.

The reference number **5** indicates a section of a pole, such as are to be found along the sides of the streets in most cities, to which pole is attached a pair of saddles **6**, by means of rods **7**, passing through openings in pairs of wings **8** projected angularly from the saddles. The rods are provided with screw threads at **9**, with nuts **10** thereon, by the tightening of which the rods can be drawn tightly against the post.

In each of the saddles is a piece of bent tubing **12**, ending in sockets **13** and **14**, in which may be held the sticks of small flags and banners, those in the upper sockets being directed upwardly away from the pole, and those in the lower sockets at a right angle therefrom. The bent portion of the tubing is held from turning between the side plates of the saddle, which is preferably formed of cast metal, but may be otherwise formed, if desired. Openings **15** are formed in the sockets, to receive small brads or tacks for holding the flags in place. The lower sockets **14** can also be bent upwardly a little if desired.

At **16** is indicated an additional section of tubing, telescoped on the socket **13**, and held in place thereon by a set-screw **17**. This section forms a socket of greater diameter, which can be used for holding the staff of a larger flag or the stump of a small Christmas tree.

Additional saddles may be used, so as to have the flags projected from the pole on three or four sides. The devices are supported on the poles at a sufficient height so as to not be tampered with.

The tubing for forming the sockets and the supporting rods can be cheaply produced from stock, and the saddles provided at little expense. They are also of a durable character.

The socket members are clamped tightly between the saddles and the outer face of the pole, so that no additional fastening means are required therefor. In posts of octagonal or other odd shape bends can be made in the rods **7**, so that they will conform to the shape thereof.

What we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. In a device of the class described, a pair of saddles, provided with lateral perforated wings, and vertical curved channels, U-shaped tubular members in said channels forming pairs of sockets projecting at divergent angles in a vertical plane, and rods connected with said wings, and provided with means for adjustable engagement with a pole.

2. In a device of the class described, a saddle provided with perforated wings for connection with a supporting member, and having a semicircular curved channel for the support of a similarly curved tubular member, a curved tubular member held in said channel forming a pair of sockets, and a telescoping tubular section on the end of the uppermost of said sockets forming a socket of larger diameter.

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