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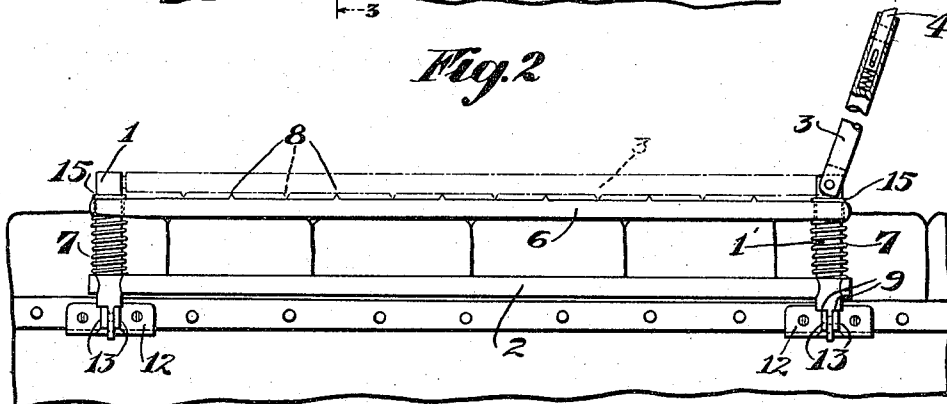
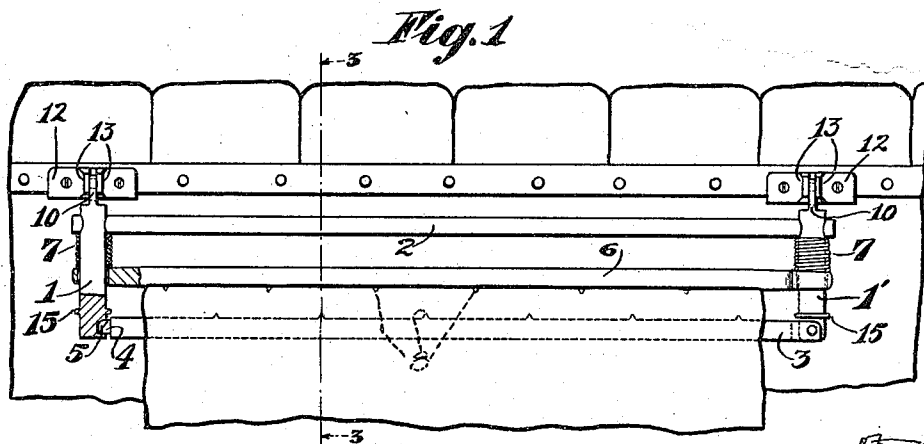
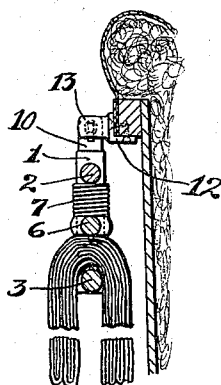


Fig. 3



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Fig. 4

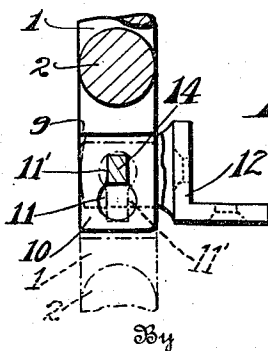
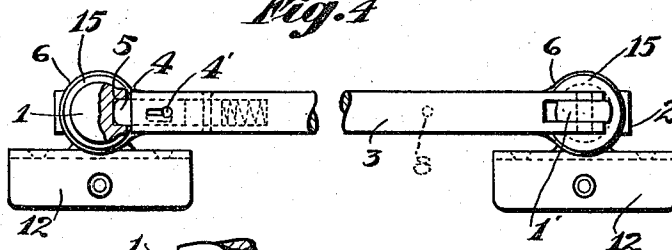


Fig. 5

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WESLEY YALE HENRY, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of the city of Seattle, in the county of King and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Article-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its primary aim to provide a simple and novel holder for articles and especially for lap-ropes, the same being designed to receive and lock the lap-ropes when the latter are not being used.

Further objects will be set forth as the description progresses and those features of construction, arrangements and combinations of parts on which I desire protection will be succinctly defined in the appended claim.

For a full understanding of the invention, reference is to be had to the following specification and the accompanying drawings wherein—

Figure 1 is a partial elevation of my improved lap-rope holder in its operative position, the same being mounted on the back of a seat. Fig. 2 is a similar view wherein the holder is inverted to facilitate the placing of the robe therein. Fig. 3 is a vertical section taken through Fig. 1 on about line 3—3. Fig. 4 is a fragmentary bottom plan as viewed in Fig. 1, portions being broken away for the sake of clearness, and Fig. 5 shows an enlarged, detailed illustration of the swinging mounting of the holder.

Using similar characters of reference for corresponding parts throughout, my holder comprises, in its preferred embodiment, a rectangular frame having end bars 1 and 1' fixedly joined at one end by cross bar 2 while to the opposite end of end bar 1' is pivoted a locking bar 3 which has a spring projected latch 4 in its free end for releasable engagement in opposing recess 5 of end bar 1.

Slidably supported on the end bars, is a gripping member 6 interposed between cross bar 2 and lock or gripping bar 3 and yieldingly pressed toward the latter by coiled springs 7. A spring is arranged on each end bar and has one terminal bearing on

cross bar 2. Gripping member 6 and lock bar 3 carry, in opposing relation, a series of article engaging spurs 8, each series being arranged in staggered relation to the opposite series to more effectively engage small articles.

The upper terminal of each end bar is reduced to form oppositely extending shoulders 9 and an extension 10 which is provided with an opening 11 having a reduced lock extension 11'. The brackets 12, for mounting the lap-rope holder, are conveniently secured to the back of the front seat of the automobile or other vehicle, each of said brackets having a pair of ears 13 between which the extension 10 of the end bar is swingingly secured by pin 14. This pin is angular in cross section and, when the holder frame is swung to an inverted position, is received by the extension 11' of the opening 11 for locking the holder in position.

In operation, to place a lap-rope or other article in the holder, the latter is swung to its inverted position and the lock bar elevated (see the position in full lines in Fig. 2) after the latch 4 has been retracted from recess 5 by a key which is insertible in key opening 4'. Gripping member 6 is prevented from being dislodged, by its supporting springs, by annular beads or shoulders formed on end bars 1 and 1'. Subsequently to placing the article on the gripping member, the lock bar is lowered to position (see dotted position, Fig. 2) and the holder frame raised to remove the pivot pin 14 from the opening extension 11' whereby said holder may be swung to its normal position.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States of America, is:—

A robe holder for automobiles comprising a frame consisting of a longitudinal bar and a cross bar at each end thereof, one end of each cross bar forming one half of a hinge, complementary hinge members adapted to be secured to a support, a bar pivoted by one end to the other end of one of said cross bars, a yielding catch adapted to detachably secure the other end of said pivoted bar to the like end of the other cross bar, a clamping

bar slidably mounted on said cross bars between said pivoted bar and the longitudinal frame bar, springs between said clamping bar and the longitudinal frame bar holding
5 the clamping bar toward the swinging bar, and stops on the cross bars limiting the outward movement of the clamping bar.

Signed at Seattle, Washington this 28 day of July 1914.

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