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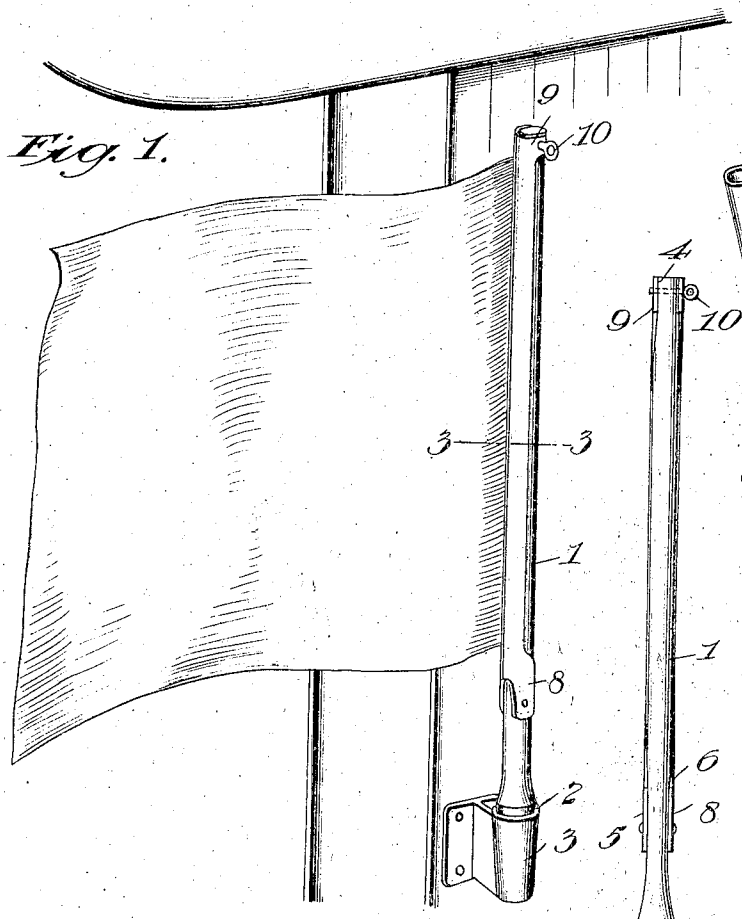
Fig. 1.



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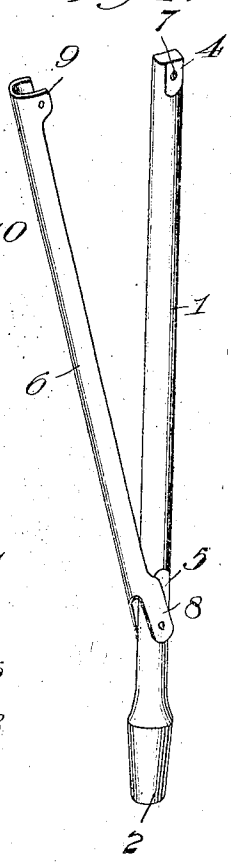

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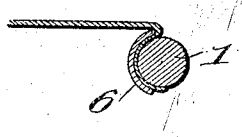

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB K. MOORE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fresno, in the county of Fresno and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Flagstaffs, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to flag staffs to be carried by the rear end of railroad trains and has for its object the provision of means for facilitating the attaching of a flag to a staff in case the flag should become torn or worn out.

Another object of this invention is the production of a flag staff, which is simple in construction, efficient in operation and consists of a comparatively small number of parts.

With these and other objects in view this invention consists of certain novel constructions, combinations, and arrangements of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention as applied to the rear end of a car. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective flag staff. Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a rear view of the flag staff showing the relation of the flattened portions upon the staff proper.

Referring to the drawings by numerals 1 designates a standard provided with a socket engaging lower end 2. The socket engaging lower end 2 is adapted to fit in the socket 3 carried by one of the ends of the car, and thereby support the standard 1 thereon. The standard 1 is provided at its upper end with a flattened portion 4 and near its lower end with a flattened portion 5. An aperture is formed in the flattened portion 5 and extends through the standard 1 and a pin is adapted to pass through said aperture and hingedly secure the clamping-member 6 hereinafter described to the standard 1. In the flattened portion of the upper end of the standard 1 is formed an aperture 7 through which is adapted to pass a pin for securing the upper end of the clamping-member 6 in a locked position upon the standard 1, thereby securely fastening, or securing a flag upon the standard.

The clamping-member 6 is provided with a lower bifurcated end 8, which bifurcations are adapted to engage the flattened portions 5 upon the standard 1, and as hereinbefore described the clamping-member 6 will be thereby hingedly secured to the standard 1. The clamping-member 6 is also provided, at its upper end with apertured extended portions 9 constituting ears. A pin 10 is adapted to pass through the apertures in the extended portions 9 and through the aperture 7 in the flattened portion upon the upper end of the standard 1, thereby clamping the clamping-member 6 upon the standard 1.

It will be obvious from the foregoing description that the flag can be readily placed upon the standard 1, by swinging the clamping-member 6 outwardly. As soon as one of the ends of the flag is placed upon the standard 1, the clamping-member 6 can be thrown into engagement with the standard 1. The ears 9 engage the flattened portions 4 upon the upper end of the standard 1 and by placing a pin through the apertures in the ears 9 and through the aperture 7 in the upper end, the clamping-member will readily clamp the flag upon the standard 1, thereby securely fastening the flag upon the standard. It will also be obvious from the foregoing description that the flag can be readily removed from the standard and a new flag placed thereon. It will also be obvious that by having the clamping-member 6 concave the same conforms to the shape of standard 1 and the clamping action does not take place upon any particular point upon the standard, but as a like clamping action upon the entire surface thereof.

What I claim is:

1. A device of the character described, comprising a flag staff consisting of a short rod with a projecting end adapted to be inserted in a socket, and means for clamping a flag thereto, consisting of a longitudinally concave clamping arm hinged at one end to said rod, and adapted to clasp the rod, and fit over the same, and means for detachably fastening the other end of said arm to the rod.

2. A device of the character described, comprising a flag staff consisting of a rod with a projecting end adapted to be inserted in a socket and oppositely flattened portions adjacent to such end, a longitudinally concave clamping arm adapted to fit over and clamp the rod, and having a bifurcated end hinged to the flattened portions adjacent to one end of the rod, and having ears at its other end engaging the flattened portions at the other end of the rod and means for detachably fastening said ears to the rod.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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