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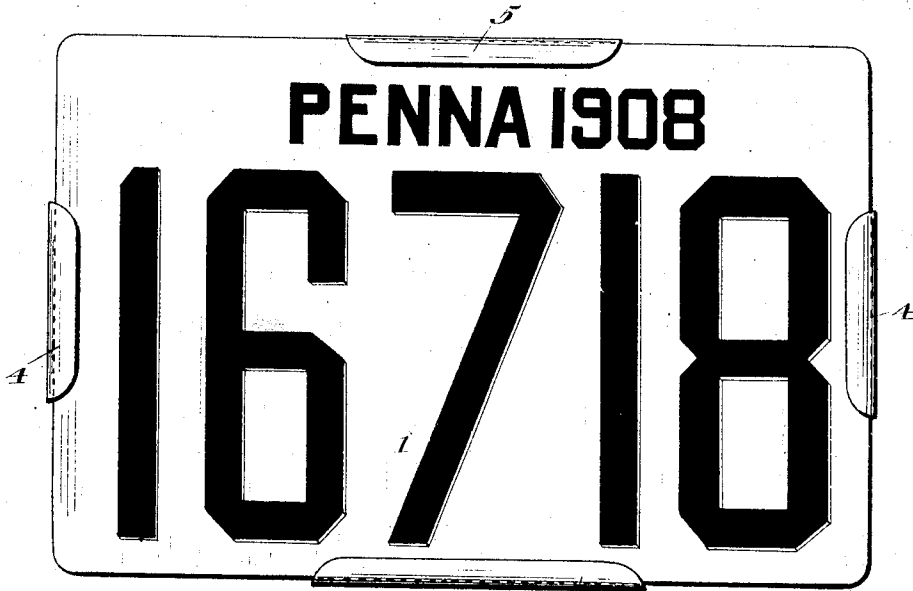


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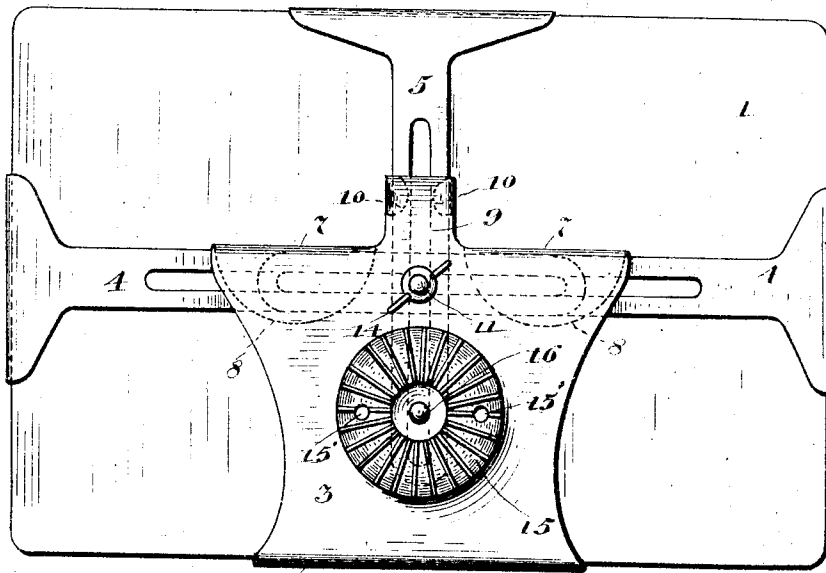


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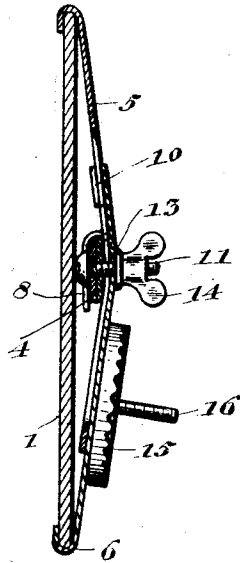


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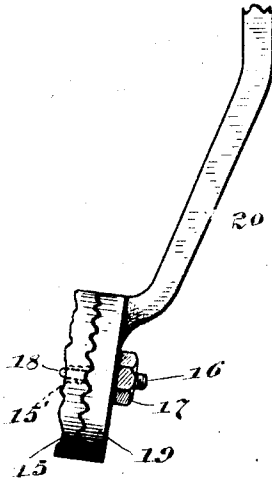


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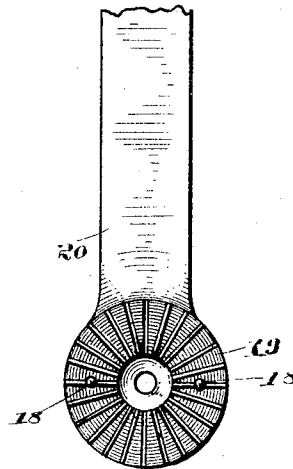


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELMER E. HANCOCK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Automobile-License-Tag Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in automobile license-tag holders and has for its object to provide a convenient and efficient device of this character which shall be inexpensive of construction and of neat appearance.

A further object of my invention is to provide a device adapted to hold in position license-tags of different sizes as readily as license-tags of a uniform size.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

With these objects in view my invention consists in the novel construction and arrangement of parts which will be hereinafter fully described and more particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

My invention further consists in a modified form of holder which possesses certain features in common with the preferred form.

My invention will be more readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, and in which,

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a license-tag showing the same clamped in position in my improved holder, Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the license-tag showing the general construction of the holder, Fig. 3, is a central vertical section of Fig. 2, Fig. 4 is a detail view showing a hanger forming a part of an automobile to which the license-tag holders may be attached, and Fig. 5 is a side elevation of said hanger showing a portion of a holder attached thereto.

Referring now to the drawings, 1 designates a rectangular license-tag and 20 a hanger which may be connected to the body of an automobile (not shown) in any suitable manner. Or the hanger may be dispensed with and the holder bolted directly to a body panel or other part of the automobile.

The preferred form of license-tag holder comprises a body portion 3 and slotted securing members 4 and 5 adjustably secured thereto, said body portion and said members having edges bent over to engage the

edges of the license-tag 1. The horizontal lower edge 6 of the body 3 is bent to receive the lower edge of the license-tag and the upper edges 7 parallel with the lower edge 6 are bent over forming two hooks 8 which embrace the horizontally disposed adjustable members 4, as shown in Fig. 3 and by dotted lines in Fig. 2. A centrally disposed upwardly extending portion 9 is provided with lips 10 formed on the lateral edges thereof which embrace the vertically disposed slotted member 5 which lips serve as guides for said member. A bolt 11 passes through the slots of the members 4 and 5 70 and a perforation 13 provided in the body portion 3, said members being arranged relative to each other, as shown in Fig. 3, and interposed between the body portion 3 and the license-tag 1. After the members 4 75 and 5 are adjusted to hold any given license-tag the thumb-nut 14 provided on the bolt 11 is tightened, thus securing the license-tag in position. It will be noted that the slotted portions of the members 4 and 5 are 80 much narrower than the outer extremities or edges thereof which are made of considerable extent to secure a good grip on the edges of the license-tag.

Centrally formed on the body portion 3 85 is a circular plate 15 having a central threaded stud 16 disposed perpendicular thereto and on which the nut 17 is adapted to screw. The face of the plate 15 is formed into radial teeth, and two diametrically opposite perforations 15' are provided in said face equi-distant from the center thereof to receive pins 18 provided in the plate 19 of the hanger 20. The plate 19 is formed with teeth similar to the plate 15, the teeth of 95 one plate being adapted to mesh with those of the other to prevent relative rotation of said plates. The pins 18 formed on the plate 19 are slightly smaller than the perforations 15' of the plate 15 and are adapted 100 to enter the latter when the plates are secured together as shown in Fig. 5, the function of said pins being to aid the teeth of the plates in preventing relative rotation thereof. The stud 16 passes through the 105 central perforations of the plate 19, and when the nut 17 is secured tightly thereon the plates 15 and 19 are rigidly secured to each other and the holder held firmly in position. 110

Various slight changes might be made in the general form and arrangement of parts

described without departing from my invention, and hence I do not restrict myself to the precise details set forth, but consider myself at liberty to make such changes and alterations as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

Having described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

10 1. A license tag holder, comprising a body portion having parallel turned over upper and lower edges, the lower edge adapted to engage the lower edge of a license tag, and an upward extension on the center of the upper edge of said body portion having in-
15 turned side edges, tag engaging members located at right angles to each other, one of said members movable between the in-
20 turned side edges of the upward extension, and the other movable against the turned over edges of the upper portion of the body portion, and a bolt clamping all of said members to said body portion, substantially as described.

25 2. A license tag holder, comprising a body

portion having a perforation therein, a bent over lower edge on said body portion, bent over upper edges on said body portion, a central upward extension on said body portion having its side edges bent inward, hori- 30
zontally disposed slotted members disposed against the body portion and engaging under the over turned upper edges of the body portion, a vertically disposed slotted member against the body portion and between the 35
flanges of the upward extension of body portion, bent over edges on said side members and vertical member, adapted to engage the edges of a license tag, a bolt positioned through the slots in said horizontal and ver- 40
tical members and through the body portion, and a clamping thumb nut on said bolt.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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