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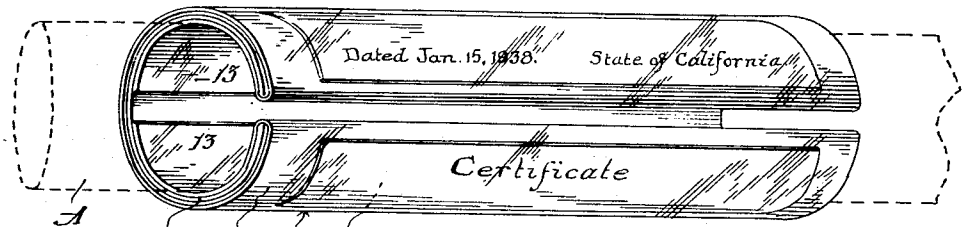


Fig. 1.

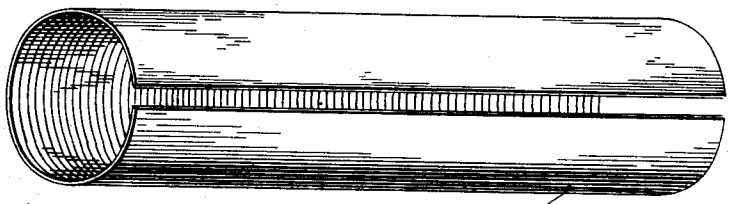


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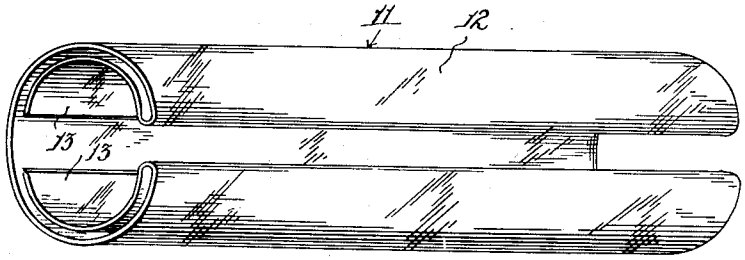


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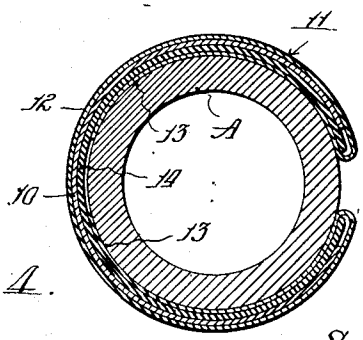


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My invention relates to improvements in article holders, and has particular reference to devices of this kind which are used on automobiles for the purpose of attaching a certificate of registration to the steering post in such manner that the writing thereon will be visible for inspection when required.

The main object of my invention is to provide a holder of this general character that can be easily and firmly attached to the steering post at any desired location thereon, and including a transparent cover for the certificate which will fully protect the same from damage by weather or wear.

A further object of my invention is to provide a certificate holder that can be manufactured and sold at small cost, will be durable in construction, and possess the required stability to insure its firm attachment to the steering post.

With these principal objects in view my invention contemplates the production of a certificate holder in the form of a split tube of resilient material that can be readily sprung on to the steering post to embrace the same under sufficient tension to firmly hold the split tube and certificate in place, the shape or formation of the tubular clip being such as to retain the certificate in connection therewith, and preferably reinforced by a second tubular clip; all as hereinafter fully described and more specifically set forth in the appended claims.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the application of the certificate holder, the steering post being indicated in dotted lines.

Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the spring metal part of the holder.

Fig. 3 is a similar view of the companion part or cover of transparent material, and

Fig. 4 is an enlarged transverse sectional view through the assembled parts.

In carrying out my invention I employ a split tube 11 forming a spring clip in which the certificate, 10, is enclosed, and in order that the certificate may be seen through the clip the latter is made up of transparent material, as celluloid. This clip is of a peculiar construction in order to retain the certificate in connection therewith, for which purpose it presents a nearly circular outer wall or cover 12, and opposite inner walls 13, 13 integrally connected to the outer wall at its longitudinal edges so as to leave a space between the inner and outer walls to receive the certificate between them. As will be noted by reference to Fig. 3 of the drawing, the clip 11 is made up of a single sheet of material with opposite ends thereof bent upon themselves to provide the inner walls 13, 13. The curved inner walls of the tubular clip serve to hold the certificate against the outer wall or cover thereof, and in order that the tubular clip may be expanded sufficiently to spring it over the steering post the inner edges of said inner walls are spaced apart in the normal position of the clip shown in Fig. 3. This clip can be used alone by making it of transparent material of sufficient stiffness so that it will retain its normal configuration and possess the resiliency required in clipping it on to the steering post with the certificate enclosed therein, and consequently I contemplate forming the clip of celluloid.

When the tubular certificate container or clip 11 is made of transparent material not having the required stability to permit of its being sprung on to the steering post and held in place by spring tension, I purpose using a reinforcing element or spring metal clip in the form of a plain split tube 14, and in this instance the certificate is wrapped around the spring metal clip and the two together are slipped into the transparent clip 11 from one end thereof, or when a tubular covering of flimsy material is used, as for instance Cellophane, it may be wrapped around the certificate and spring clip to provide the cover 12 and inwardly curved members 13, 13, it being understood that in the employment of the reinforcing element the latter will serve to grip the steering post and hold the several parts in place thereon.

To apply the certificate holder, with or without the reinforcing spring metal clip, it is necessary only to open the split tube, or connected tubes, sufficient to permit the device to be sprung over the steering post to embrace the same, and of course the opening between the longitudinal edges of the split tube or tubes in normal position will depend upon the resiliency of the material or the extent to which it is desired that the holder embrace the steering post. Furthermore, the particular construction of the device provides for its adjustability, automatically, in respect to steering posts of different diameters, and the rounded longitudinal edges of the transparent split tube covering the certificate and spring metal clip provide finger gripping surfaces to facilitate detaching the holder by expanding the same.

The holder in accordance with my invention provides a very simple and effective device for attaching a certificate to the steering post of an automobile, and being easily detached it can be

removed for cleaning and polishing the steering post.

I claim:

1. An article holder for attachment to a cylindrical support, said holder comprising a clip of resilient material in the form of a longitudinally split tube having retaining members extending inwardly from its longitudinal edges and spaced from the inner side of the tube to retain the article between said inner members and inner wall of the tube.

2. An article holder for attachment to a cylindrical support, said holder comprising a longitudinally split tube of resilient material having curved retaining members extending inwardly from the longitudinal edges of the tube and conforming to the shape of the tube from which they are spaced to receive the article between said retaining members and tube.

3. An article holder for attachment to a cylindrical support, said holder comprising a longitudinally split tube of resilient material having inwardly curved members at the longitudinal edges of the split tube formed by extensions of the material of which the tube is made, said inwardly curved members approximating the contour of the cylindrical support to which the holder is adapted to be applied.

4. An article holder for attachment to a cylindrical support, said holder comprising a longitudinally split tube of transparent material having retaining members extending inwardly from the longitudinal edges of the tube integrally therewith, said inwardly extending members approximating the contour of the cylindrical support over which the holder is adapted to be clipped.

5. An article holder for attachment to a cylindrical support, said holder comprising a longitudinally split tube formed from a single sheet of transparent material shaped to form a cylindrical outer wall separated longitudinally with retaining members extending inwardly from the longitudinal edges of the tube and formed by the end portions of the sheet, said retaining members being curved to approximate the contour of the cylindrical support to which the holder is adapted to be applied.

6. An article holder for attachment to a cylindrical support, said holder comprising a longitudinally split tube of transparent material having retaining members bent inwardly from the longitudinal edges thereof and curved to approximate the contour of the cylindrical support to which the holder is adapted to be applied, said retaining members being spaced from the body of the tube to receive the certificate between said members and tube, and a reinforcing spring metal tube adapted to fit within the companion transparent tube between the curved retaining members and body of said tube.

7. A holder for attaching a certificate to the steering post of an automobile comprising a longitudinally split metal tube, and a transparent cover for holding the certificate on the tube, the ends of the transparent cover being turned into the tube at the longitudinal edges thereof to be engaged by the steering post when the holder is sprlng over said steering post.

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