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FLAG HOLDER FOR AUTOMOBILES.
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Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Edward H. B. Lindhorst, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Butte, in the county of Silverbow and State of Montana, have invented a new and Improved Flag-Holder for Automobiles, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a device especially adapted to mudguards of automobiles, and so constructed as to be affixed to mudguards whether they be provided with a depending flange or not, and so formed as to hold a plurality of flags in proper arrangement for effective display. The invention will be particularly explained in the specific description hereinafter to be given.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the flag holder embodying my invention, parts being broken out, and showing fragments of flagstaffs; Fig. 2 is an end view; and Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the device affixed to the mud-guard of an automobile.

The device includes a base of novel form having a plurality of sockets for receiving flagstaffs, and a clamp of special form associated with said base in a particular manner. The base 10 is of arched form and on one end thereof is a foot 11 and on the opposite end a foot 12, said feet being adapted to rest on the upper surface of a mud-guard, as 13, with the arched base 10 ranging transversely of the mudguard, as shown in Fig. 3. Desirably the under sides of both feet are faced with cloth 14, to prevent marring the surface of the mudguard. The foot 12 is of a form to co-act with the vertical arm 15 of a clamp, said clamp including besides the arm 15, a bottom plate 16 which carries near its free end a wing-bolt 17, which bears against the under side of the mudguard and causes the feet 11, 12, to be drawn firmly down against the top surface of the guard.

The bottom plate 16 of the clamp has a depression at 18, adjacent to the vertical arm 15, whereby the free end 19 of the base plate is offset. The depression at 18, accommodates the clamp to the pendent flange 20 with which many mudguards are provided. The foot 12 adjacent to the arm 15 is provided with a bolt 21, which passes through a vertical slot 22 in the said clamp arm, so that by adjusting the wing nut 23 on the outer end of the bolt 21, the base 10 of the flag support may be raised and lowered on the arm 15, to accommodate the device to the particular mudguard. Advantageously the foot 12 is shaped and proportioned to correspond with the depressed portion of the bottom plate 16 of the clamp, so that the offset portion of the bottom plate may be accommodated between the feet 11, 12, while the foot 12 is received within the depressed portion, and thus the device may be brought into compact form when not in use. The outer foot 11 has the broader base and comprises two diverging members 11* to give a firm contact with the surface of the mudguard. The broad base thus provided is desirable, because the clamping action at the under side of the mudguard is not at a point directly beneath the said foot 11. The clamping screw 17, it will be seen, is about midway between the feet 11 and 12.

The base 10 at its top surface has a series of sockets 25, for receiving flagstaffs, as 26, the sockets 25 extending in succession along the top of the base 10 and following the curved line of the base so that the sockets are at a slight angle to each other, and therefore the flagstaffs 26 will diverge upward and the row of flags 27 will be spread apart in an artistic manner. In addition to the sockets 25, the base 10 is provided with holes as at 28, for receiving smaller flagstaffs 29, there being a series of holes 28 at each side of the sockets 25.

In applying the device to a mudguard, the bolt 21 is manipulated to effect an approximate adjustment between the feet 11, 12 and the bottom plate 16 of the clamp, whereupon the bolt 21 is tightened, and thereafter the correct adjustment and complete clamping of the device to the mudguard is effected by means of the binding screw 17. The base 10 is adapted to rock with the bolt 21 as a center, in order to permit the feet 11, 12 to accommodate themselves to any unevenness or distortion of the mudguard before the bolt 21 is tightened up and the clamping of the device is completed.

While the device is useful in situations other than on mudguards, it is specifically intended for the latter.

Having thus described my invention, I...
claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent,—

1. A flag-support, comprising an arched base having a depending foot at each end, said base being formed with flag sockets following the arched line of the base and adapted to receive flagstaffs; and a clamp comprising a vertical arm and a bottom plate, the vertical arm being slotted and one of the feet of the base carrying a bolt and provided with a clamping nut, the said bolt extending through the slot of the vertical arm of the clamp, the base being adapted to rock on said bolt and be secured in adjusted position at different points on the clamp arm, the bottom plate of the clamp having a depression adjacent to the vertical arm and having its outer free end offset, said free end carrying a clamp screw located about midway between the depending feet of the base of the flag support.

2. A flag support, comprising a base having feet at the under side and series of flag sockets at the upper side, and a clamp having a vertical arm formed with a slot, the adjacent foot of the base having a bolt provided with a nut, the bolt working in the said slot, said clamp having a bottom plate provided with a screw located below the feet of the base and in line with a point about midway between said feet.

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

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