

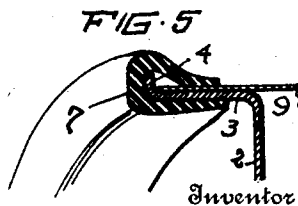
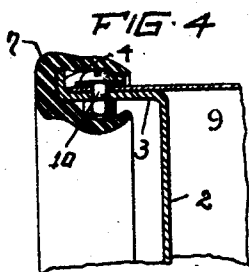
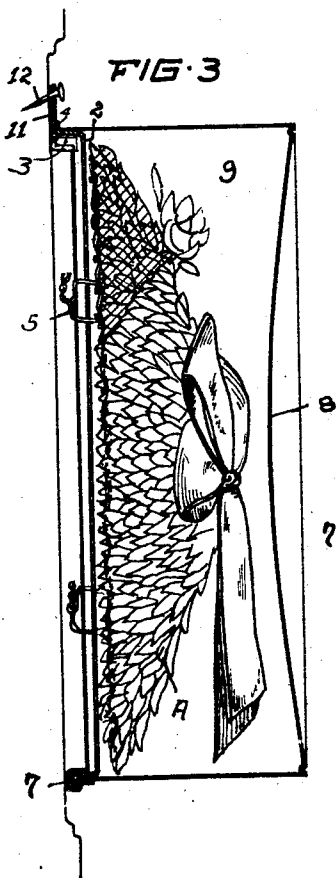
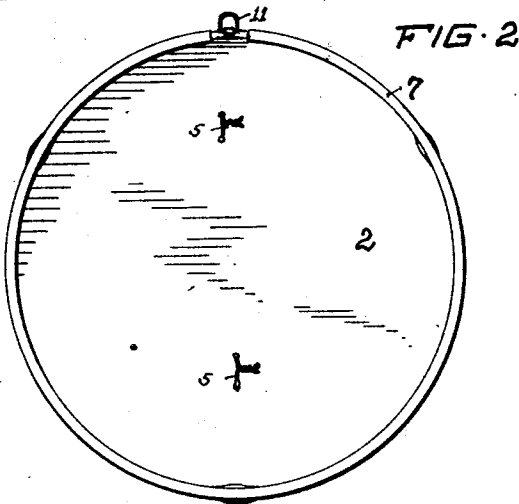
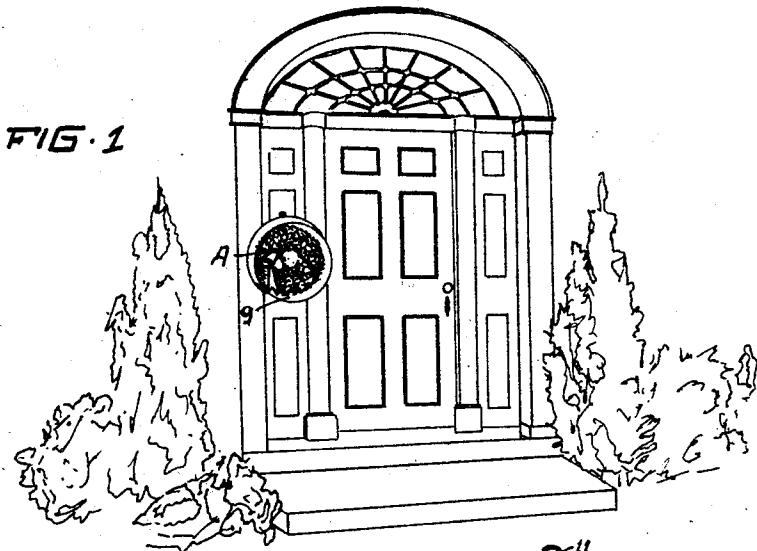
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PROTECTIVE HANGER AND HOLDER FOR EMBLEMS

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My invention relates to protective holders and hangers for emblems, such as funeral wreaths, sprays and similar decorations made of perishable goods or delicate materials. According to accepted customs such wreaths or emblems are suspended upon a door or wall, usually outdoors, where exposed to wind, dust, snow and sleet, rain and sun. Such exposure soon destroys or damages the goods or materials of which the emblem is constructed. Therefore, the use of delicate materials, artificial flowers, and fine foliage for that purpose have their limitations, especially when the cost must be considered by people of moderate means. My object in general is to provide a suitable hanger and protecting device so that such emblems may be used repeatedly under all conditions of weather, thereby enabling undertakers to provide a certain class with neat and attractive emblems at less cost than heretofore. Thus I have devised a transparent hanger which will completely enclose a funeral wreath or emblem made of fine materials and protect the same from the elements or weather while suspended outdoors. As constructed the device also enables the user to secure the emblem detachably in place therein, and to hang the same upon a finished or polished wall, such as on a door, without marring or scratching the finished surface. A waterproof and dust-proof seal is also provided for the assembled parts, all as hereinafter more fully shown and described.

In the accompanying drawings, Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the hanger suspended upon a door frame, as in use. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the hanger, and Fig. 3 is a sectional view vertically thereof. Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional detail, showing the rubber covered joint, and Fig. 5 is a perspective view, of the detachable rubber base ring itself.

The invention comprises a metal base plate 2 having an annular side wall 3 and a short flange or bead 4 extending outwardly from the wall. As shown, base plate 2 is circular in form, but it may be oval, oblong, or of any other desired shape. A circular base plate serves to support a circular wreath A, but when an emblem of another shape or form is to be suspended, the device may be constructed correspondingly. In any case, the emblem is mounted upon the front face of plate 2, and secured by a flexible connection 5 to the plate so that it may be firmly supported when the hanger is in an upright position. Plate 2 is perforated at spaced intervals to permit the flexible connections 5 to be projected from the front of the plate to the rear, where they may be engaged and tied or twisted. If wire is used the dished part of plate 2 provides a recess or chamber for the twisted ends, and these twisted ends may be pressed flat against the plate so as not to come into contact with the finished surface against which the rim of the plate rests. This rim is also formed by or enclosed within a rubber strip or ring 7 to prevent injury to the finished wall.

The emblem A, say a wreath, is provided with a backing of wire mesh or re-enforcement means of any suitable kind, to which the flexible connections 5 are attached. The body of the emblem is built up of various materials treated and colored to simulate natural flowers, leaves, etc. Treated textiles of fine mesh or body, such as used, are easily injured and lose their form, shape and finish when exposed to the weather, and satin and silk fabrics are likewise so affected and become soiled if not suitably protected. I therefore enclose the emblem within a casing or covering 9 of transparent material, such as celluloid, which is thin and of light weight, and the side wall of this casing is preferably made of a thin flat strip of celluloid or pyralin bent to the desired shape and size and cemented at its front edge to the edge of a sheet or disk 8 of the same material. This front wall 8 is dished slightly or concave to diffuse the light. This casing is also of the same shape and form as plate 2 so as to sleeve snugly over its side wall 3 against flange 4 which projects a slight distance beyond the casing wall. Screw fastening devices 10 may be used, if desired, to secure transparent casing 9 to plate 2, or rubber ring 7 may be used for that purpose. Rubber ring 7 is of U-shape in cross section and when stretched around flange 4 it envelops the

flange and overlaps the side wall of casing 9, thereby sealing the joint and providing a soft resilient backing or seating rim for the emblem hanger per se. An eye or loop 11 is
5 attached to the edge of base plate 2 to permit the hanger to be suspended from a nail or hook 12 with the rubber ring or strip 7 resting flush against the wall or door. This ring being of rubber it prevents a finished or
10 polished surface from becoming marred should the hanger swing or be shifted by the wind or opening of the door. The rubber ring, however, tends by friction to resist swinging movements of the hanger, and the
15 ring 9 or strip 7 may be split or divided and made of relatively thick rubber, or an endless ring of thin elastic rubber may be employed instead.

What I claim, is:

20 A protective hanger and holder for emblems, comprising a circular bottom plate having an annular wall extending rearwardly from the edge of said bottom plate and a flange extending outwardly from said annular wall, an emblem secured to the outer
25 surface of said bottom plate, a celluloid casing sleeved over said annular wall and abutting said flange, adapted to protect and display said emblem on said bottom plate, means
30 to connect said plate and casing, and a rubber ring covering the joint between said casing and plate and the outer edge of the flanged portion of said plate, said bottom plate including means to attach said hanger
35 in upright position to a support.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.
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