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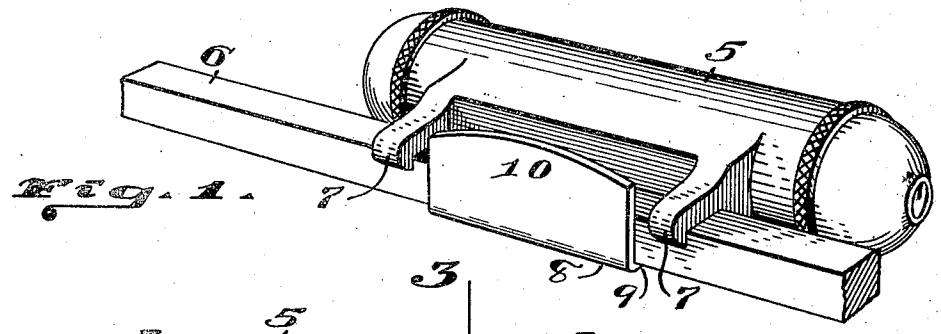


Fig. 1.

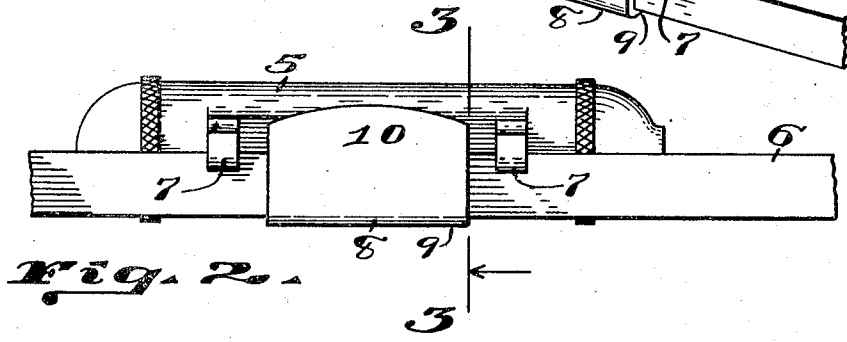


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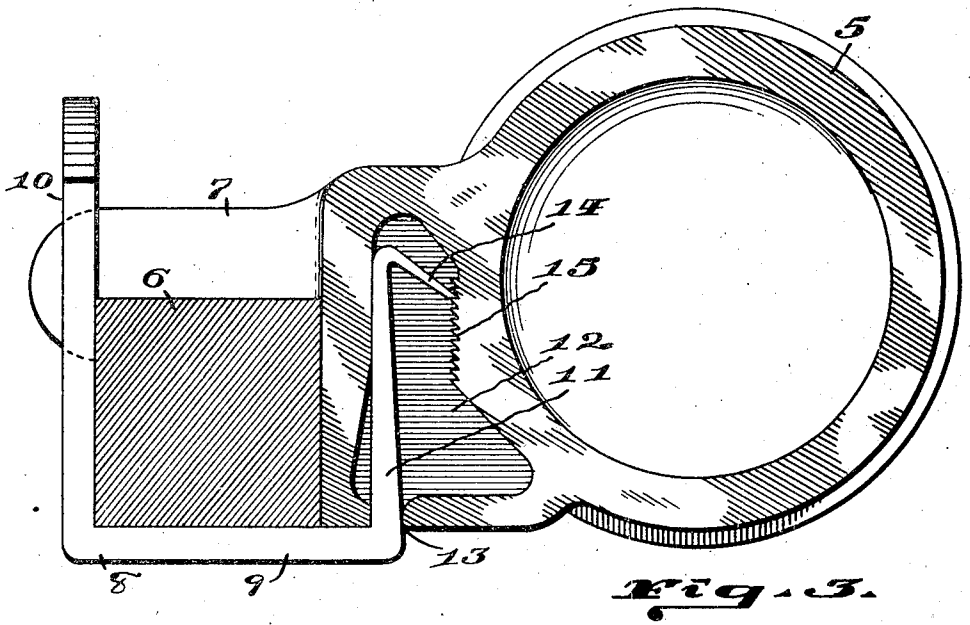


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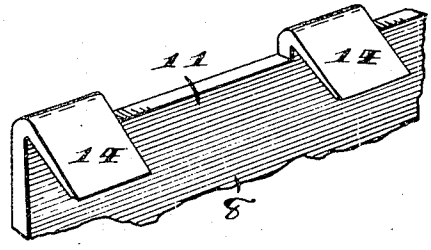


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD J. SCARLETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oklahoma city, in the county of Oklahoma and State of Oklahoma, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safety-Vaults for Automobiles, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

The object of the invention is to provide a convenient small vault which may be attached to some fixed part of an automobile or other vehicle and in which small articles may be safely kept; the invention pertaining more particularly to means for fastening the vault to the vehicle.

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the vault attached to the front axle of an automobile.

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the parts shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a perspective, in a different direction from Fig. 1 and at closer range, showing the upper hooked edge of a retaining clip.

Like characters of reference designate like parts in all the figures.

In order that the casing 5 may be attached to an axle 6, it is provided at each of its ends with forwardly-projecting lugs 7 which hook forward over the upper portion of said axle in the manner shown.

To hold the casing 5 permanently hooked to the axle 6, a clip 8 is inserted upward into said casing, the lower portion of this clip extending forward under the axle as at 9 and upward in front of said axle as at 10 to act with the lugs 7 in clamping said axle.

In putting the clip 8 in place, its backwardly-hooked upstanding rear portion 11 is first inserted upward in the inner recess 12 through a reduced entrance opening 13 and then swung forward into position to be forced upward in said recess.

As the portion 11 is forced upward in the recess 12, its hooks 14 drag past a series of ratchet teeth 15 which are formed on the rear of the recess, the clip being forced or driven upward until its forwardly-extending portion 9 tightly engages the lower face of the axle 6.

The hooks 14 are under tension to remain in forced engagement with the teeth 15 in the recess 12, and when the clip is once inserted and forced upward there is no way to remove it; the only entrance opening to the recess being closed by the clip itself so that no tool can be introduced to disengage the hooks.

The following is claimed:—

A vault body having lugs adapted to hook over a support, a clip to attach to the body and act with the lugs in clamping the support, there being a recess in the body to receive a portion of the clip, said recess having teeth, and said portion of the clip having a backwardly-hooked edge so that when inserted in the recess and forced past said teeth it cannot be withdrawn.

Witness my hand this 18 day of January, 1919.

EDWARD J. SCARLETT.