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Fig. 1

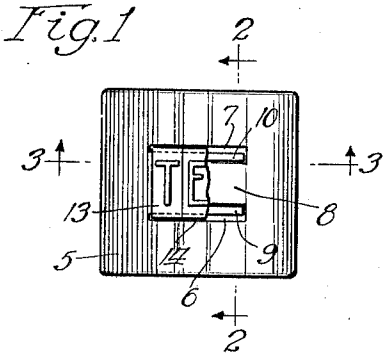


Fig. 2

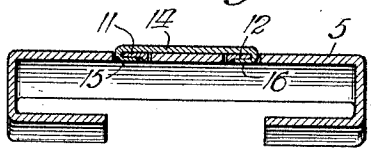
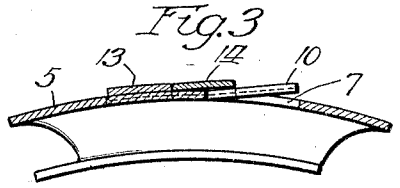


Fig. 3



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My invention relates to legend carrying plates or the like and has for its principal object the provision of a simple and effective means for attaching legend bearing elements to a supporting plate.

My invention may be utilized in connection with various plates such as initial plates for automobiles and other devices, belt buckles and other like devices where it is desired to mount legends upon a base member.

It is a purpose of this invention to provide a means for mounting legends of this character that will enable the ready assembly of any desired legend upon a base plate and the permanent affixing of such legend to the plate by hand.

I have shown the invention as applied to a name plate for belt buckles but it is obvious that the invention is not limited to such application and may be varied considerably in details without departing from the scope of the invention. It is to be understood therefore that I intend to include all such modifications as fall within the scope of the claims.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a base plate with initials mounted thereon in accordance with my invention;

Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 3 is a section on line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Referring now in detail to the drawings, the numeral 5 indicates a base plate which, in this instance, forms part of a belt buckle and is constructed of any suitable material for this purpose. The plate 5 is provided on the face thereof with a pair of longitudinal slots 6 and 7 which extend substantially parallel to each other, leaving a web 8 of the material of the base plate therebetween. This web 8 as shown in Fig. 1 is slotted from one end thereof by means of the slots in a direction parallel to the slots 6 and 7 to provide a pair of strips 9 and 10 which are then bent upwardly away from the base plate as shown in Fig. 3. The side edges of the web 8 including the portions 9 and 10 are preferably made somewhat thinner than the main portion thereof as shown at 11 and 12 in Fig. 2 for a purpose which will presently appear. The legend bearing strips 13 and 14 having any suitable character thereon, such for instance as an initial, are provided with the over-turned end portions 15 and 16 as shown in Fig. 2 to form grooves receiving the side edges of the member 8.

In order to attach these legend carrying members to the base plate, it is only necessary to slide them over the projections 9 and 10 which are pressed upwardly away from the base plate at their free ends and move the members along the side edges of the web 8 to the opposite ends of the slots 6 and 7 which are preferably of just such thickness as to receive the down-turned edge portions of the legend carrying members. After the desired legend carrying members have been placed in position, they are then pressed downwardly from the position shown in Fig. 3 to that shown in Fig. 2 so that the strips 9 and 10 are flush with the base plate at their free ends. The material of the base plate and the strips 9 and 10 is of such character that it may be bent in this manner and will not return to its former position.

This securely binds the legend plates in place since they cannot now be moved due to the fact that the free end portions of the members 9 and 10 fit down into the slots on opposite sides of the web 8. The provision of the thin portions 11 and 12 on the side edges of the web 8 makes it possible to have the under face of the legend carrying members where they are turned over to provide the grooves engaging the web 8 flush with the under face of the base plate so that they provide no obstruction to the sliding of a belt within the buckle. This makes a very simple and effective means for securing the initials to the base plate and has the advantage that in preparing any desired set of initials upon the plate it is only necessary to have a plurality of the legend carrying members from which to select the desired combination and then apply them to the standard base plate. This can be done by the salesmen selling the articles, and avoids the necessity of keeping a large supply of different combinations of initials on hand at one time.

From the above description it is thought that the nature and advantages of the inven-

tion may be clearly understood and having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure from Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A device of the character described comprising a base plate, an elongated slot therein, said plate having a portion thereof along one side edge of said slot bent upwardly therefrom, a legend bearing member having a groove therein slidably engaging said bent up portion, to position said member on said plate, said bent up portion being bendable toward the base to lock said member in place.

2. A device of the character described comprising a base plate having a pair of spaced elongated slots therein, strips cut from said plate along certain side edges of said slots having one end integral with said plate and adapted to be pressed upwardly away from said plate at their free ends, and a legend bearing member having means thereon extending through said slots and engaging said side edges for securing said member to said base, said strips normally locking said member in position but permitting removal thereof when pressed upwardly at their free ends.

3. A device of the character described comprising a base plate having an elongated slot therein, a legend bearing member having a portion extending through said slot and transversely of said slot on the opposite side of said plate from said legend bearing member to hold said member on said plate, said plate having a strip thereon adjacent one end of said slot adapted to be bent upwardly from said plate to permit removal of said member.

4. A device of the character described comprising a base plate having spaced elongated slots therein, a legend bearing plate having opposite edges thereon bent to form grooves along said edges and means projecting from said base plate along certain side edges of said slots slidable in said grooves, said means being movable into alignment with the surface of said base plate to lock said legend bearing plate in position.

5. A device of the character described comprising a base plate, a legend bearing plate having opposite edges thereon bent to form grooves along said edges, said base plate having strips struck up therefrom and slidably fitting in said grooves, said strips being bendable into alignment with the body of said base to hold said legend bearing plate thereon, said base being formed with means to accommodate the bent edges of said plate when said strips are moved into alignment with the body of said base and thereby prevent said plate from sliding off said strips.

In witness whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name this 25th day of May, A. D. 1927.

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