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Fig. 1.

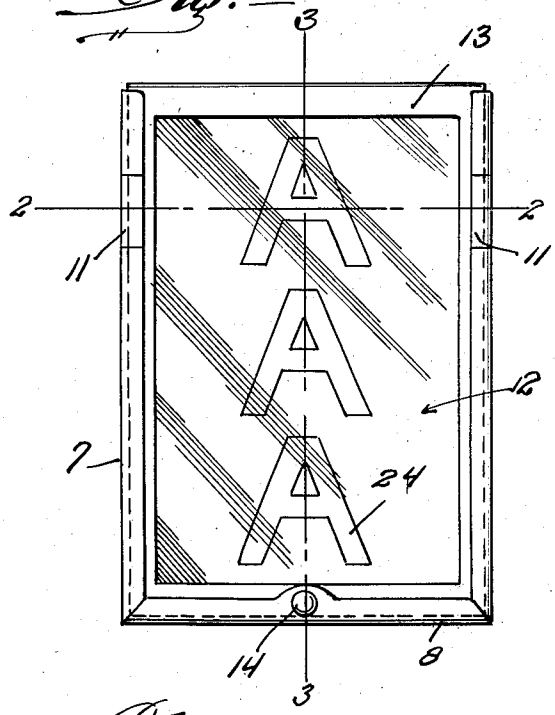


Fig. 2.

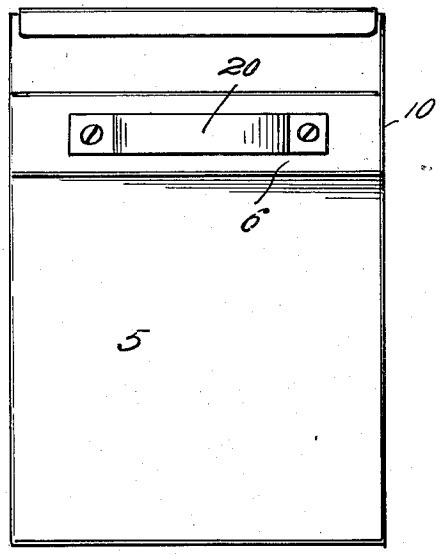


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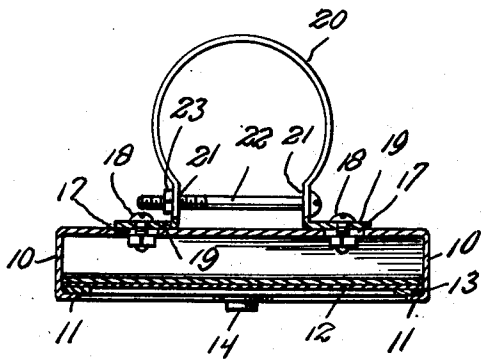
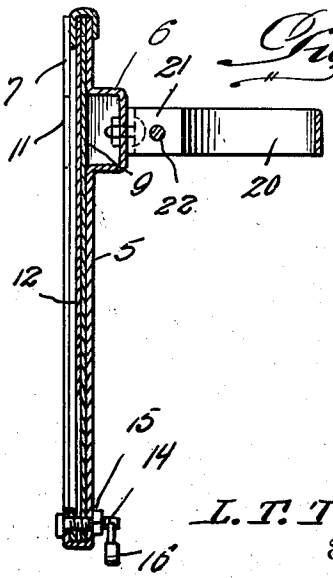


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LAWRENCE T. THORN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Harrisburg, in the county of Poinsett and State of Arkansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tag Holders for Vehicles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to tag holders for vehicles, wherein auto or other club emblems or tags may be carried by the vehicle and clearly viewed by other motorists and pedestrians.

The main object of the invention is to provide a holder of this character wherein the tag or emblem may be rigidly secured to the vehicle radiator filler nozzle and this in such manner as not to interfere with the removal or application of the radiator cap for the filling of the radiator with water.

In carrying out the invention, it is my purpose to provide a holder which is well adapted for the carrying of a tag or emblem wherein the letters of the indicating indicia are formed of a luminous substance for obviously allowing the tag or emblems to be clearly viewed at night.

An additional object is to provide a holder for tags or emblems wherein the same will be prevented from deteriorating due to the action of dirt or water in view of the fact that the nature of the holder is such as to prevent the access of said dirt or water to the tag or emblem carried thereby.

With foregoing salient objects in view and others that will become apparent as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same comprises the novel form, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawing and claimed.

In the drawing, wherein like reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the different views:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of a tag or emblem holder constructed in accordance with the present invention, said tag or emblem being shown as disposed within said holder.

Figure 2 is a rear elevational view of the holder, and

Figures 3 and 4 are detailed transverse and vertical sectional views respectively, taken on the lines 2—2 and 3—3 respectively of Figure 1.

Now having particular reference to the drawing, my novel holder comprises a sheet metal backing plate 5 of substantially rectangular shape that is formed adjacent its upper end with a rearwardly directed transversely extending channel way 6 that is formed by preferably a stamping operation.

The side and lower edges of this plate are formed with guide flanges 7 and 8 respectively within which the emblem or flag 9 is to be slidably disposed.

The material forming the backing plate 5 is provided at opposite ends of the channel way 6 with extension tabs that are bent forwardly at 10—10 and then inwardly at 11—11 for providing flanges for alignment with flanges upon the opposite sides of the backing plate as clearly shown in Figure 1. This arrangement will obviously prevent the entrance of dirt or water into said channel way for thereby protecting the tag or emblem 8 disposed within the flanges of the backing 5.

A strip of isinglass or other transparent protecting material 12 is then disposed within the guide flanges forwardly of the tag or emblem after which a substantially rectangular shaped open metallic frame 13 is then disposed within the holder and a bolt 14 passed through registering openings in the back plate 5, tag or emblem 9, strip of isinglass 12, metal frame 13 and lower backing plate guide flange 8 for retaining the members in locked relation. This bolt is screw threaded at one end and slotted for receiving a lock nut 15 and suitable form of seal 16.

The upper end of the frame 13 is formed with a turned-over lip 13′ that engages over the isinglass 12, tag or emblem 9, and upper edge of the backing 5 for obviously preventing the entrance of dirt or water between the frame and backing.

The back wall of the material forming the channel way 6 of said backing plate 5 is provided with a pair of spaced slots 17—17 within which are arranged bolt and nut connections 18—18 that serve as means for adjustably connecting the laterally outwardly directed feet 19—19 of a sheet metal ring clamp 20 that is adapted to be disposed around the neck of the vehicle radiator, as shown. This ring 20 is provided adjacent its feet carrying end with plane portions 21—21 formed with aligned openings through which extend a relatively elongated bolt 22 that is headed at one end and screw-

threaded at its opposite end. This sheet metal clamp 20 after being positioned around the neck of the radiator nozzle may be contracted for tightly securing the same thereon by screwing upwardly upon a nut 23 upon the threaded end of said bolt, it being obvious that the sliding connection between the feet 19—19 of said clamp will allow the same to contract due to the action of the turning up of said nut.

The indicating indicia upon the tag or emblem 9 indicated by the reference character 24 is preferably formed by a luminous paint, in order that the wording or other design upon said emblem or tag may be clearly viewed at night time.

It will thus be seen that I have provided a highly novel and useful form of holder for tags or emblems and one that will meet with all of the requirements for a successful commercial use.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A tag holder of the class described comprising a metallic backing plate formed with inturned edges at the sides and bottoms to slidably receive a tag, a protecting transparent cover for said tag received in said edges, an open retaining frame slidably mounted in the inturned edges outwardly of the protecting cover and having a rearwardly directed downturned lip formed on the upper end engaging over the upper end of the backing plate to prevent entrance of dirt and water to the tag, and means on the backing plate for securing it to a support.

2. A tag holder of the class described comprising a metallic backing plate formed with inturned edges at the sides and bottoms to slidably receive a tag, a protecting transparent cover for said tag received in said edges, an open retaining frame slidably mounted in the inturned edges outwardly of the protecting cover and having a rearwardly directed downturned lip formed on the upper end engaging over the upper end of the backing plate to prevent entrance of dirt and water to the tag, means on the backing plate for securing it to a support, and means extending through the lip on the bottom of the backing plate and the body of said plate, and the retaining frame, protecting cover, and tags for retaining said parts in assembled relation.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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