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Fig. 1.

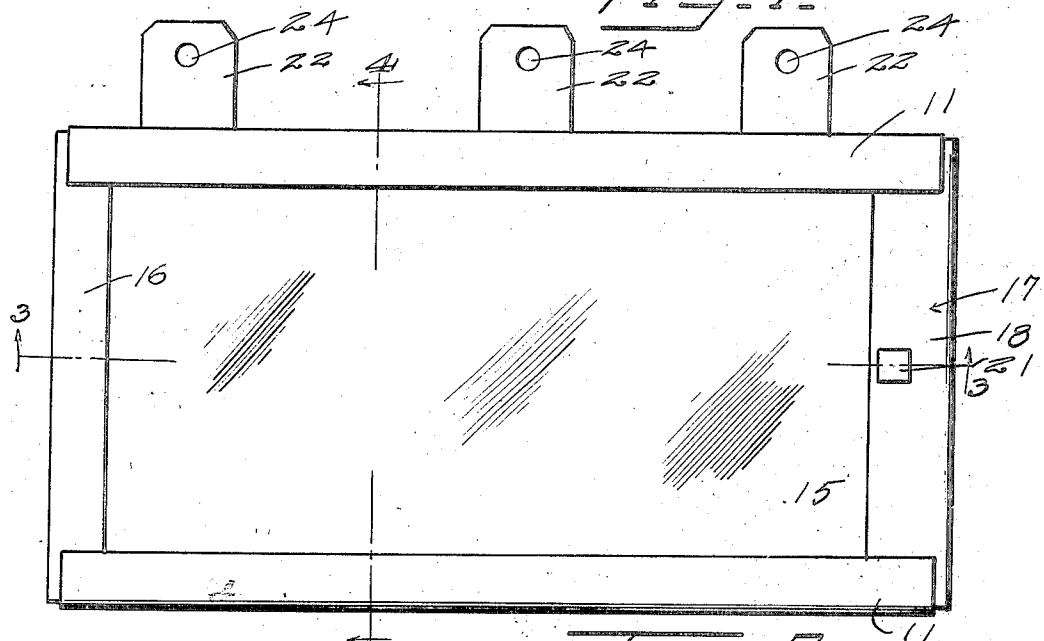


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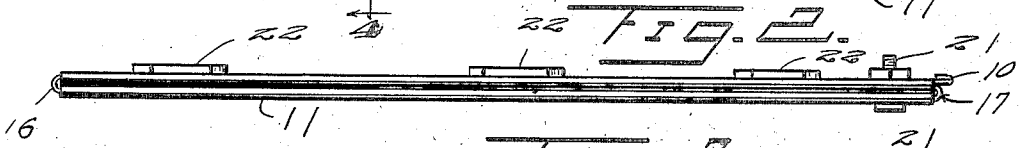


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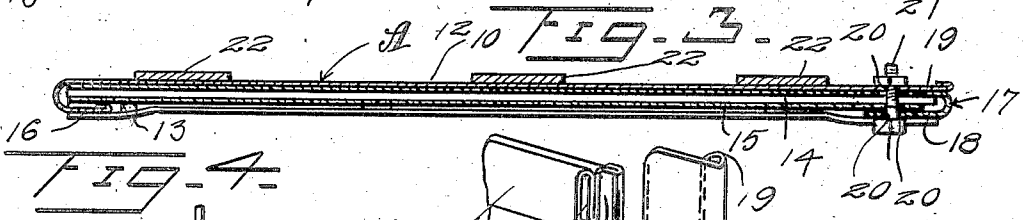


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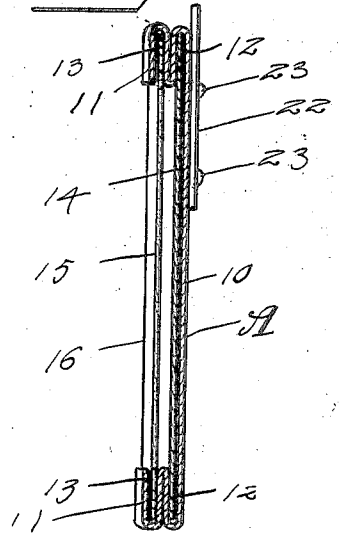
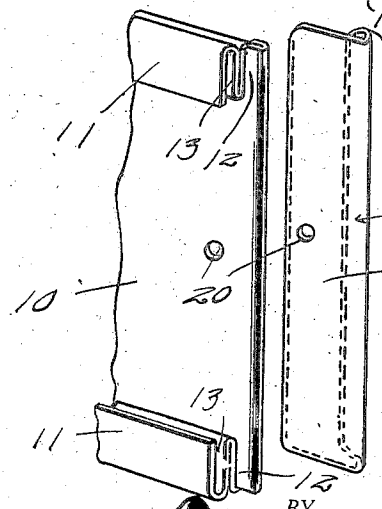


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR C. GIDEON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Live Oak, in the county of Suwanee and State of Florida, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Sign Holder; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to a holder for signs such as those of paper or pasteboard.

The invention generally aims to provide a novel construction of holder with its body or casing capable of manufacture in a single piece or from a single blank aside from a closure and attaching means.

Another important object is to provide a holder having grooves longitudinally thereof for a transparent panel and for the sign, one of the grooves adapted to be entered by a transverse end flange and with both of the grooves adapted to be entered by a closure.

Additional objects and advantages will become apparent from a consideration of the description following taken in connection with accompanying drawings illustrating one practical embodiment.

In said drawings:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the improved sign;

Figure 2 is a plan view;

Figure 3 is a longitudinal sectional view on the line 3—3 of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a transverse sectional view on the line 4—4 of Figure 1, looking toward the closed end of the holder, and

Figure 5 is a perspective view showing the insert end of the holder and the closure therefor in detached relation.

Like reference characters designate like or similar parts in the different views.

In reducing the invention to practice, a blank or single piece of sheet metal or other bendable material as at A is preferably provided to form a casing. Such casing has a rear wall 10 and is bent to provide longitudinal edge flanges at 11 which are double looped to provide longitudinal grooves 12 and 13. Within the grooves 12, a sign 14 is slidably and removably disposed and in the grooves 13, a transparent panel, as of celluloid or glass 15 is permanently or removably disposed, as desired. Blank A has an integral transverse flange at 16 which is foldable over the rear wall 10 and insertable into either of the grooves 12 or 13, preferably the latter, so that it forms an abutment to prevent lateral displacement in one direction of both the sign 14 and the panel 15.

The sign 14 is to be taken as conventional. It may be of paper or pasteboard designed to contain numbers, as for a temporary automobile license or otherwise. It will be realized that the casing protects such a sign and reinforces it.

The closure member is provided for the open end of the sign as at 17 having a main flange 18 insertable into the grooves 13 and an auxiliary flange 19 insertable into the grooves 12. With such closure in place, the sign and panel cannot become detached from the holder. The flange 19 is preferably narrower than the main flange 18 and suitable openings as at 20 are provided through the main flange 18, panel 15 and rear wall 10, to accommodate a removable fastening bolt 21 which may be of the usual construction shown. It is obvious that in lieu of the bolt 21 any other suitable fastening may be used.

In order to attach the holder to a suitable support, for instance an automobile, in the case of a license sign, any suitable means may be employed. As shown however, a plurality of bars or strips may be disposed transversely of and at the rear of wall 10 and riveted or otherwise secured thereto as at 23. Such strip 22 extends above the wall 10 and are there provided with apertures 24 to accommodate bolts, nails or other fastening or suspending means.

It will be realized that the sign 14 is effectively housed and protected by the holder and that the same may be readily inserted or removed with the closure 17 detached through unfastening of the bolt 21.

As merely one practical embodiment has been illustrated and described, it will be understood that changes in the details thereof may be made within the spirit and scope of the invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:—

1. A holder of the class described having a rear wall, a sign, means extending from said wall provided with grooves to mount said sign, a transparent panel, said means having grooves in which said panel is dis-

posed, and a flange on said plate disposed at an angle to said grooves and extending into one of the grooves.

2. A holder of the class described having first and second grooves, a sign disposed in one of said grooves, a transparent panel disposed in the other groove and over said sign, a closure for the holder having a flange to extend into one of said grooves and a flange to extend into the other of said grooves, said closure being applicable and removable in a direction longitudinally of the grooves, and fastening means to secure the closure to the holder.

3. A holder of the class described having a rear wall, a sign, a transparent panel disposed over said sign, flanges at opposite edges of said wall and integral therewith, said flanges being double looped to provide first and second grooves, said sign being disposed in the first grooves, said panel being disposed in the second grooves, a flange integral with said wall disposed transversely of the plate and entering the second grooves, and a closure member having a plurality of flanges one to enter each of said grooves.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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