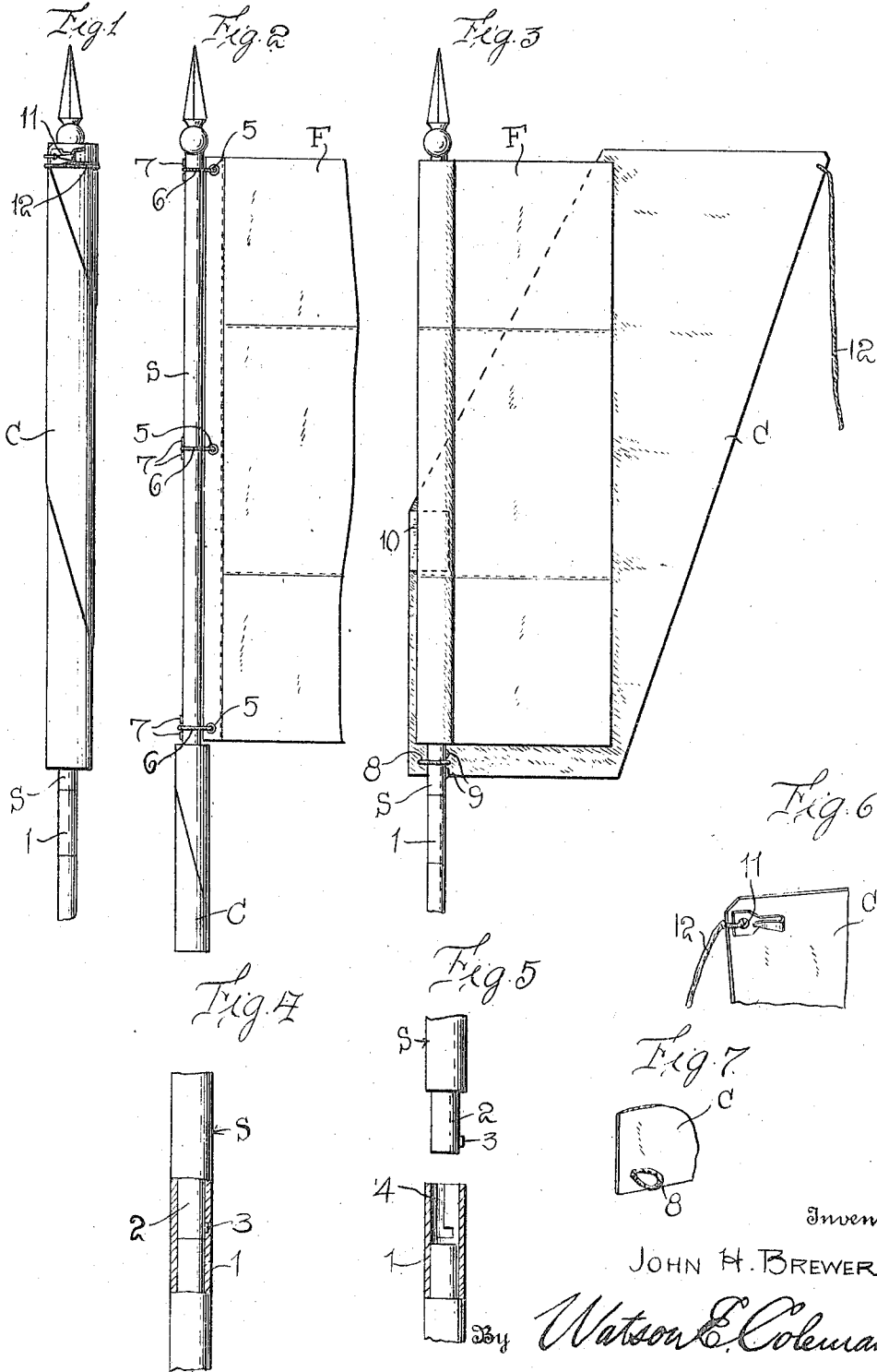


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that JOHN H. BREWER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Louisville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, has invented certain new and useful Improvements in Flag Supports and Covers, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to a combined flag support and cover and it is an object of the invention to provide novel and improved means whereby a furled flag may be readily and effectively incased.

It is also an object of the invention to provide a device of this general character having novel and improved means whereby the connection between a flag and its support is such as to permit unobstructed rotation of the support relative to the flag or free and unobstructed movement of the flag around the support.

It is also an object of the invention to provide a novel and improved device of this general character wherein a cover is rotatably engaged at one end portion with the support and wherein an opposite end portion of the cover is provided with means whereby the cover may be maintained in a position wrapped around a flag when furled about the support.

Furthermore it is an object of the invention to provide a device of this general character including a novel and improved support formed of separable sections to facilitate storage or transportation.

The invention consists in the details of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts of my improved flag support and cover wherein certain important advantages are attained and the device rendered simpler, less expensive and otherwise more convenient and advantageous for use, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

The novel features of my invention will hereinafter be definitely claimed.

In order that my invention may be the better understood I will now proceed to describe the same with reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a fragmentary view in elevation illustrating a combined flag support and holder constructed in accordance with an embodiment of my invention and wherein the cover is in applied position;

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary view of an elevation of my invention as herein disclosed;

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary view in elevation of my invention as herein disclosed and illustrating the cover in initial or extended position before being wrapped about a furled flag;

Fig. 4 is an enlarged fragmentary view partly in elevation and partly in section illustrating the connection between the meeting ends of the sections as embodied in my improved support or staff as herein disclosed;

Fig. 5 is also a view partly in elevation and partly in section of the meeting ends of said sections in separated relation;

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary view in perspective of a corner of my improved cover illustrating a restraining means co-acting therewith; and

Fig. 7 is a fragmentary view in perspective illustrating the loop member carried by the cover member for securing said cover member to the support or staff.

As disclosed in the accompanying drawings S denotes a support or staff preferably formed in two separable sections. An end portion of one of the sections has affixed thereto a thimble 1 extending a predetermined distance therebeyond and affording a socket to receive the reduced portion 2 of the second section of the support or staff. The free extremity of the reduced portion 2 is provided with a laterally directed lug 3 adapted to be engaged within the bayonet slot 4 produced in the inner wall of the socket as afforded by the thimble 1 whereby it will be at once self evident that the sections of the support or staff S may be readily and conveniently assembled or disconnected in accordance with the requirements of practice. It is also thought to be apparent that by having the support or staff S formed of separable sections the device may be transported with convenience and facility or occupy a minimum of space when in storage.

F denotes a flag having its inner end portion provided with the reinforced openings 5, said openings being preferably three in number and arranged adjacent the longitudinal margins of the flag and substantially at the transverse center thereof. Disposed through the openings 5 are the loop members 6 formed of any desired material and each of said members 6 is directed be-

tween a pair of longitudinally spaced lugs 7 carried by the support or staff S. By this arrangement it will be perceived that the flag F is effectively held against movement 5 longitudinally of the staff or support S and that said support or staff S is capable of rotary movement independently of the flag F or the members 5. C denotes a cover sheet formed from a suitable waterproof fabric.

10 The cover sheet C is of a length slightly in excess of the width of the flag F and the inner portion of one longitudinal margin of the cover sheet C and an end of said cover sheet are perpendicularly related while the 15 second longitudinal marginal portion is disposed on a predetermined incline with the remaining part of the first named longitudinal margin of the cover sheet C substantially parallel therewith. The right angular 20 corner portion of the cover sheet C is provided with a loop member 8 through which the support or staff S is loosely directed and which loop member is seated between a pair of longitudinally spaced lugs 9 carried by 25 the support or staff S inwardly of but in close proximity of the flag F. By this arrangement it will be perceived that the support S may be rotated independently of the cover sheet C.

30 The inner face of the cover sheet C preferably at the junction of the inclined and perpendicular portions of one longitudinal margin of the cover sheet has affixed thereto a sheet 10 of rubber or other material which 35 is adapted to frictionally engage the flag F when furled about the support or staff S whereby the cover sheet C is prevented from slipping as it is being rolled about the furled flag.

40 Secured to the outer face of the cover sheet C at the corner thereof remote from the right angular corner thereof is a hook member or clip 11 and also secured to said corner is an end portion of a flexible member 12. After 45 the cover sheet member C has been wrapped about the furled flag as indicated in Fig. 1 the flexible member 12 is disposed around the

cover sheet and engaged with the hook or clip 11 which serves to effectively maintain the cover sheet C in its applied or operative 50 position.

From the foregoing description, it is thought to be obvious that a flag support and cover constructed in accordance with my invention is particularly well adapted for use 55 by reason of the convenience and facility with which it may be assembled and operated and it will also be obvious that my invention is susceptible of some change and modification without materially departing 60 from the appearance and spirit thereof and for this reason I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the precise arrangement and formation of the several 65 parts herein shown in carrying out my invention in practice except as hereinafter claimed.

I claim:

1. In combination with an elongated support, a cover sheet, a loop carried by one 70 corner of the cover sheet and through which the elongated support is loosely directed, means for holding the loop against movement longitudinally of the support, and means carried by a diagonally opposed corner 75 of the cover sheet for maintaining the same wrapped about the support.

2. In combination with a support, a cover sheet adapted to be wrapped around said support, means for rotatably connecting a 80 corner of the cover sheet with the support, means carried by a diagonally opposed corner of the cover sheet for maintaining the cover sheet wrapped about the support, and a supplementary sheet secured to the inner 85 face of the cover sheet to afford a frictional contact.

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

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