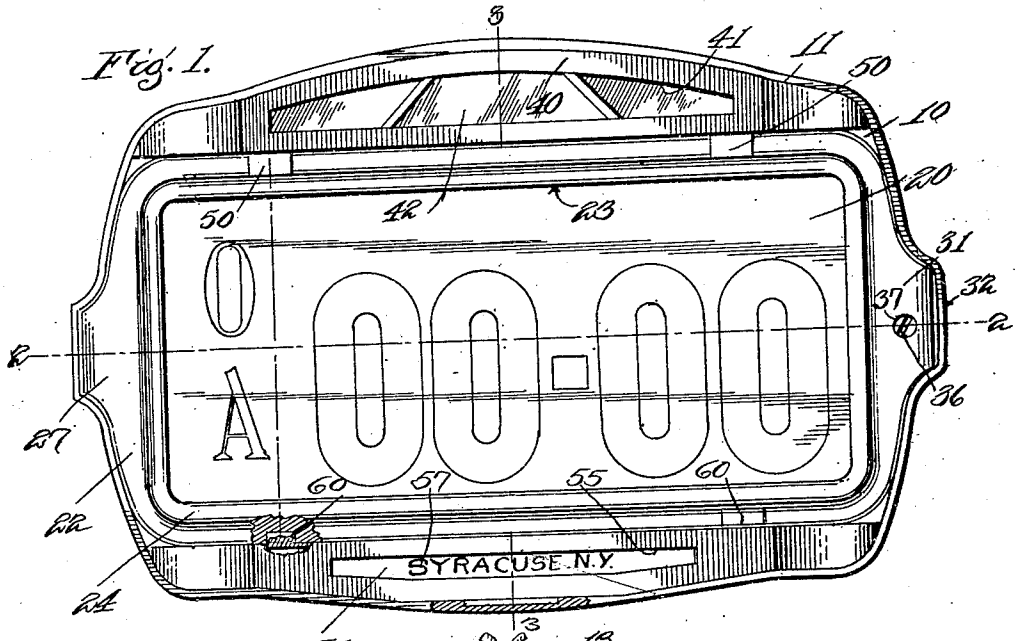
July 28, 1931. J. ORESTER ET AL 1,816,741

TAG OR SIGN HOLDER

Filed Oct. 1, 1930

Fig. 1.



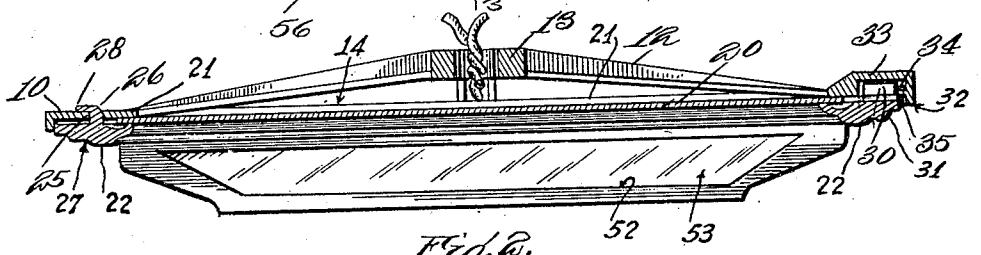


Fig. 2.

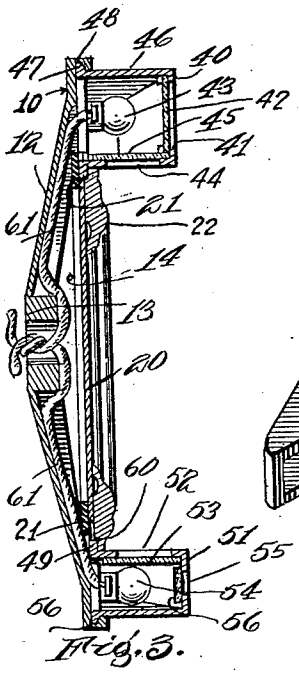


Fig. 3.

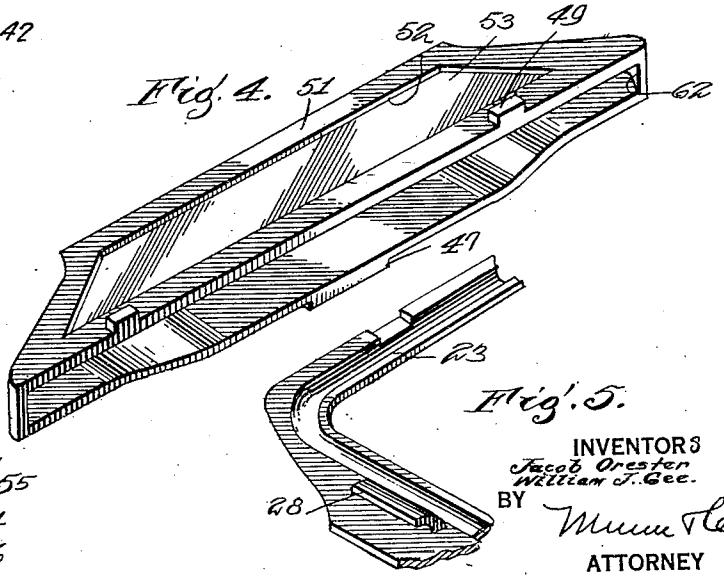


Fig. 4.

Fig. 5.

INVENTORS
Jacob Orester
William J. Gee.
BY Munn & Co.
ATTORNEY

Patented July 28, 1931

1,816,741

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

JACOB ORESTER AND WILLIAM J. GEE, OF SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

TAG OR SIGN HOLDER

Application filed October 1, 1930. Serial No. 485,743.

This invention relates to a tag or sign holder.

An object of the invention is the provision of a tag or sign holder in which a license plate, tag, or sign and lamp housings are simultaneously locked to a supporting structure so that when the locking means is released the tag, license plate, or sign and the housings may be readily removed from the supporting plate.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a tag, license plate, or sign holder in which a supporting plate is adapted to be secured in a fixed position in accordance with the construction described and claimed in our copending application, Serial No. 375,234, filed July 1, 1929, the plate being adapted to removably support a pair of lamp housings upon opposite sides of a frame which is adapted to removably secure the housings, license plate, or tag, to the plate.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a tag, license plate, or sign holder of a knockdown construction, to which a plurality of lamp housings are removably connected by a frame that is locked to the supporting plate with the frame retaining the tag, license plate, or sign against unauthorized removal, the lamp housings being provided with windows upon which matter is adapted to be inscribed, certain of the windows providing for the transmission of light upon the sign, tag, or license plate.

This invention will be best understood from a consideration of the following detailed description, in view of the accompanying drawings forming a part of the specification; nevertheless it is to be understood that the invention is not confined to the disclosure, being susceptible of such changes and modifications which shall define no material departure from the salient features of the invention as expressed in the appended claims.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of a tag holder constructed in accordance with the principles of our invention,

Figure 2 is a horizontal section taken along the line 2—2 of Figure 1,

Figure 3 is a section taken along the line 3—3 of Figure 1,

Figure 4 is a view in perspective of the lower housing attached to the tag holder, and

Figure 5 is a fragmentary view in perspective of one corner of the supporting plate.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 10 designates a supporting plate having a peripheral bead 11 projecting laterally outwardly therefrom for a purpose which will be presently described. The shape of the plate may be of any suitable configuration. In this instance, however, the plate is elongated and is provided with a reinforcing web 12 extending from a centrally disposed hollow hub 13 to points adjacent the periphery of the plate. The arms of the web are bowed outwardly from the plate so that the hub 13 will be spaced from the back of the same.

The central portion of the plate is cut away to provide an elongated opening 14.

A license plate, tag, or sign 20 is adapted to be disposed upon the central portion of the plate and has its edges resting upon marginal flanges 21 embracing the opening 14. A frame, generally designated by the numeral 22, having an opening 23, is adapted to be placed in flat contact with the tag 20 and locked in position. The frame has a marginal bead 24 embracing the opening 23 which has a greater thickness than the body of the frame.

The plate 10 is provided with a slot 25 adapted to receive a curved lug 26 extending rearwardly from a projection 27 on one end of the frame. The lug has a bent portion 28 adapted to engage the back of the plate 10 for securing one end of the frame to the plate.

The opposite end of the frame 22 is provided with a lock 30 projecting from the rear face of the frame and along that portion of the bead which is opposite to the projecting end 27. As shown more particularly in Fig. 1, the frame has a projection 31 received within a similiarly formed portion 32 of the

plate 10 and the lock 30 is secured to the rear face of such projection. The lock is received within a socket 33 formed on the rear face of the plate 10 and receives the lock. A locking bolt 34, slidably mounted in the lock, is adapted to engage a keeper 35 formed upon the projecting end 31 of the frame 22. A key hole 36 is in alignment with an opening 37 in the projecting end 31 of the frame 32. A key of suitable type is adapted to be inserted within the keyhole 36 for locking or unlocking the frame from the plate 10.

A lamp housing, generally designated by the numeral 40 is secured to the upper end of the plate 10 and is removably connected therewith. The housing is provided with an opening 41 closed by transparent members 42. When it is desired, indicia may be applied to the transparent member so that when the lamps 43 are illuminated the indicia will more clearly appear from the housing. This lamp housing is also provided with an opening 44 at its underface which is closed by a translucent or transparent member 45 so that light from the lamps 43 will be projected upon the tag or sign 20.

The rear wall 46 of the housing 40 along its lower edge is provided with a lug 47 adapted to be received within a socket 48 formed in the upper portion of the bead 11. The opposite wall of the housing is provided with a pair of lugs 49 adapted to be received within sockets 50 formed along the upper edge of the frame 22. A second lamp housing 51 is located below the lower edge of the tag 20 and is constructed in a similar manner to the housing 40. The housing 51 has an opening 52 covered with a transparent member 53 so that light rays from the lamps 54 will be directed upon the tag or sign 20. The front wall of the housing is provided with an opening 55 which is closed by a transparent or transulcent member 56 upon which may be applied indicia as indicated at 57 in Fig. 1. The housing 51 has also a lug 47 adapted to be received within a socket 56 formed in the lower portion of the bead 11 which is thickened at this section. The opposite wall of the housing 51 is also provided with a lug 49 adapted to be received within sockets 60 formed in the frame 22.

The lamps 43 and 54 are secured to the outer face of the plate 10 and wires 61 extend from the lamps to the hollow hub 13 and along the arms of the web 12. These wires are brought through the hollow hub and carried to a source of current and also to a well known form of switch for controlling the circuits to the lamp. It will be noted that the inner ends of the housings are open, as shown at 62, and these inner ends lie in flat contact with the flat faces of the plate 10.

It will be noted that the sign, tag, or license plate holder is of the knock-down construction and may be readily assembled or disassembled through the application or the removal of the frame 22. When the frame 22 is removed the housings 40 and 51 may be easily disposed from their connections with the plate 10. It will thus be seen that the frame 22 simultaneously locks not only a tag or sign 20 to the plate 10 but also locks the housings to said plate. On the other hand the release of the frame 22 by operating the lock 30 will likewise not only release the sign or tag but also the housings.

In assembling the tag or sign upon the plate 10 the lugs 47 are slipped into their respective sockets 48 and 56 when the inner edge 62 of the housings are placed in flat contact with the outer face of the plate 10. The tag, sign, or license plate holder is then placed upon the marginal flange 22 of the plate 10 and the lug 26 is inserted through the opening 25 in the plate 10. The frame is then lowered upon the license plate or tag in a swinging manner when said lock 30 will be received within the socket 33. Where the lock is of the automatic type it is only necessary to move the lock into its socket when the locking bolt 34 will be engaged behind the keeper 35. Otherwise it will be necessary to insert a key within the slot 36 for manipulating the lock. In either case, however, the frame 22 simultaneously locks not only the tag or license plate 20 against unauthorized manipulation but likewise locks the housings in place. It will be appreciated that after the frame 22 is moved to its locking position the members 50 and 60 will engage over the lugs 49 and in connection with the lugs 47 and their respective sockets 48 and 56, the housings will be securely held against movement.

We claim:

1. A tag or sign holder comprising a plate, a frame removably secured to the plate and adapted to secure a tag or sign to the plate against unauthorized removal, lamp housings upon opposite sides of the frame, co-operating means on the frame, plate, and housings, for simultaneously and removably securing the housings to the plate.

2. A tag or sign holder comprising a plate, a frame removably secured to the plate and adapted to secure a tax or sign to the plate against unauthorized removal, housings provided with translucent outer faces upon which indicia are inscribed relating to the tag or sign, the housings being located upon opposite sides of the frame, co-operating means on the frame, plate, and housings for removably securing the housings to the plate.

3. A tag or sign holder comprising a plate, a frame removably secured to the plate and adapted to secure a tax or sign to the plate against unauthorized removal, housings provided with translucent outer faces upon which indicia are inscribed relating to the tag or sign, the housings being located upon opposite

sides of the frame, co-operating means on the frame, plate and housings for removably securing the housings to the plate, and lamps mounted on the plate and enclosed by the housings.

4. A tag or sign holder comprising a plate, a frame removably secured to the plate and adapted to secure a tag or sign to the plate against unauthorized removal, housings upon opposite sides of the frame, the opposite edges of the plate being provided with grooves, a lug along an edge of each housing adapted to be received within an adjacently located groove, lugs projecting from the opposite edges of each housing and engaged by the frame.

5. A tag or sign holder comprising a plate, a frame, means for removably locking the frame to the plate, housings removably mounted on the plate at opposite edges of the frame, lamps secured to the plate and enclosed by the housings, said housings having openings, a translucent medium covering for each opening, the plate having grooves, said housings being provided with lugs, certain of the lugs being received by the grooves, the remaining lugs being engaged by the frame for removably attaching the housings to the plate.

6. A tag holder adapted to be readily assembled or disassembled comprising a supporting plate, means for locking a tag on the plate against unauthorized removal, lamp housings removably mounted on the plate, means on the housings engaged by the locking means for locking the housings to the plate.

7. A tag holder adapted to be readily assembled or disassembled comprising a supporting means, lamp housings removably mounted on the supporting means, means for simultaneously locking the housings and a tag on the plate against unauthorized removal.

JACOB ORESTER.
WILLIAM J. GEE.