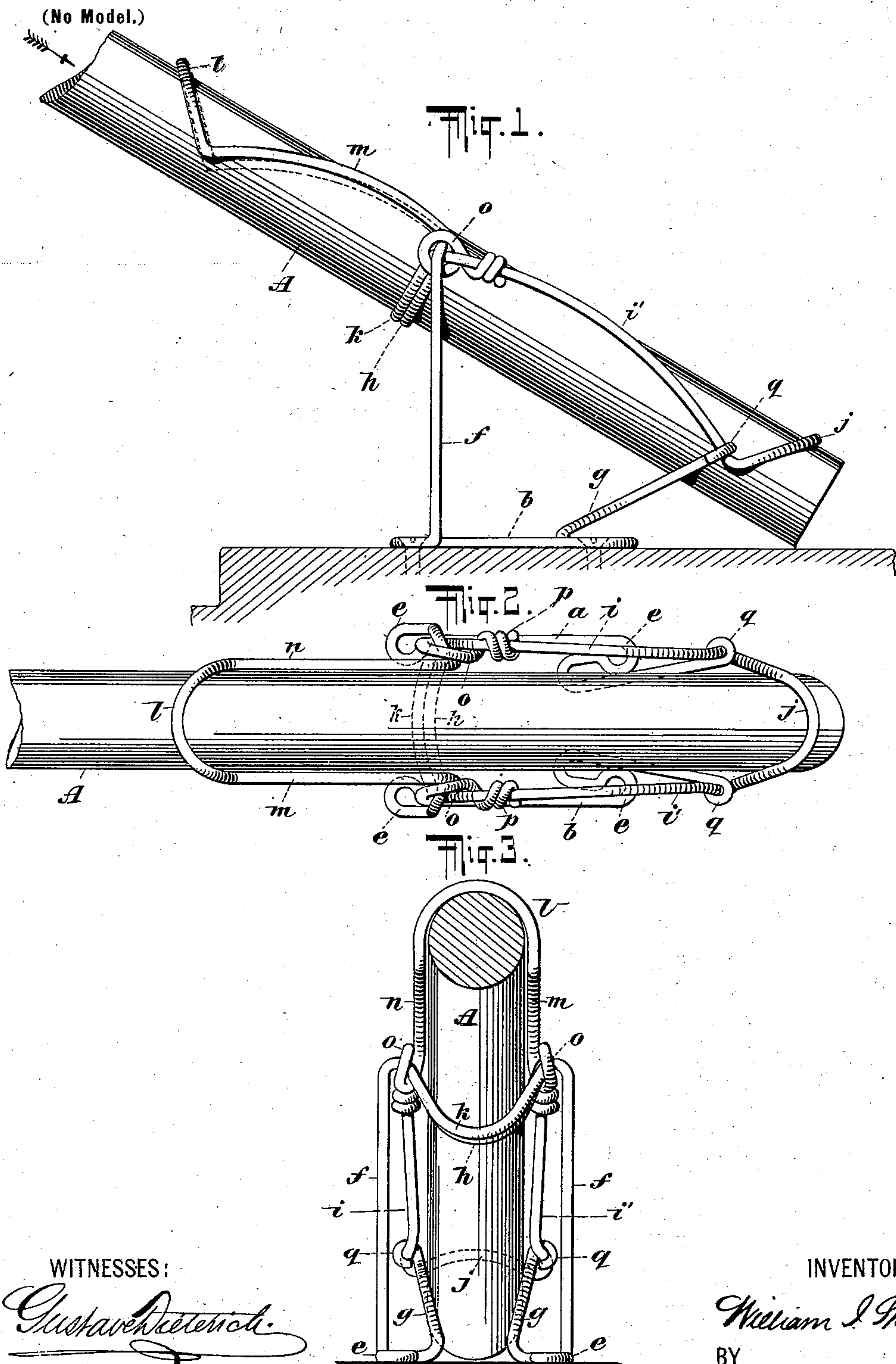


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM I. SHERWOOD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Nyack, Rockland county, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Flagstaff-Holders, &c., of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to holders specially adapted for holding flagstuffs, broom-handles, and other structures. The device will be fully described, and the novel features thereof pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings I have shown a structure embodying my invention, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of the device holding a rod or staff. Fig. 2 is a plan view, and Fig. 3 is a front view.

The device may be variously constructed, the form shown herein comprising a stand or base and a holding or clasp member. The stand or base shown consists of a plurality of base-wires *a b*, adapted to be supported by a surface, each provided with a pair of eyes *e*, the upright legs or portions *f*, and the inclined legs or portions *g*. The holding or clasp member is secured to the portions *f* *g* or, if desired, for convenience of manufacture may be made partially or wholly of extensions of the said parts *f g*. For instance, as seen in the drawings, the cross-piece *h* is a prolongation of *f* and crosses over to the other side of the structure, where it extends rearwardly, forming a side bar *i*, whence it continues and forms the lower end loop or rear staff-holding bend *j*. The other upright extends across the structure, forming a cross-bar *k*, which extends rearwardly, constituting a side bar *i'*. The cross-bars *k h* form the middle loop or intermediate staff-holding bend of the holder. The remaining part of the holder is constituted by another wire, which is looped or bent at *l* to constitute the front loop or staff-holding bend, thence extends rearwardly in two branches *m n*, which after being bent to constitute the eyes *o* for the passage of the extensions of the uprights *f* are wound about the side bars *i i'* at the

points *p p*. The inclined members *g* are suitably connected to the rear ends of the side bars *i* at *q*. The holder therefore consists of three loops or bends—a front loop, a middle loop, and a rear loop—which are adapted to securely hold a staff or rod *A*, the said loops being so located with respect to each other as, when viewed in the direction indicated by the arrow in Fig. 1, to form a circle or apparent circle of a less diameter than the diameter of the staff *A*, which is intended to be clasped thereby. This idea is expressed in the dotted lines shown in Fig. 1, and as it is intended to make the structure of springy material—wire or sheet metal—the rod or staff will be securely clasped in the holder.

It will be observed that in the present instance the wires *m n* and bend *l* constitute a forwardly-extending clasp member by which the staff may be firmly grasped in the holder. The forwardly-extending clasp member may be variously constructed.

Having described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a support for flagstuffs, broom-handles, &c., the combination of intermediate and rear staff-holding bends, a support for the said bends comprising a base and supporting-legs rising therefrom at or near opposite sides thereof so as to provide a support extending longitudinally of the fixture for a considerable portion of its extent, whereby the device will support the staff without the necessity of resting the staff against the surface upon which the support is carried, and a forwardly-extending clasp member provided with a staff-holding bend, substantially as described and for the purposes set forth.

The foregoing specification of my improvements in flagstaff-holders, &c., signed by me, in the presence of witnesses, on the 28th day of July, in the year 1899.

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