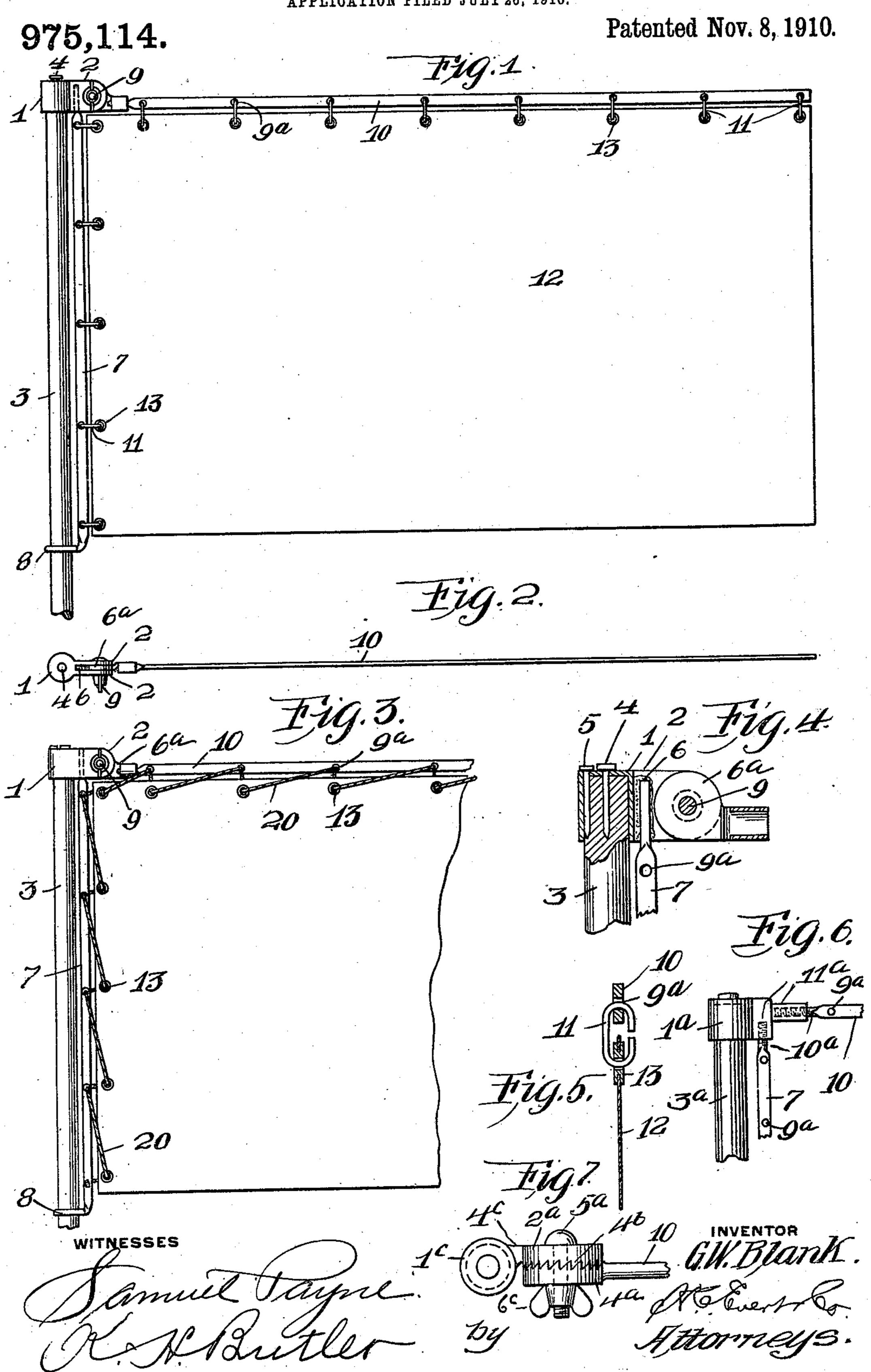
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, George W. Blank, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Wilkinsburg, in the county of Al-5 legheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Flag-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to a flag holder and has for its object to provide means in a manner as hereinafter set forth and supported by a flag pole, staff or stick for retaining a flag in an extended position whereby the 15 stars and stripes, mottoes, coat of arms or society and club insignias can be easily observed.

A further object of the invention is to provide a flag holder in a manner as herein-20 after set forth for preventing a flag from wrapping around a pole, staff or stick and reducing to a minimum the tearing of the flag by the wind.

Further objects of the invention are to 25 provide a flag holding device which is comparatively simple in its construction and arrangement, strong, durable, efficient in its use, readily set up in operative position with respect to a flag staff, and comparatively in-

30 expensive to manufacture.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists of the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts as hereinafter more specifically de-35 scribed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings wherein is shown the preferred embodiments of the invention, but it is to be understood that changes, variations and modifications can be resorted to which come 40 within the scope of the claims hereunto appended.

In the drawings wherein like reference characters denote corresponding parts 45 front elevation of a flag holder in accordance with this invention showing the adaptation thereof in connection with a flag staff or pole. Fig. 2 is a plan of the same. Fig. 3 is an elevation of a portion of the holder 50 illustrating a modified means for coupling the flag to a holder. Fig. 4 is a sectional detail of the holder illustrating an anchoring pin. Fig. 5 is a horizontal sectional view of a portion of the holder. Fig. 6 is an eleva-55 tion broken away of a modification, and, Fig. 7 is a side elevation of another modification.

Referring to the drawings in detail, 1 denotes a cap provided with a pair of laterally-extending lugs 2 which are arranged parallel. The cap 1 is adapted to fit upon 60 the upper end of a flag staff or stick 3 and is retained thereon by a pin 4 which projects through the top of the cap 1 and extends into the top of the staff 3. The pin 4 is so set up with respect to the cap 1 as to 65 allow the cap to revolve upon the upper end of the staff. To prevent rotation of the cap 1 upon the staff 3 an anchoring pin 5 is provided, said pin being disposed eccentrically to the pin 4 and extending through 70 the top of the cap 1 and engaging in the upper end of the staff 3.

Soldered or otherwise secured between the lugs 2 as at 6 is the upper end of a vertically-disposed member 7 arranged when in 75 operative position parallel with the staff 3 and having its lower end provided with a right-angularly disposed eye 8 through which the staff 3 extends when the holder

is mounted in operative position.

Disposed at right angles with respect to the staff 3 is an arm 10 having its inner end 6a extending between the lugs 2 and adjustably as well as detachably connected to the said lugs through the medium of a 85 set screw 9. The arm 10 as well as the member 7 is provided with a series of openings, said openings being indicated by the reference character 9^a and opposing a series of eyelets 13 carried by the inner and the 90 upper edge of the flag 12. Extending through the openings 9^a and the eyelets 13 are coupling devices 11 in the form of split oval-shaped links. The openings in the arms 10 and member 7 combined with the 95 eyelets 13 and links 11 constitute means whereby the flag is maintained in an extended position so that it can be readily observed and the members 7 in connection throughout the several views: Figure 1 is a | with the arm 10 and the links 11 for cou- 100 pling the flag to the said arm and member will prevent the flag from wrapping around the staff. As the cap 1 can revolve upon the staff and as the eye 8 is of such diameter as not to engage the staff 3, it is evident that 105 the holder and the flag can revolve around the staff.

In Fig. 3 a lace 20 is employed for coupling the flag to the member 7 and arm 10 in lieu of employing the links 11.

In the modification shown in Fig. 6, the reference character 1ª denotes a cap which

is rotatably-mounted upon the top of the staff 3ª and is provided with a pair of screwthreaded sockets 11a, one disposed at right angles with respect to the other for the re-5 ception of screw-threaded extensions 10^a carried by the arms 7 and 10. By the construction shown, the arm 10 as well as the arm 7 is detachably-connected with the cap 1^a.

In the modification shown in Fig. 7, the arm 10 is coupled with the cap 1c through the medium of a toothed disk 4ª formed integral with the inner end of the arm 10 and engaging a toothed disk 4b carried by a 15 lug 4° when projecting from the cap 1°. The disks 4^a and 4^b are detachably-connected together by a bolt 5^a provided with a thumb

What I claim is:

nut 6°.

20 1. A device for the purpose set forth comprising a cap, adapted to be connected to a flag staff, a vertically disposed member connected with said cap, an arm connected with the cap and disposed at right angles with 25 respect to said member, and means for connecting a flag to the inner and outer ends of the arms of the member and to points intermediate the ends of the arms of the member.

2. A device for the purpose set forth comprising a cap adapted to be mounted for rotation upon a flag staff, a member connected with and depending from the cap and provided with an eye adapted to sur-35 round the staff, an arm connected with the cap and extending at right angles with respect to the member, and means for coupling the inner end of a flag to said member and the top edge of the flag to said arm whereby 40 the flag is prevented from wrapping around the staff.

3. A flag holder comprising a cap adapted to be mounted for rotation upon a flag staff, a pair of rigid members disposed at 45 right angles with respect to each other and connected with said cap, each of said members apertured throughout its length, in combination with a flag provided at its inner edge and its top edge with a plurality 50 of eyelets, and means extending through the apertures of said member and the eyelets of the flag for coupling the latter to the

members to prevent the flag wrapping around the staff.

4. A flag holder comprising a cap adapted 55 to be mounted for rotation upon a flag staff, a pair of rigid members disposed at right angles with respect to each other and connected with said cap, each of said members apertured throughout its length, in combi- 60 nation with a flag provided at its inner edge and its top edge with a plurality of eyelets, and means extending through the apertures of said members and the eyelets of the flag for coupling the latter to the members to 65 prevent the flag wrapping around the staff, one of said members provided with an eyelet through which is adapted to extend a staff.

5. A flag holder comprising a cap adapted 70 to be mounted for rotation upon a flag staff, a pair of rigid members disposed at right angles with respect to each other and connected with said cap, each of said members apertured throughout its length, in combi- 75 nation with a flag provided at its inner edge and its top edge with a plurality of eyelets, and coupling devices in the form of split links extending through the apertures of said members and said eyelets for coupling 80 the flag to the members whereby the flag is prevented from wrapping around the staff.

6. A flag holder comprising a cap adapted to be mounted for rotation upon a flag staff, a pair of rigid members disposed at right 85 angles with respect to each other and connected with said cap, each of said members apertured throughout its length, in combination with a flag provided at its inner edge and at its top edge with a plurality of eye- 90 lets, and coupling devices in the form of split links extending through the apertures of said members and said eyelets for coupling the flag to the members whereby the flag is prevented from wrapping around the 95 staff, and one of said members provided with means at one end whereby it is connected to the staff.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses. GEORGE W. BLANK.

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