Claims

1. A cable retaining apparatus for retaining at least one cable, the apparatus comprising:

at least one first cable retaining member ~~(118)~~ adapted to engage at least one portion of at least one cable and having a first end;

at least one second cable retaining member ~~(120)~~ adapted to engage at least one portion of said at least one cable or at least one portion of at least one further cable and having a first end;

at least one clamping portion ~~(124)~~ for pulling said first and second retaining members into clamping engagement with said at least one ~~the or each~~ cable, at least one clamping portion comprising

at least one first clamping member ~~(170)~~ connected to said first cable retaining member adjacent a second end of said first cable retaining member and having an aperture ~~(174)~~ extending therethrough,

at least one second clamping member ~~(178)~~ connected to said second cable retaining member adjacent a second end of said second cable retaining member and having a second aperture extending therethrough, said second aperture having at least one first threaded portion ~~(186)~~, and

at least one bolt ~~(190)~~ having a respective second threaded portion ~~(198)~~ and adapted to extend at least partially through said first and second apertures such

that said second threaded portion engages said first threaded portion so as to pull said retaining members into engagement with the or each cable;

wherein said first and second retaining members are hingedly connected to each other at respective first ends thereof by at least one pivot ~~(122) and~~, said second damping member further comprises at least one thread covering member extending towards said first damping member and between said bolt and said first and second cable retaining members and, for a plurality of positions of at least one said first clamping member relative to a corresponding said second clamping member, said second threaded portion is not exposed between said first and second clamping members after said bolt pulls said retaining members into engagement with said at least one ~~the or each said~~ cable.

2. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said first and second clamping members is welded to said respective first or second cable retaining member.

~~3. An apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said second clamping member further comprises at least one thread covering member (182) extending towards said first clamping member and between said bolt and said first and second cable retaining members.~~

3.~~4.~~ An apparatus according to claim 1~~3~~, wherein said first clamping member further comprises at least one recess ~~(176)~~ for partially receiving said thread covering member.

4.~~5.~~ An apparatus according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein at least one of said first and second cable retaining members comprises at least one sheet material and said second end of said at least one of said first and second cable retaining members comprises a folded back portion of said sheet material connected to itself.

5. ~~6.~~ A cable retaining apparatus for retaining at least one cable, the apparatus comprising:

at least one first cable retaining member ~~(18)~~ adapted to engage a portion of at least one cable;

at least one second cable retaining member ~~(20)~~ adapted to engage another portion of said at least one cable or a portion of at least one further cable;

at least one clamping portion ~~(24)~~ for pulling said first and second retaining members into clamping engagement with said at least one ~~the or each~~ cable, at least one said clamping portion comprising

at least one first flange ~~(26)~~ attached to said first cable retaining member and having a first aperture ~~(50)~~ extending therethrough,

at least one second flange ~~(28)~~ attached to said second cable retaining member and having a second aperture ~~(52)~~ extending therethrough,

a bolt ~~(30)~~ having a head ~~(32)~~ too large to extend through said first and second apertures, ~~a non-threaded portion (38)~~ and a threaded portion ~~(36)~~ sized to extend through said first and second apertures, and

a nut ~~(40)~~ for engaging said threaded portion of said bolt;

wherein said first and second retaining members are hingedly connected to each other by at least one pivot device, said bolt has a non-threaded portion sized to extend through said first and second apertures, the clamping portion further comprises at least one spacer ~~(44)~~ to maintain clamping pressure between said nut and said first and second cable retaining members when said non-threaded portion is at least partially extending through said first and second apertures, wherein said spacer is separable from said nut and, ~~said~~

~~first and second retaining members are hingedly connected to each other by pivot means (22) and,~~ for a plurality of positions of at least one said first flange relative to a corresponding said second flange, said threaded portion of said bolt is not exposed between said first and second flanges after said clamping portion pulls said retaining members into engagement with ~~the or each~~ said at least one cable.

6. An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said cable retaining members define a non-circular cross-section to engage multiple cables running through said cross-section.

7. An apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said cross-section is generally triangular.

7. An apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said nut and spacer comprise a single component.