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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.

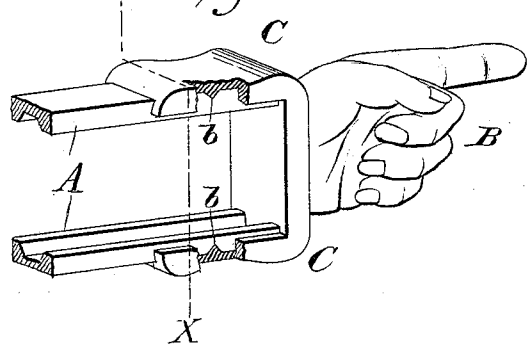


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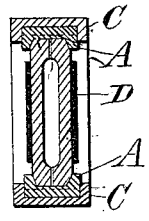
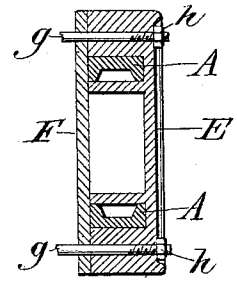


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN S. BAILEY, of Buckingham, county of Bucks, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Highway Sign, of which the following is a specification.

Signs for the highways are usually made to order, and owing to the trouble and inconvenience of getting them some localities fail to be properly indexed agreeably to the laws and wants of the public.

The object of this invention is to provide a ready, efficient, and durable sign, presenting a handsome appearance, that can be kept on hand and for sale, procurable at any time, which consists of grooved bars with letters and numbers or other device to slide between, single, by sections, or whole plates, secured at both ends, forming an arm or series of arms, to be supported at designated places of the highways, streets, and other places, denoting the name of a street, city, town, distance thereto, or other device.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 represents a side view of a sign. Fig. 2 shows the manner of fastening the ornament at the outer end of the arm. Fig. 3 is a cross-section of the arm on a line through C C. Fig. 4 is a sectional view of the grooved flanges or bed-plates that secure the sign to its support.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, A A represent metal bars of any desired length, provided with a groove on their inner edge for the reception of letters or characters D. At the outer end of the bars A A is a hand or ornament, B, with semi-sockets C C. Within these are spurs *b b*, facing each other, as in Figs. 2 and 3. The bars A A are furnished with a notch on their outer edge, that engage with the spurs *b b*, and when the characters D, made to face one or both sides of the arm, are placed between the bars A A and driven within the semi-sockets C C the bars and ornaments are firmly held together without the aid of bolts or rivets.

Fig. 4 represents a cross-section of the flanges or bed-plates E and F, that are supplied with channels to receive the grooved bars A A; and when the bars or arm containing the plate or plates are inserted within the channels, the bolts *g g*, passing through, into, or around the support, being drawn by the nuts *h h*, the sign is held firmly in position at any desired angle.

It is plain that to slack the nuts *h h* the sign may be disengaged and removed at any time for painting or repairs.

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

A highway sign comprising the parallel bars A, having their facing edges grooved longitudinally to receive letters, the base or bed plate E, to which the inner ends of the bars are attached, the approximately U-shaped spring-clamp B, adapted to embrace the outer ends of the bars A and retain the parts in position, said clamp being formed with projections *b* on its facing edges, which are sprung into corresponding notches on the top and bottom edges of the bars A, and the indicator-hand, substantially as specified.

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