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PRINTING-TYPE.

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Fig. 1

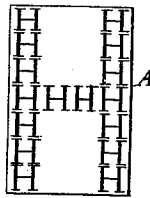
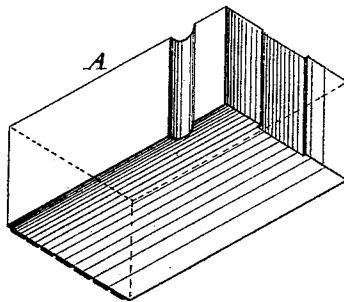


Fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN PRINTING-TYPES.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, JOHN LINDSAY, of Williamsburg, Kings county, New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Printing-Type, of which the following is a specification :

Figure 1 is a front view of one of my improved type, and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to save time and labor in setting up advertisements in which it is desired to use composite letters.

The invention consists in a composite printing-type the face of which is made up of a series of small letters or characters.

Heretofore, in forming the letters composing words and sentences in display advertisements, it has been common to form each letter or character by arranging a number of small letters or characters in such a manner that an impression of them will produce the configuration of a large letter or character, the form or design of which is imparted by the smaller types used in its composition. This practice necessitates great labor and skill, as well as considerable expense incident to the nature of such complex composition of small types.

In the drawing, A represents one of my im-

proved types, showing a large capital letter "H" formed from a number of small capital letters "H," which are so arranged as to form the said large capital letter.

In constructing composite types of this nature they may be cast in the manner common in making ordinary types—that is, in molds provided with suitable matrices.

A mammoth letter of any denomination, whether a capital or small letter, may be constructed according to this invention, and a font of such letters may be provided with suitable "points" and "spaces."

By this invention a word composed of composite letters may be readily set up and used, thus facilitating its composition, and removing the liability heretofore existing of the accidental displacement of the small letters, and the consequent destruction of the composed mammoth letter.

I claim—

As a new article of manufacture, a single-letter type the printing surface of which consists of a series of small letters or characters, substantially as shown, and for the purpose described.

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