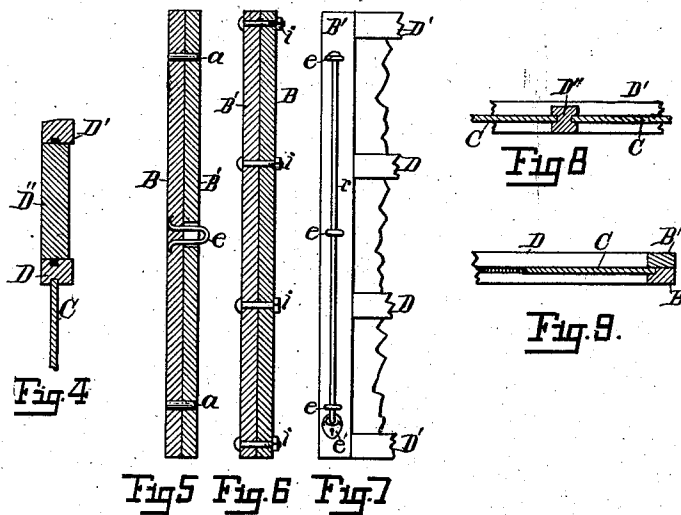
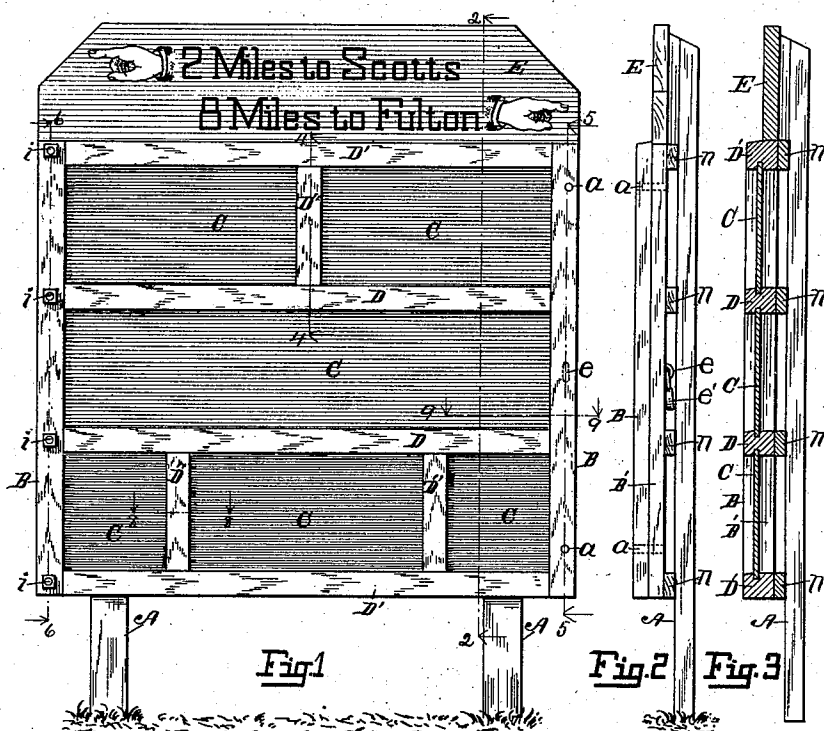


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY D. STREATOR, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Kalamazoo, in the county of Kalamazoo and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Advertising-Boards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in advertising boards and more particularly to advertising boards which are also used as mile and guide boards and are therefore placed in the open air and must consequently be adapted to stand rough usage in various ways and exposure to the elements.

The objects of my invention are to construct an advertising board which shall be cheap and at the same time durable.

Another object is to construct such a board in panels on which advertisements may be placed, the panels being so constructed that they are easily removable for the purpose of placing new advertisements thereon or re-decorating them or repairing any injuries that an advertisement placed upon the same may have received, and also to vary their size.

Another object of my invention is to so construct a board of this character that each advertisement will seem to be in a separate and distinct frame thus bringing each out prominently and giving it an individuality.

Another object of my invention is to provide means whereby these panels may be placed in the board and secured there by a suitable lock, such as a pad-lock or similar contrivance.

I accomplish these objects by the device shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of an advertising board embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a sectional view on line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a detail sectional view on line 4—4 of Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a detail sectional view on line 5—5 of Fig. 1. Fig. 6 is a detail sectional view on line 6—6 of Fig. 1. Fig. 7 is a detail view of a modification of the locking device for securing the said panels in place. Fig. 8 is a detail sectional view on line 8—8 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 9 is a detail sectional view on line 9—9 of Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference refer to similar parts throughout the several views; and all of the sectional views are taken looking in the direction of the little arrows at the ends of the section-lines.

Referring to the lettered parts of the drawings, A, A, represent suitable posts for supporting the general framework of the advertising board and extends back of the same and supports, at the top, the board, E, which serves as a mile and guide board.

The general frame is supported on cross strips, *n, n, n, n*, to which the posts, A, are securely attached. The frame consists of the top and bottom pieces, D', D', which are grooved at the center, and two intermediate strips, D, D, parallel with the same, all of which are grooved to receive the panels, C. The sides of the frame are composed of strips, B, B', which are bolted together by bolts, *i, i*, at one side and are secured to the cross strips, *n, n*, as above stated. To the other side (the right shown in the drawings) the strips, B, B', instead of being secured together by bolts, *i*, are secured together by means of a staple, *e*, projecting from the front strip, B, through the back strip, B', where a lock, *e'*, is attached to the staple and secures the same in place. Where a single staple is used, pins, *a, a*, project from the front piece, B, back through suitable holes in the back strip, B', to hold the strip, B', securely.

In Fig. 3 a modification is shown where staples, *e, e, e*, are inserted back through the strip, B', and a bolt, *r*, passes down through the staples and is secured in place at the bottom by the lock, *e'*.

The panels, C, C, C, are removable and slide in the grooves in the strips, D, D', &c. When they are inserted, the strip, B, which is attached by the lock, is removed and the panels are slipped in from the end; and, when in place, the strip, B, is again placed in position and locked there, which, as will be readily seen, secures the panels in place under lock and key.

In the drawings, it will be seen that the frame makes up three spaces extending transversely across the same, the entire middle panel being left plain. Where the advertiser does not desire to pay for so much space as that, it may be divided for him by the cross

strips, D". The top panel is divided into two parts by such cross strips, D", and the lower panel is divided into three parts, thus showing how the space is divided up and framed off for advertisers. The strips, D", are square at the end and grooved to receive the edge of the panel to both sides so that it strengthens the comparatively thin panel at the edge where it is the weakest and tends to make the same very durable and strong, and also gives to each section of the board a finished appearance, giving it the appearance of being included in a frame. The cross strips, D", serve also to divide the board up in an artistic manner as well.

I desire to say that my improved advertising board may be considerably varied in its details without departing from my invention. For instance, both sides of the frame could be made to be attached with a lock and the same may be bolted by bolts, *i*. However, I prefer the construction as I have shown it.

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

1: In an advertising board, the combination of posts, A, A, a mile board, E, above; cross strips, *n*, *n*, *n*; transverse strips, D', D, D,

D', grooved to receive the panels, C, C, C; side strips, B, B', bolted together by bolts, *i*, at one side and secured together by the pins, *a*, *a*; a staple, *e*, and lock, *e'*, at the other; and vertical strips, D", grooved at both sides to divide the sections into smaller panels and secure the edges of the panels against breaking and wear and give each panel the appearance of being in a suitable frame, substantially as described for the purpose specified.

2. In an advertising board, the framework composed of transverse and vertical strips containing grooves; panels adapted to be slipped into the said grooves; and removable strips, D", square across the top and bottom and grooved on both sides to receive the edges of the panels adapted to be placed between said panels to separate them and give them the appearance of being framed; an end strip adapted to be secured by a lock and key to hold said panels and strips in their places in said grooves, as specified.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two witnesses.

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