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Street-Sign.

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FIG I

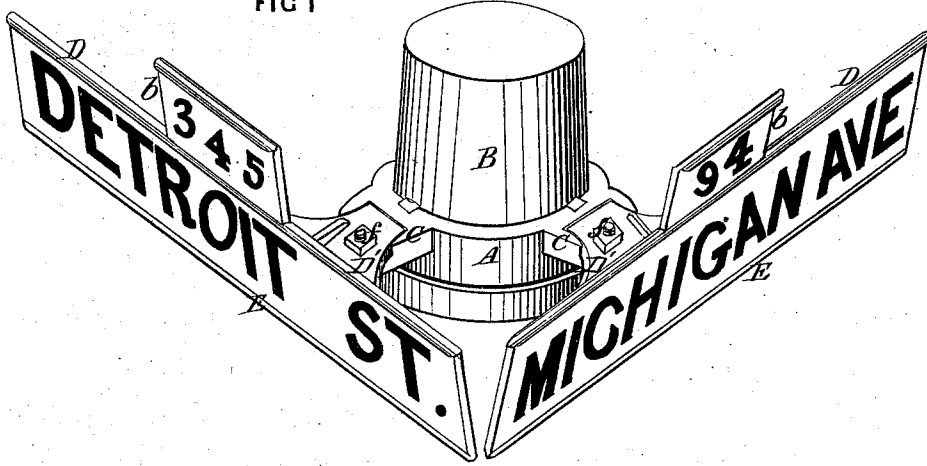


FIG II

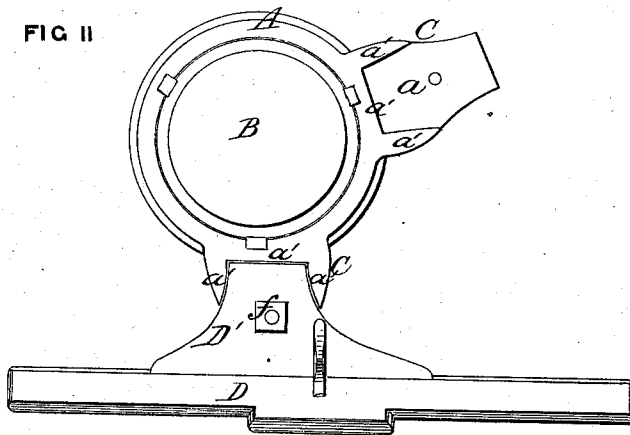


FIG III

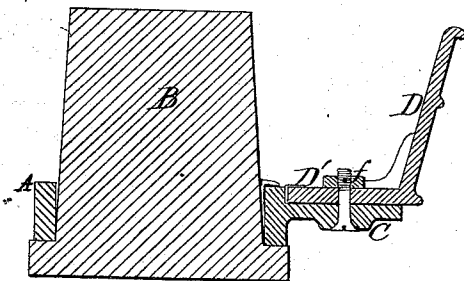
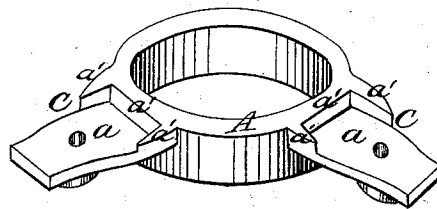


FIG IV



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IMPROVEMENT IN STREET-SIGNS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, **HIRAM SEYMOUR FINNEY**, of Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Street-Signs; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to devices for indicating the names of streets and avenues upon the street lamp-posts of cities; and the improvement claimed herein consists of a sign-holder for lamps, having a ring provided with two or more horizontal integral arms, with dovetailed seats and separate angle holders, secured to the arms by the seat-shoulders and screw-bolts, and having faces, upon which the names of the streets are indicated, as also the numbers of the corner houses.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a view, in perspective, of my improved sign-holder applied to a lamp-post; Fig. 2, a top view with one of the sign-holders removed; Fig. 3, a sectional view through one of the ring-seat arms and angled holders, and Fig. 4 the dovetailed armed ring.

The ring A is made to fit over and upon the post B just below the lamp. It has two or more horizontal arms, C, cast with it, and provided with dovetailed seats *a*, formed by the shoulders *a'*, which receive the angle-arms D' of the holders D, which carry the sign-faces E *b*, upon which the names and numbers of streets and the numbers of the corner houses

are indicated. The holders D are securely fastened in the seats *a* of the arms C by the shoulders *a'* and bolts *f*, so that one sign may be made at any time to give place to another without disturbing the other, and any tendency to break or snap, which would be the case were the arms and holders cast in one, is avoided. The seat-shoulders *a'* brace the sign laterally, while the screw-bolts clamp them firmly in place. The ring A may be seated upon the post-band; but where no such seat exists the ring may be held in place by metallic wedges driven in between the lamp-post and the ring.

The sign-holder is strong and durable, and has many advantages, among which is the construction of arms and holders in two pieces, and their connection by dovetail-seat joint and bolt, rendering the support of the sign secure, besides having the capacity of readily changing signs when required. The supplemental signs *b*, indicating the numbers of the corner houses, may also be mentioned as a desirable and convenient feature of my lamp-post street-sign.

I claim—

The sign-holder for lamp-posts, consisting of the ring A, with two or more horizontal integral arms, C, having dovetail seats *a a'*, and the separate angle holders D D', secured to the arms by the dovetail seats and screw-bolts *f*, as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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