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ADVERTISING FRAME.

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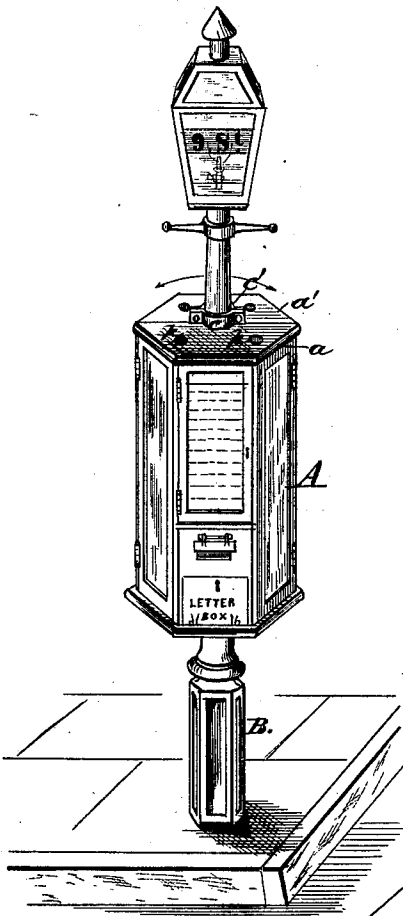


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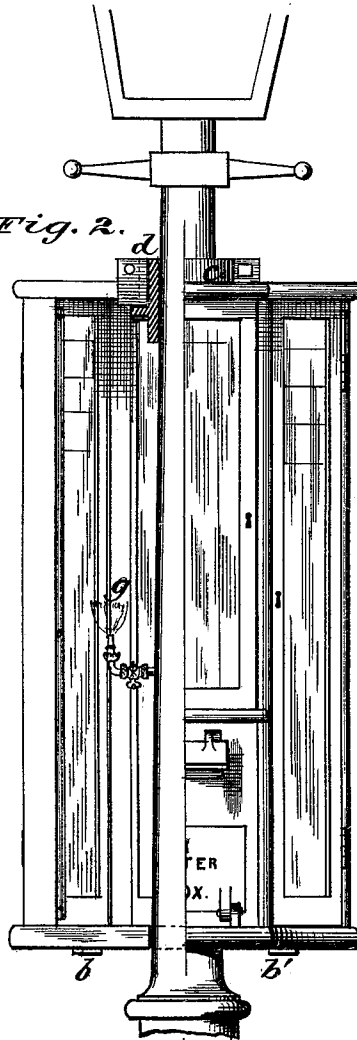


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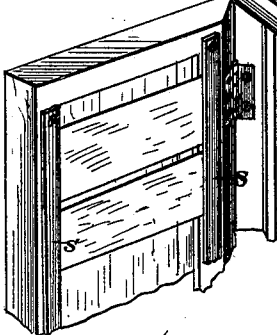
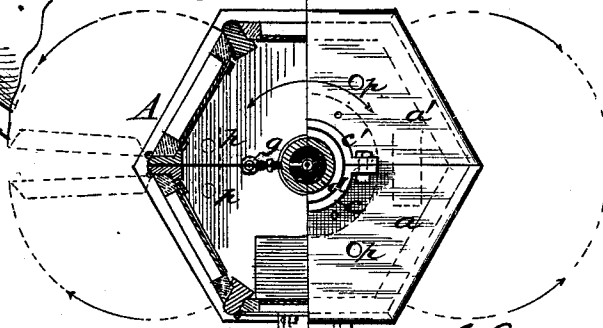


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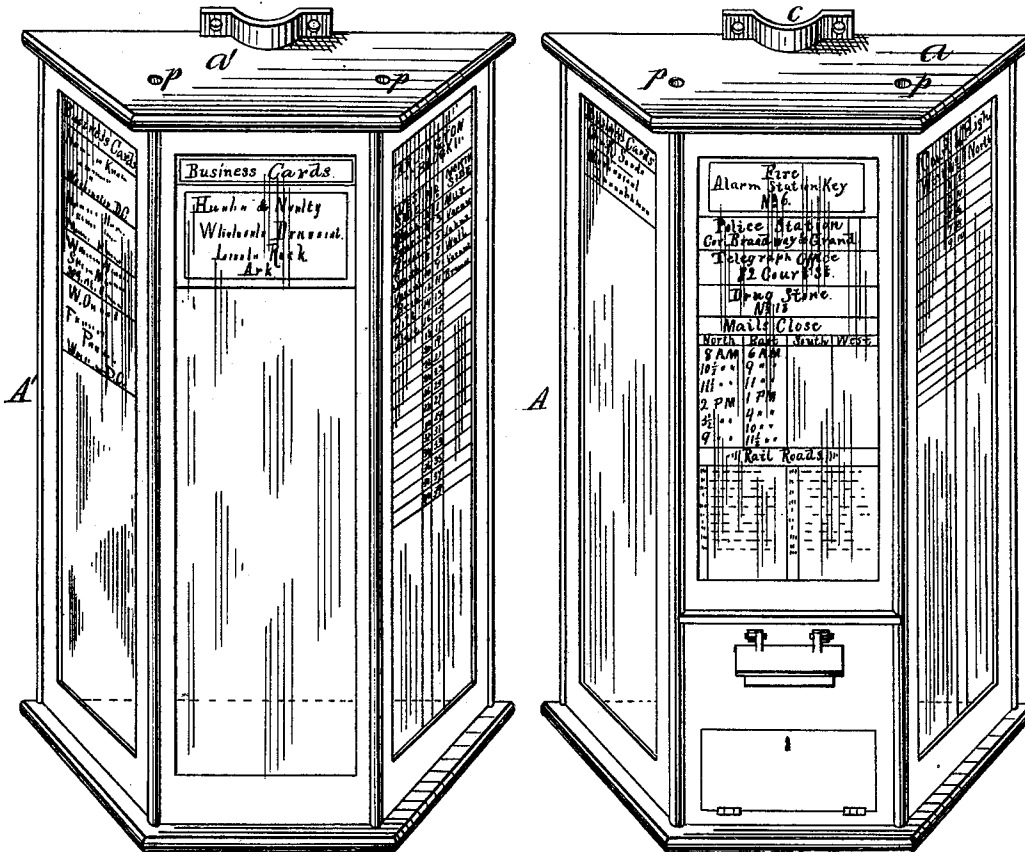
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IMPROVEMENT IN ADVERTISING-FRAMES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. NAULTY, of Little Rock, county of Pulaski, and State of Arkansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Block or Street Directories, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of device embodying my improvements; Fig. 2, an elevation and partial section of same; Fig. 3, a horizontal section; Fig. 4, an enlarged perspective view of a small portion of the frame, showing a door thrown open; Figs. 5 and 6, enlarged views of the several panels, exhibiting the matter proposed to be inserted, and a contemplated convenient and attractive arrangement of same.

Like letters in all the figures refer to corresponding parts.

The object of my invention is to provide a directory (business or personal) of the occupants of a block or particular number of houses which shall be readily accessible to persons upon the street, and shall, in addition, exhibit such information and embody such conveniences as are of general usefulness to the public; to accomplish which it (the invention) consists in providing a neat, substantial, and attractive frame bearing the matter desired, and in certain peculiarities of construction and arrangements of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described, and then pointed out in the claims.

A is a frame, which for convenience of illustration, is placed around an ordinary street-lamp post, B. It is composed of two sections, *a a'*, secured together at top by a divided collar, *c c'*, and at bottom by straps or other means, *b b'*, whereby it may be attached to the post without dismounting the lantern. Upon the post B a collar, *d*, is secured, which serves to sustain the connected frames, and permit them to be revolved around said post, in order that any portion of the frame may be inspected without descending to the gutter, which would otherwise be necessary in case the lamp-post were located too near the curb. The panels of the frame are preferably made of transparent material, as glass or mica, and

are intended to be illuminated from within by a jet of gas or other light, as at *g*.

Upon posts already erected the frame may be readily applied, and, if necessary, the post and interior gas-pipe tapped, and the burner *g* affixed. When the posts are specially constructed with this invention in view, the frame may be made a portion thereof, as will readily appear; and the frame, if made detachable, as shown, may be applied to any post or other convenient structure, as a telegraph-pole, tree-box, &c. Upon these an ordinary lamp may be affixed to illuminate the frame, and the frame should be perforated at top and bottom, as indicated at *p*, to afford the necessary ingress and egress of air to support the flame at *g*, and to carry off the water which may find its way to the interior.

Upon one or more of these panels it is intended to place the name of persons occupying the block or number of buildings for which the apparatus is a directory, together with the corresponding number of their houses or rooms. For this purpose the names and numbers should be either painted upon the panels or printed or written upon narrow strips, and secured within by any convenient means. At S S are shown a couple of strips capable of holding the printed or written slips in the desired position.

To afford access to the interior of the frame, some of the panels are hinged thereto, and secured by a lock against interference by unauthorized persons.

It will be found most advantageous to locate the directory frames at the corners of the blocks in thickly-populated districts, and the matter thereon can be arranged as will be most convenient. For instance, if a directory be located at the southwest corner of a block, one face should exhibit the names and residences of people occupying the west and south fronts thereof, and the opposite face those occupying the north and west fronts of the block immediately south, and still another face may bear similar references for the east and south fronts of the block immediately west. Each directory should indicate positively the section or block to which it applies.

It is further intended that one of the faces shall contain a letter-box of any ordinary pat-

tern, and above it shall be displayed such information as will be most generally useful to the public, such as directions for finding the nearest fire-alarm station, doctor, drug-store, bank, police-station, and telegraph-office. The time of closing the principal mails and other post-office notices may also be here displayed, together with railroad time-tables, amusement notices, and the like, as indicated at Fig. 5.

A sufficient number of these boxes distributed about a town or city will constitute a directory or indicator system obviously of considerable value and importance to the people. The frequency with which they will be referred to will render them a very available medium for attracting attention to the advertisements of business men, which are intended to be inserted upon the unoccupied panels, substantially as represented in Figs. 5 and 6, which may or may not be made transparent.

The illuminated directories are, of course, only intended to be used in those districts which are generally frequented by people at all hours of the night, and may as conveniently be placed upon the side of a house as upon a post.

I am fully aware that it is customary to

erect bulletin-boards or directories within the halls leading to large public offices, which are available for those particular offices only. My invention differs from these in its general utility and many obvious advantages, as well as its location and purposes.

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

1. In combination with the sectional frame *a a'*, the divided collar *c c'*, supported upon the collar or ring *d*, as and for the purposes explained.

2. The herein-described combined directory, indicator, and letter-box, illuminated from within and mounted upon a suitable post, so as to be readily accessible from the street, the whole constructed and operating substantially as herein shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two witnesses.

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