

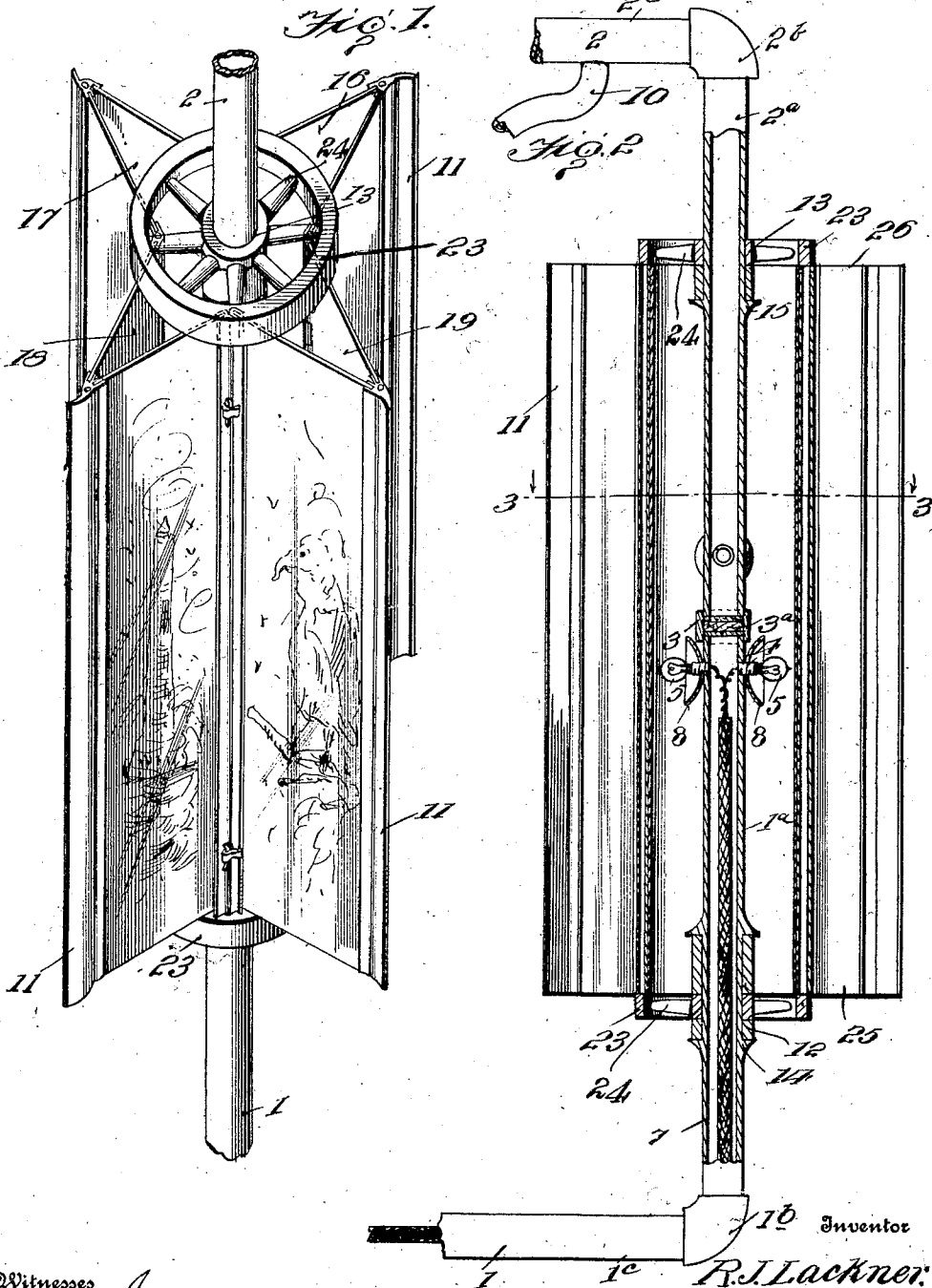
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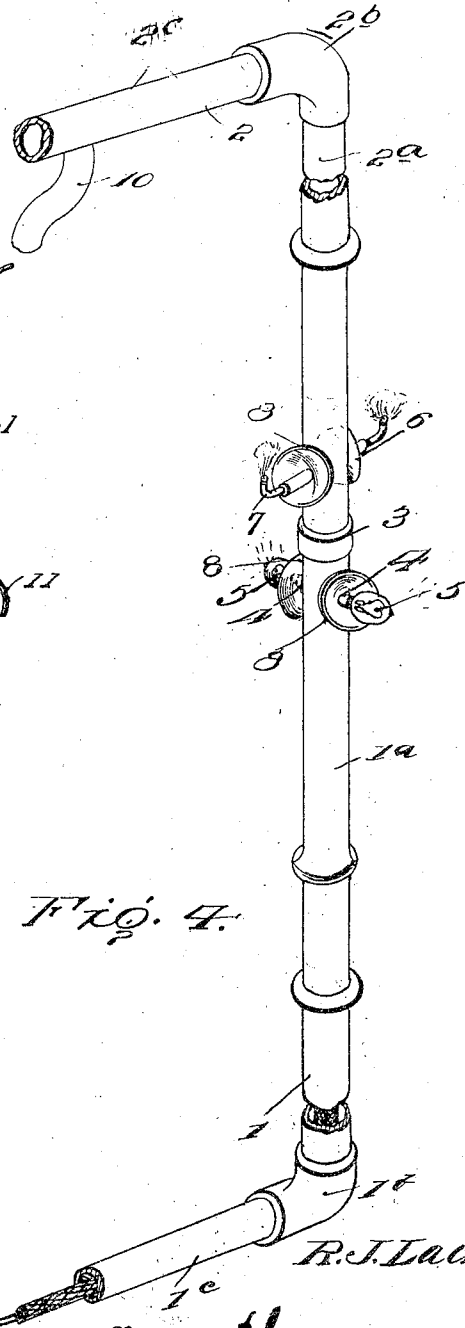
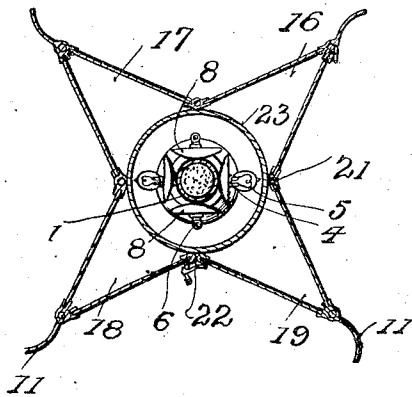


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUDOLPH J. LACKNER, subject of the Emperor of Austria-Hungary, residing at New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Signs, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to movable signs and comprehends certain improvements in lighting arrangements and in the construction of signs movable under the influence of a current of air.

This invention particularly contemplates an improved construction of sign rotatable upon a tubular support arranged to serve as a conduit for an illuminating medium, the same being provided with illuminating means.

With this and other objects in view, this invention comprises certain constructions, combinations and arrangements of parts, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and described in the specification and claims.

For a full understanding of the invention, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved sign, Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view, Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view on the line 3-3 of Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the supporting conduit.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

In the drawings is illustrated a particular embodiment of my invention but it is understood that the application of my invention is not limited to the exact construction and arrangement of parts illustrated.

In the drawings, numeral 1 designates a tubular member formed of sections 1^a, elbow 1^b and a section 1^c.

Numeral 2 designates a second tubular member formed of sections 2^a, an elbow 2^b, and a section 2^c.

The tubular members 1 and 2 are secured together by means of a joint 3 having a central wall 3^a. Member 1 serves as a conduit for an electric light current wire and member 2 serves as a conduit for gas. Section 1^a is provided with a plurality of lamp connections 4 and lamps 5. Section 2^a is

provided with a plurality of burner connections 6 and burners 7. Each of the lamps and each of the burners is provided with a reflector 8 preferably secured to the burner and lamp connections. The conduits 1 and 2 are supported by means of a bracket 10, and support a sign which is provided with a plurality of vanes and which is rotatable on the conduits 1 and 2, and for this purpose is provided with sleeves 12 and 13, which rest upon the enlarged shouldered portions 14 and 15 of the conduits.

The sign is built up of a plurality of wings 16, 17, 18 and 19 and so arranged as to form an elongated four corner star when completed. The body portion of the wings may be formed of imperforate and non-transparent material, and when so formed suitable openings are disposed in the same to permit the radiation of the light there-through. One of the wings 19 is preferably hinged to the adjoining wings 16 and 18 by hinges 21 and is provided with a suitable latch member 22. This arrangement enables a person to readily adjust or replace the light burners or lamps when it is desired to do the same. The wings are provided at their opposite ends with rings 23 which are connected by its spokes 24 to the respective sleeves 13.

The conduits 1 and 2 may be provided with any number of lights and with colored screens if desired. When the sign is rotatably mounted on the conduits 1 and 2 which are secured in position on the wall of the building, the entire sign will revolve when a current of air engages the vanes 11. Each of these wings is adapted to carry advertisements or other announcements and will, at night, be illuminated by means of the interiorly arranged lighting devices.

The rotation of the sign will not affect the lighting devices and the illumination of the wings will attract the attention of pedestrians at night, thus increasing the advertising value of the sign.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A sign of the class described comprising a vertically disposed tubular member, a plurality of wings rotatably disposed about said tubular member, a hinge mounted at one side of one of said wings, clasps disposed upon the opposite side of said wing, said wing adapted for swinging movement

to admit of access to said tubular member and a lamp disposed upon said tubular member for lighting said wings.

2. A device of the class described, comprising a tubular member vertically disposed, shoulders formed in spaced relation upon said tubular member, lamps extended radially upon said tubular member immediately thereof, sleeves rotatably disposed
10 about said tubular member against said shoulders, rings supported upon said sleeves,

a plurality of wings radially extended between said rings, one of said wings being adapted for displacement to gain access to said lamps and a bracket engaged with said tubular member for supporting the device. 15

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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