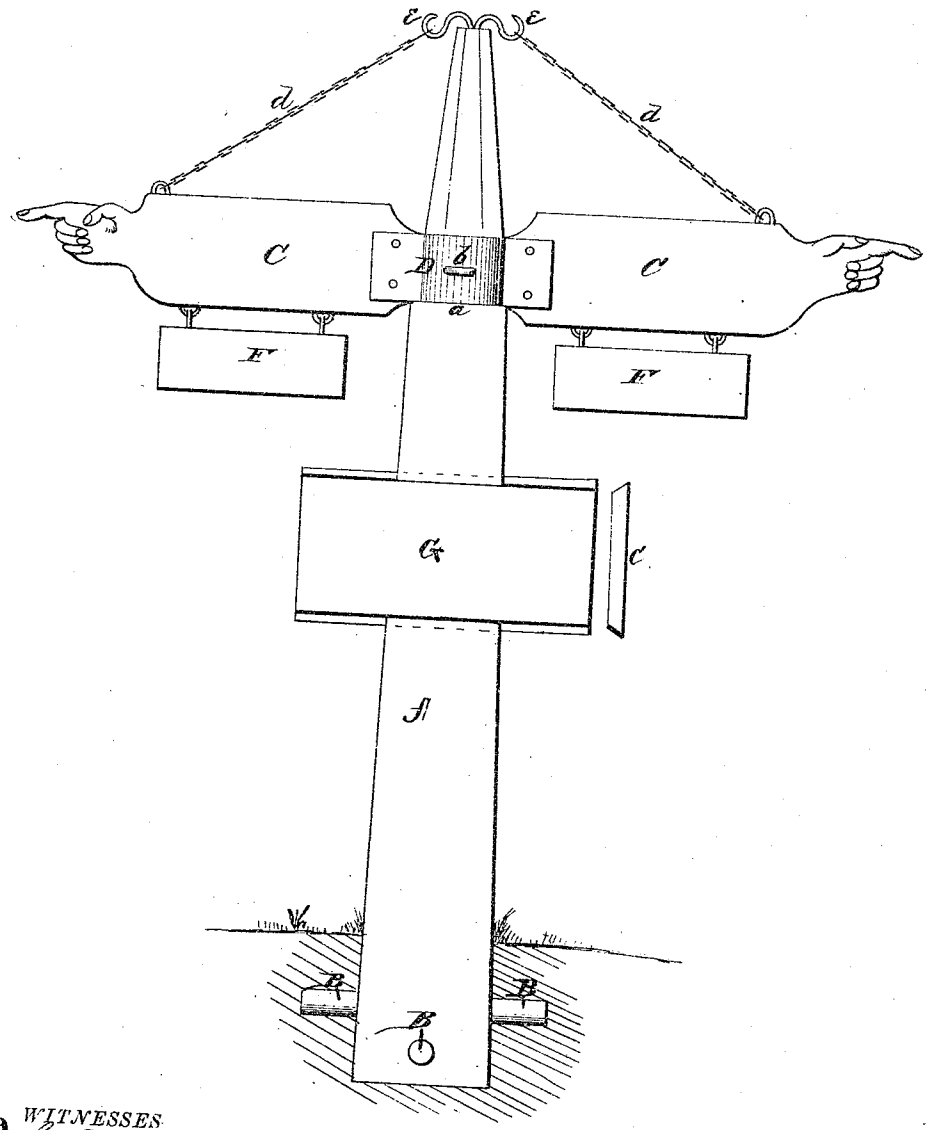
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## IMPROVEMENT IN SIGNS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELCANAH POWELL, of New London, in the county of Howard, and in the State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Attaching Signs to Posts; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a sign-post, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, which represents a front elevation of the sign-post.

A represents a tapering post of any suitable dimensions, to be inserted in the ground, and provided at its lower end with arms B B, to hold it firmly in the ground. At a suitable distance from the top the post is turned down, so as to form a shoulder, *a*, as shown.

C C represent two sign-boards, upon which are to be painted or otherwise affixed the distances to the nearest towns. These sign-boards or finger-boards are connected together at their inner ends by curved metallic bands D, forming a clamp around the post, which clamp rests upon the shoulder *a*, and is then fastened by one or more set-screws, *b*.

From at or near the outer end of each finger-board C extends a chain, *d*, to a hook, *e*, at the upper end of the post, for supporting the finger-board in a horizontal position.

Under each finger-board C is suspended a board, F, to be used for permanent signs or advertisements.

G represents a board for posting bills or other advertisements, which board has beveled top and bottom edges, to fit in a correspondingly-shaped groove in the post A at a suitable distance below the shoulder *a*, said board being thus held to the post by a dovetail.

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

The combination of the tapering post A, having bottom arms B and circumferential shoulder *a* a suitable distance below the upper end, the finger-boards C C, with suspended sign-boards F F, clamps D, chains *d*, hooks *e*, and dovetailed board G, all as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of April, 1878.

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