

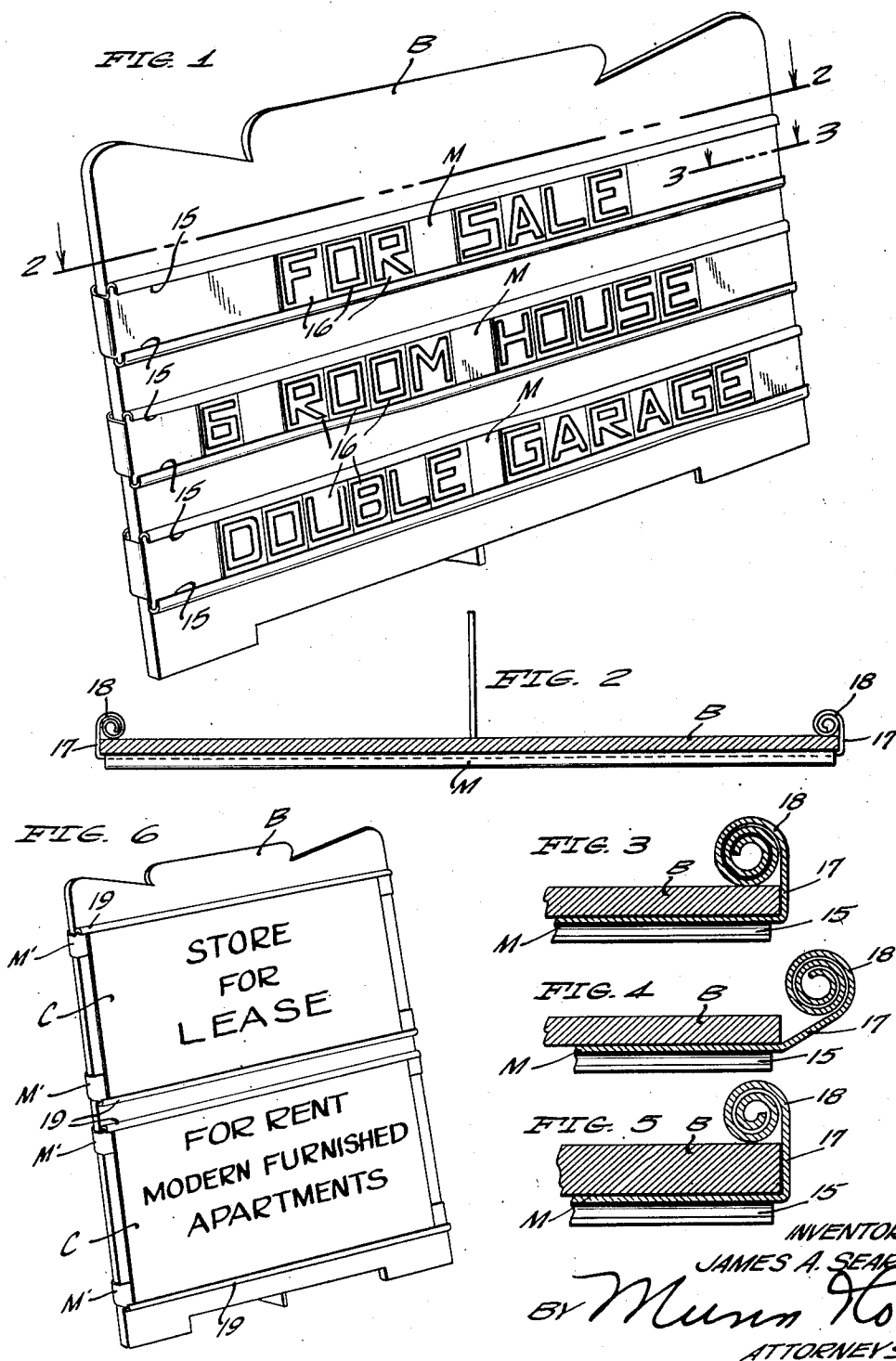
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My invention relates to signs having one or more members secured to a suitable backing or board, and in which letters or other sign characters are interchangeably held and displayed to produce readable indicia.

It is a purpose of my invention to provide in a sign of the above described character a simple and inexpensive form of member for interchangeably holding the sign characters on the board which is characterized by a securing means for retaining the member in fixed position on the board against accidental displacement to fixedly position the indicia carried thereby in definite relation to the indicia carried by an adjacent member so that the two will be held in readable relation to each other, yet allowing when desired an adjustment of the member vertically on the board without removal thereof and thus permitting any desired spacing of the member with respect to an adjacent member.

A further purpose of my invention is the provision of a sign in which the securing means for the sign character supporting member is adjustable to permit its accommodation to sign boards of different thicknesses and widths within certain limits and still function effectively to secure the member in fixed position on the board.

I will describe only two forms of signs embodying my invention and will then point out the novel features in claims.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is a view showing in perspective one form of sign embodying my invention;

Fig. 2 is a horizontal section taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1 showing one of the securing means for one of the sign character supporting members in secured position;

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3 showing the securing means in released position;

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 3 showing the securing means applied to a board of increased thickness; and

Fig. 6 is a view similar to Fig. 1 showing

another form of sign embodying my invention.

Similar reference characters refer to similar parts in each of the several views.

The sign illustrated in Fig. 1 is conventional in that it comprises a board B of wood or other suitable material and of any desired contour to contribute to the production of a sign of artistic form, and one or more members M for interchangeably holding and displaying sign characters on the front face of the board. The members M are constructed of metal with their longitudinal edges inturned to provide channels 15 which coact to slidably receive and hold sign characters 16 in edge-to-edge relation on the member. Heretofore the members M have been permanently secured to the board B, such as by nailing, thereby preventing respacing or ready removal of the members from the board resulting in the very limited arrangement of the members on the board and hence a correspondingly limited arrangement of the sign characters on the face of the board.

My invention resides in the provision of an extremely simple and inexpensive means for securing the members to the board in such manner that they may be readily removed from the board to permit of respacing of the remaining members and an adjustment of the members on the board in order that they may be more intimately or more remotely spaced to carry out an intended arrangement of indicia on the face of the board. This securing means in the present instance comprises extensions at the ends of each member M, and which extensions are mere continuations of the body of the member without the inturned edges 15. As will be clear from a consideration of Fig. 4, each extension comprises a strip of bendable metal or an equivalent material which is bent to provide a linear portion 17 and a coiled portion 18. In applying the extension to the board, the linear portion 17 is bent at right angles to the adjacent end of the member M and rearwardly so as to lie contiguous to the adjacent edge of the board B, all as illustrated in Fig. 3. In

this position of the linear portion 17 the coiled portion 18 is disposed at the rear side of the board and in contact with such side. In moving the portion 18 to this position, a pressure is applied by the fingers in a tangential direction with respect to the periphery of the portion 18 in order that as it moves to its final position at the rear side of the board a slightly further coiling is produced. This operates to shorten the portion 17 so that in the final position of the portion 18 the portion 17 is under tension which, as a natural consequence, results in the portion 18 coacting with the member M to firmly clamp the member in fixed position upon the board. It will, therefore, be understood that with the two extensions of any one member M applied as described, the member is fixedly secured in definite position upon the board.

When desiring to remove the member M or to readjust the same on the surface of the board, the extensions can be easily and quickly released by gripping the members 18 and moving them back to the position shown in Fig. 4, it being understood that during this operation the portions 17 are bent outwardly. Once a new adjustment of the member has been effected, the extensions can be returned to the position shown in Fig. 3 in which the member is again fixedly secured to the board.

From a consideration of Fig. 5 it should be apparent that where the board D is of greater or less thickness than that illustrated in Fig. 3, the extensions may be uncoiled or coiled to a greater degree to respectively lengthen or shorten the portion 17 and thus permit the application of the portions 18 to the rear side of the board as was described in connection with Figs. 3 and 4 in order that they may function to fixedly position the member on the board. In Fig. 6 I have shown another form of sign having members M' for holding a sign card C on the face of the board B. By the provision of inturned edges 19 the two members M' coact to provide a channel in which the card C is slidably received. The ends of these members are provided with bendable extensions identical to the extensions of the members M and detachably securing the members M' to the board B, and it will be understood that by reason of this securing means the members M' can be adjusted vertically on the board to vary their spaced relation in order to accommodate cards of different heights.

Although I have herein shown and described only two forms of signs embodying my invention, it is to be understood that various changes and modifications may be made herein without departing from the spirit of the invention and the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. In a sign, a board, a member for supporting sign characters on one side of the board, and extensions on the member formed of a bendable material to permit bending of the extensions so as to lie contiguous the edges of the board, and coiled at their outer ends to provide enlargements contacting with the other side of the board to maintain the extensions in bent form.

2. In a sign, a board, a member for supporting sign characters on the board, and means for removably securing the member to one side of the board comprising extensions on the member of bendable material and bent at an angle from their point of connection with the member to lie contiguous the edges of the board, the free ends of the extensions having enlargements frictionally engaging the other side of the board to retain the extensions in bent form.

Signed at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California this 18th day of September, A. D., 1928.

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