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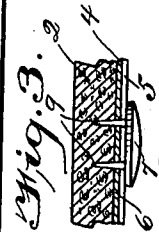
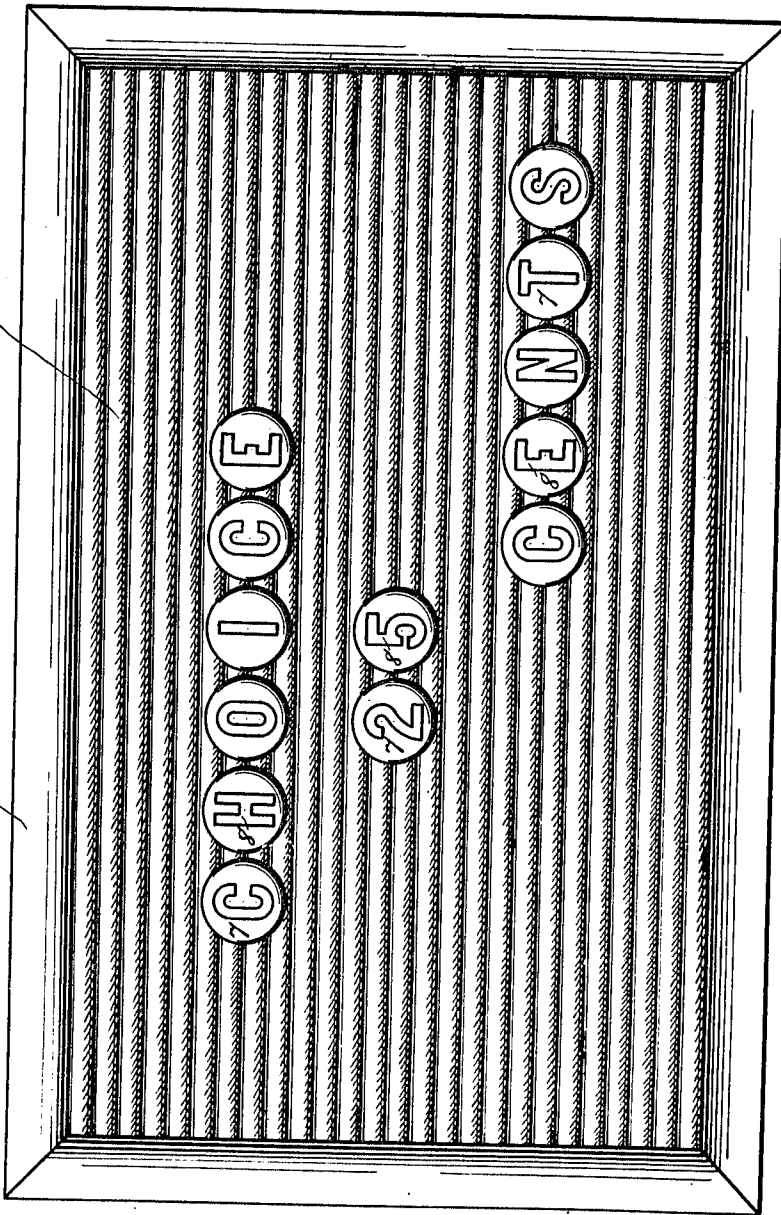
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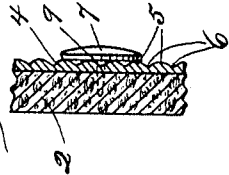
*Fig. 1.*

1 3

4



*Fig. 2.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS CANDY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Signs; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The invention relates to display signs and has for its object to provide a sign for store windows or the like which will be attractive and in which the letters or characters can be changed at will.

A further object of the invention is to provide a sign, the board or back-ground of which is covered with a longitudinally ribbed material such as corduroy, velvet, plush or the like in such a manner that the removable letters or characters can be quickly and easily arranged in proper alinement thereon without the use of a rule or other measuring instrument, and which renders it possible to properly space the words one under the other so that exact uniformity both in alinement and vertical spacing of the words can be quickly accomplished.

With these objects in view this invention consists in the novel construction of the sign board or back-ground in combination with the removable letters or characters which are preferably in the form of buttons having two pins or points on their backs to enter the board or back-ground.

Referring to the accompanying drawing: Figure 1 is an elevation of a sign constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a fragmentary vertical sectional view through the sign and Fig. 3 is a fragmentary longitudinal sectional view.

Like numerals of reference indicate the same parts throughout the three figures in which:

1 indicates the sign which comprises the sign board or back, 2, of cork or other suitable soft material.

3 indicates the frame and 4 is the covering on the board or back 2 forming the background for the sign. The covering 4 is of longitudinally ribbed corduroy, velvet, plush or like material, the ribs being indicated by the numeral 5 and the space between the ribs being indicated by the numeral 6.

7 indicates the buttons upon which the letters or characters 8 are applied as shown, and extending from the back of each button 7 are two pins or points 9 adapted to pass through the covering 4 and enter the board on back 2 for the purpose of removably securing the buttons in position and to prevent rotation thereof. The covering 4 being provided with the longitudinal ribs 5, which while visible are not noticeable when viewing the sign, the word or words comprising the sign can be quickly and easily applied to the sign board in proper longitudinal alinement and in vertical spacing without the use of a rule or other measuring device. Each button 7 being provided with two pins or points 9, the said pins or points are pressed into the board or back 2 along the spaces 6 between the ribs 5. This can be quickly done and an absolute alinement of a word is insured no matter how many letters or characters are required.

Whenever a series of words make up the sign, one word arranged under the other, it is essential to the artistical effect of the sign that a proper vertical spacing be maintained. With this arrangement, the number of longitudinal ribs can be counted, and the words applied to the board in absolute and exact relative positions and without any measurement whatever.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

A sign comprising a back of suitable soft material, having a smooth flat face, a fabric covering arranged on said face of said back, said fabric covering being provided with a plurality of longitudinal ribs and a plurality of longitudinal spaces between said ribs, a plurality of buttons upon which letters or characters are applied, two sharp pointed pins or points on the back of each of said buttons adapted to be passed through

the said ribbed fabric covering and to enter the said back, the said ribs and the said spaces on the fabric covering providing guides for the said pins or points on the said buttons, the said two pins or points on the said buttons entering the said back preventing rotation of the said buttons on the said ribbed fabric covering in such manner that

a proper alinement of the letters or characters on the said buttons is maintained. 10

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

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