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Fig. 1.

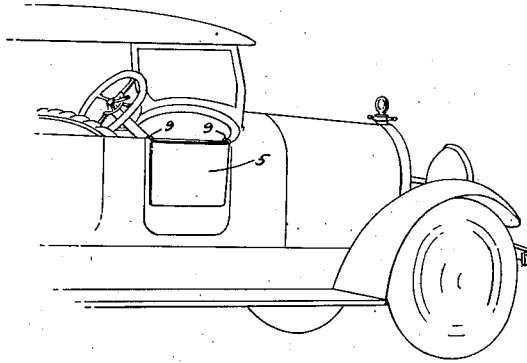


Fig. 2.

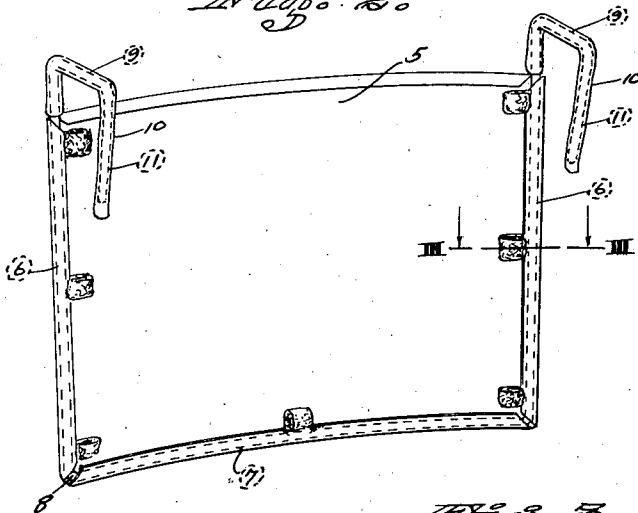
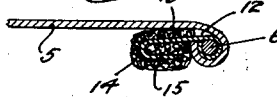


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LESLIE H. YOUNG, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Visalia, county of Tulare, State of California, have invented a new and useful Sign, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to signs generally and more particularly to signs for use upon automobile doors or like places and has for its primary object the provision of a device of this character which is simple of construction, strong and durable and inexpensive of manufacture.

Another object of the invention is to provide a sign of this character which is flexible so that its shape can be changed as desired to permit it to adapt itself to the given curvature of a door when the sign is in place.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a sign having yieldable pads at one side and sign suspending hooks, the latter adapted to engage over the top edge of a door and coact therewith to hold the pads against the front highly polished face of the door so as to prevent scratching or marring of said face incident to vibrations of the car or other rough usage of the sign.

Another object of the invention is to provide a sign of this character including relatively associated mating parts freely connected together so that the panel of the sign can be manually curved without rupturing or otherwise injuring said parts.

Other objects will appear as the nature of my invention is better understood and it shall be fully within my rights in consideration of the scope of the hereto appended claim, that modifications and changes in the construction of the device can be made as desired.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of the body of an automobile showing an application of my invention thereto.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of sign looking at the inner face thereof, and

Figure 3 is a section taken on line 3—3 of Figure 2.

In carrying my invention into practice, use is made of a flexible sheet or panel forming member (5) preferably sheet metal such as tin, whose marginal side and bottom edges are freely rolled over the corresponding branches (6—6) and (7) of a U shaped

wire frame (8) so that the member (5) is normally flat. The outer surface of the panel member (5) is adapted to bear the characters of a display sign or card. These characters can be directly printed upon said outer surface or they can be arranged upon a separate surface and the latter secured to said member (5) in any suitable well known manner.

As stated, the side and bottom edges of the panel member (5) are freely rolled or crimped around the side and bottom branches (6—6) and (7) of the supporting frame (5), and incident thereto, the member (5) can be taken in the hands of the operator and gently bent so that the panel member will be given a curvature corresponding with that of the door to which the sign is applied. Due to the fact that the edges of the panel member (5) are freely rolled about the branches (6—6) and (7) of the frame (5), it follows that the aforesaid bending operation can be carried on without destroying the intended relation of or casually separating said frame from its panel.

The side branches (6—6) of the frame (5) are extended upward beyond the top edge of the panel member and same are bent to form U shaped hooks (9—9) covered with rubber tubing (10) which prevents scratching of the inner face of the door when the sign is hung in display position to expose the outer face of the sign panel. The depending arms (11) of the hooks (9) are yieldable against the inner face of the door so as to hold the sign against accidental displacement incident to vibration and shocks and jars that are transmitted to the car while in motion. I find that the rubber tubing assists in this function of the hooks as considerable friction against normal resistance is set up between said arms (11) and the inner face of the door.

Sheet metal or bendable broad hooks are bent around the branches (6—6) and (7) of the frame (8) as shown at (12) and confined between the folds of the crimped or rolled edges of the panel member (5). These hooks are formed with inwardly extending branches (13) which are disposed against the inner face of the panel member and same are covered with felt or rubber (14) and the parts bent or upstruck against each other as at (15). This firmly secures the felt or rubber surfaces against the inner face of the sign and, as shown, each section

of felt has a thickness which causes the felt to extend beyond the said inner face of the panel where it is free to contact with the outer polished face of an automobile door.
5 In this manner, simple and inexpensive means are provided to form yieldable pads at one side of the panel whereby to prevent scratching of the polished or enameled face of the door.

10 The several parts referred to herein are designed so that they will produce a highly effective sign for the purpose, as set forth and they are of such form and design that they may be readily assembled in the manu-
15 facture of the sign.

I claim:

A door sign for motor vehicles comprising a substantially U-shaped frame formed of a single length of bendable wire adapted to

be arranged upon the outer face of a door 20 of the vehicle and having the end portions of its opposite sides bent to provide hooks for supporting the frame by engaging the upper edge of the vehicle door, a panel dis-
posed over the outer face of the frame and 25 formed of a single sheet of bendable metal and having its marginal portions curved around and secured to the base at opposite sides of the frame, pad supporting hooks
disposed so as to be intersposed between the 30 panel and the vehicle door when the sign is connected to the door, the terminal portions of the shanks of said hooks being bent around the frame, and pads surrounding
the bills of said hooks adapted to bear upon 35 the panel and outer surface of the vehicle door when the sign is in set up position.

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