

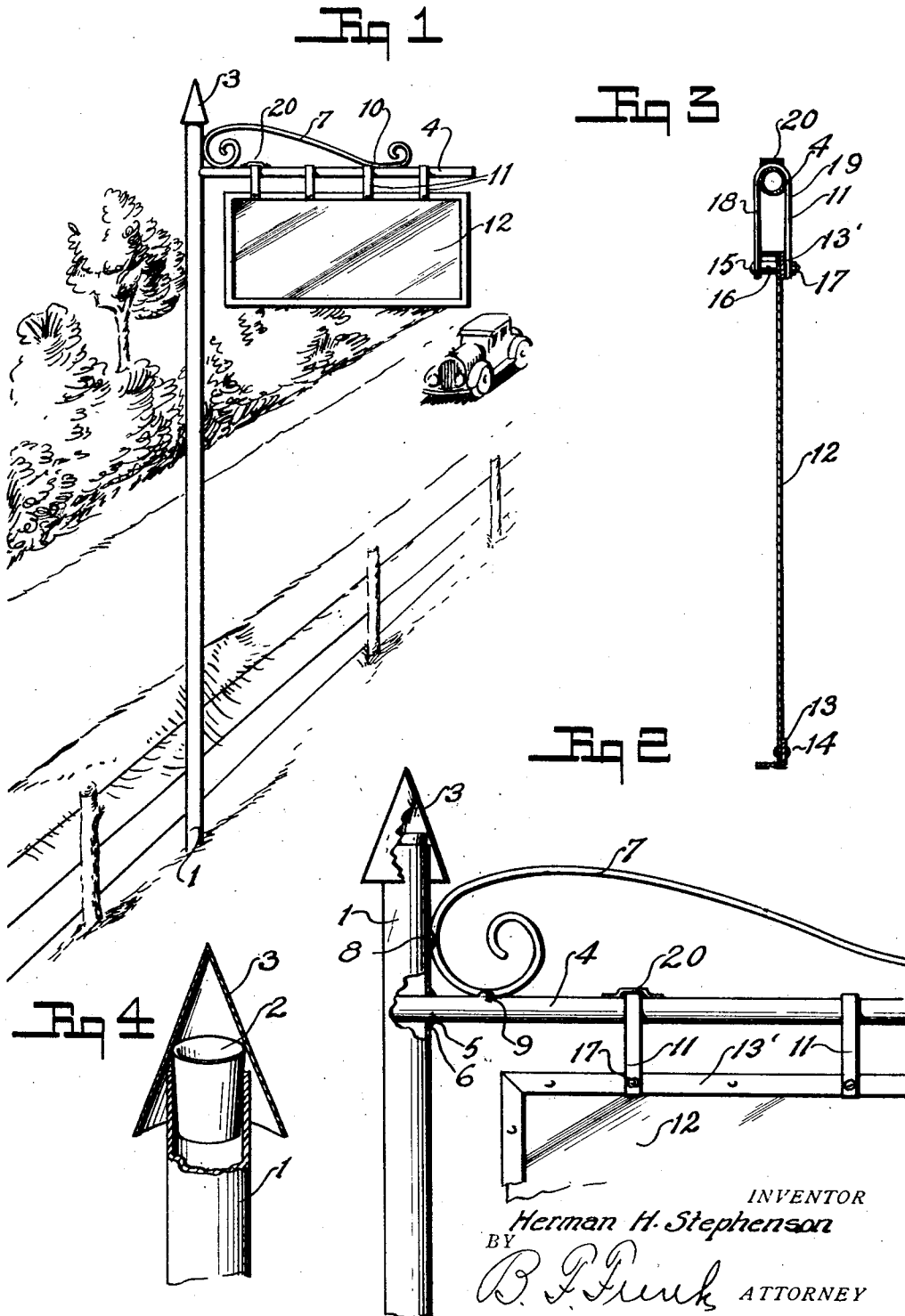
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This invention relates to signs and particularly to advertising signs which are used along thoroughfares such as country roads and the like.

5 Many localities have laws or ordinances which prohibit the hanging of a sign over the right-of-way or upon the public highway. If the sign is to be effective, it must be close to the road so as to be within easy
10 vision of drivers of vehicles, so I have provided a sign which can be conveniently erected on private property adjacent to the thoroughfare with the sign panel at right angles to the roadway, with no part of the
15 sign over-hanging the public property and such a sign as is contemplated by me possesses artistic characteristics in no way detracting from the scenic beauty of the thoroughfare.

20 The invention will be thoroughly understood by reference to the following description in connection with the accompanying drawings in which:

25 Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a sign constructed in accordance with my invention.

Fig. 2 is a view partly in elevation and partly in section on an enlarged scale.

Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view through the sign panel and hanger and

30 Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional view through the cap for the standard.

In carrying out my invention I prefer to employ a tubular standard 1 of appropriate diameter and of sufficient height to carry the sign well above the roadway. The open end
35 of the tube 1 is closed by a novel cap which consists of a cylindrical slightly truncated-conical plug or body 2, carrying a conical cap 3 so that when the body is introduced
40 into the upper end of the tube 1, it will act as efficient watershed and at the same time present an artistic appearance. Near the upper end of the tube is a right angular or horizontally disposed tube 4 which is inserted
45 through an opening 5 in the tube extending clear to the opposite inner wall and there secured by welding as indicated at 6. A brace 7 is welded at 8 to the tube 1 and

also fastened to the tube 4 by welding as indicated at 9. The outer end 10 of the
50 scroll-shaped brace 7 may be fastened to the arm 4 in any appropriate manner. The arm supports a plurality of inverted U-shaped straps 11 which in turn are fastened to the
55 sign panel 12 in a novel manner. The sign panel 12 consists of a sheet bounded by a rectangular frame consisting of the angles 13 fastened by the rivets 14 to the bottom and side edges. The top angle 13' is
60 fastened to the plate by bolts 15 which carry tubular spacing sleeves 16. The U-shaped straps each have an end between the head of the bolt and one end of the spacing
65 sleeve. The other end of the strap is fastened between the angle and the nuts 17 of the bolts 15. Therefore, the two legs 18 and 19 are substantially parallel and it will be observed that the spaces 16
70 hold the legs 18 in proper spaced relation with respect to the complementary legs 19. The straps permit the sign to swing upon the arm 4, but longitudinal movement of the sign panel with respect to the arm 4 will
75 be prevented by the loop 20 which straddles one of the straps and which is fastened to the arm 4.

The sign presents an artistic appearance. It may be conveniently located on the private property adjacent to the thoroughfare. It can be easily erected and in actual
80 practice it will be erected high enough so that it will be noticeable for a considerable distance.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters-Patent is:—

85 A sign comprising a standard, a horizontal arm carried by the standard, a panel, an angle at the upper edge thereof, inverted U-shaped straps hung from the arm, bolts projecting through the ends of the straps
90 and through the angle, and spacers on the bolts the length of which corresponds to the width of one flange of the angle.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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