

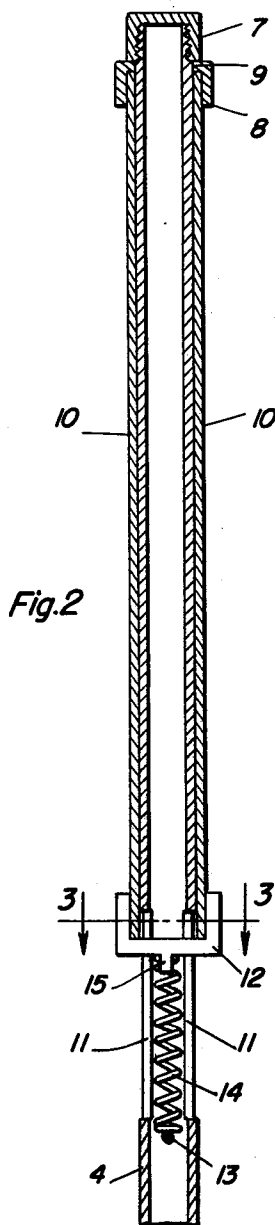
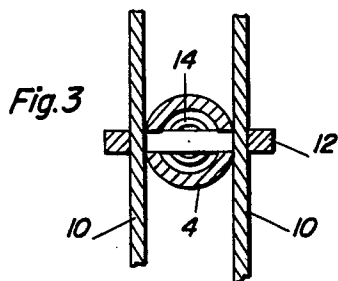
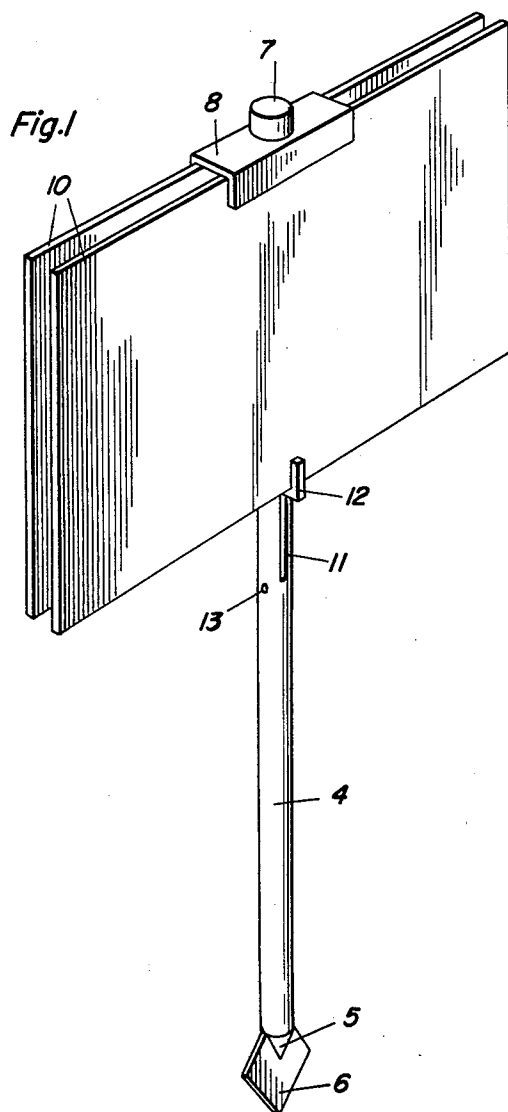
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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in interchangeable sign holders particularly for outdoor use and has for its primary object to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a device of this character which is adapted to accommodate a pair of oppositely facing signs.

Another important object of the present invention is to provide a holder of the aforementioned character comprising novel means for removably but firmly securing the signs in position, substantially back to back.

Other objects of the invention are to provide a sign holder of the character described which will be comparatively simple in construction, strong, durable, compact, of light weight and which may be manufactured at low cost.

These together with other objects and advantages which will become subsequently apparent reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view of a holder constructed in accordance with the present invention, showing a pair of sign plates or panels mounted thereon;

FIGURE 2 is a vertical sectional view through the upper portion of the device; and

FIGURE 3 is a view in horizontal section, taken substantially on the line 3-3 of FIGURE 2.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, it will be seen that the embodiment of the invention which has been illustrated comprises a tubular post 4 of suitable metal, which post may be of any desired length and diameter. The post 4 is adapted to be driven into the ground to the desired depth. Toward this end, the post 4 terminates at its lower end in a bifurcated point 5 having fixed therein a metallic plate 6 of substantially the shape shown for securing said post against rotation or turning in the ground.

Threaded on the upper end of the post 4 is a metallic cap 7. Also mounted on the upper portion of the post 4, immediately beneath the cap 7, is a metallic bracket in the form of an inverted channel bar 8. The bar 8 has formed therein at an intermediate point a circular opening 9 which receives the post 4. The longitudinal marginal portions of the bar 8 receive therein the upper longitudinal marginal portions of a pair of sign plates or panels 10 of metal or other suitable material.

At an intermediate point, the post 4 has formed therein diametrically opposite, vertical slots 11. A substantially U-shaped clip 12 is slidable in the slots 11 and adapted to receive therein the lower portions of the plates or panels 10. Mounted in the post 4, adjacent the lower ends of the slots 11, is a pin 13. The pin 13 provides a support for a coil spring 14 in the post 4, which coil spring is engaged beneath the clip 12 for yieldingly urging said clip upwardly into operative engagement with the plates or panels 10. A retaining lug or finger 15 is provided on the clip 12 for the upper end portion of the spring 14.

It is thought that the use of the holder will be readily apparent from a consideration of the foregoing. Briefly, the post 4 is driven into the ground at the desired location. The clip 12 is then forced downwardly against the

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tension of the spring 14 and the upper portions of the plates or panels 10 are engaged in the bar 8 on opposite sides of the post 4. The clip 12 is then released and is moved upwardly by the spring 14 into engagement with the lower portions of the plates or panels 10. Thus, the plates or panels 10 are yieldingly urged upwardly in the bar 8. As hereinbefore stated, the plate 6 anchors the post 4 against rotation in the ground.

The foregoing is considered as illustrative only of the principles of the invention. Further, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction and operation shown and described, and accordingly, all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed as new is as follows:

1. A sign comprising a tubular post having diametrically opposite, vertical slots therein at an intermediate point, a pair of opposed sign panels mounted on the upper portion of the post on the slotted sides thereof and extending below the upper ends of the slots, an inverted channel bar on the upper end portion of the post receiving the upper edges of the panels, a generally U-shaped clip mounted diametrically in the post and operable in the slots and having its end portions projecting from said post, and a coil spring mounted under compression in the slotted portion of the post and engaged with said clip and yieldingly engaging same with the lower portions of the panels and removably securing said panels on the post in conjunction with the channel bar.

2. A sign comprising a tubular post having diametrically opposite, vertical slots in an intermediate portion thereof, a pair of spaced, opposed sign panels mounted on the upper portion of the post on the slotted sides thereof and extending below the upper ends of the slots, means detachably securing the upper edges of said panels to the post, a pin mounted diametrically in the post adjacent the lower ends of the slots, a generally U-shaped clip mounted diametrically in the post, said clip being operable in the slots and having its end portions projecting from the post and engaged with the lower edges of the panels and removably securing said panels on the post in conjunction with said means, and a compressed coil spring in the post mounted on the pin and engaged with the clip and yieldingly engaging said clip with the panels.

3. A sign comprising a tubular post having diametrically opposite, vertical slots in an intermediate portion, a pair of spaced, opposed sign panels mounted on the upper portion of said post on the slotted sides thereof and extending below the upper ends of the slots, a removable inverted channel bar on the upper end portion of the post astraddle the panels, a retaining cap nut for said channel bar threaded on the post, a pin mounted diametrically in the post adjacent the lower ends of the slots, a generally U-shaped clip mounted diametrically in the post, said clip being operable in the slots and having its end portions projecting from the post and straddling the lower portions of the panels and removably securing said panels on the post in conjunction with the channel bar, and a coil spring mounted under compression in the slotted portion of the post and resting on the pin and engaged with the clip and yieldingly engaging same with the panels, said clip including a depending finger at an intermediate point engaged in the upper end portion of the coil spring for retaining said clip against sidewise movement in the slots.

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