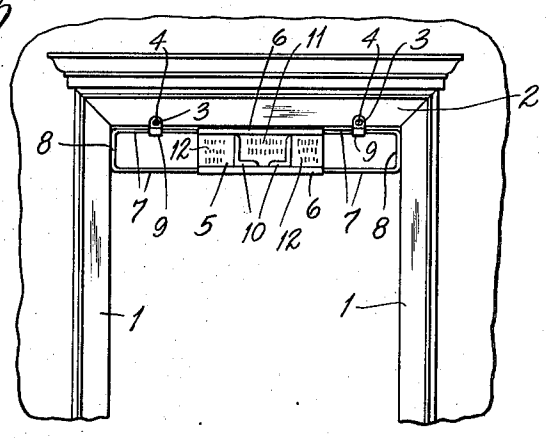
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Fig. 1.



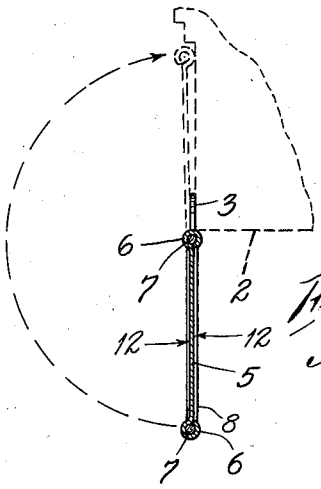


Fig. 4.

Fig. 2.

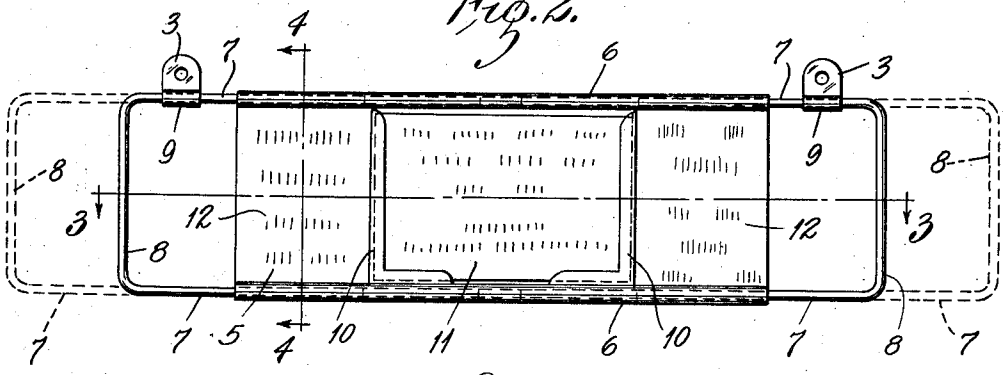


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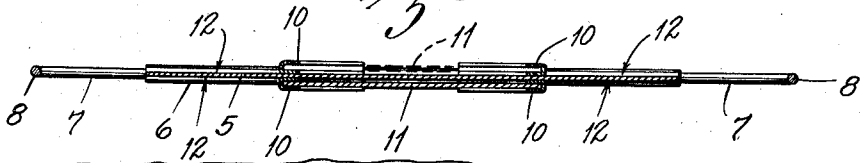
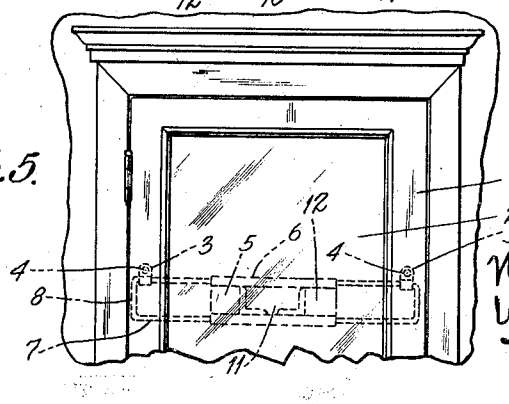


Fig. 5.



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My invention relates to display devices and is particularly concerned with a device adapted for mounting at the top of a door opening or securing to a door having a glass panel. The invention has for its principal object a construction which is adjustable to openings of different widths and which has portions containing permanent signs and a holder for changeable signs. The invention further consists in the display device and in the parts and combinations and arrangements of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing,

Fig. 1 is an elevation of an upper portion of a doorway having mounted therein a display device embodying my invention,

Fig. 2 is an elevational view of the display device itself,

Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view on the line 3—3 in Fig. 2,

Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view on the line 4—4 in Fig. 2, the dotted lines indicating how the device may be swung out of normal position, if desired; and

Fig. 5 is an elevation of a portion of a door having one of said display devices secured thereto.

In Fig. 1 is illustrated a doorway of usual type including vertical side frame members 1 and a horizontal top frame member 2 or transom.

My display device is mounted at the top of the door opening by means of tabs 3 secured, as by screws 4, to the top frame member 2. The device is suspended from said tabs as hereinafter described.

The body portion 5 of the display device is a plate having hollow beads 6 along its top and bottom edges. In said beads 6 are slidably disposed the legs 7 of frame members that have vertical end members 8 connecting said legs. Said securing tabs 3 have loops 9 in which are loosely disposed the upper leg member 7 of the frames.

Secured centrally of each face of the body plate 5 are opposed L-shaped members 10 of channel section, the members on each face constituting a holder for one or more display signs 11. These signs may be of enameled metal or they may be of cardboard or other material, with the advertising matter printed or otherwise displayed thereon. Obviously a different sign may be displayed from time to time by removing one sign 11 from the holder and inserting another. In many instances, a holder will be mounted on one face only of the device.

In the clear space 12 on either side of each holder may be displayed a permanent sign, as by painting or enameling the plate.

In Fig. 5, the display device is shown secured to the inside of a door 20 having a glass panel 21. The permanent and changeable signs are visible from the outside through the glass, the tabs 3 and the ends of the frame being concealed by the wooden portion of the door. From the inside the reverse side of the device is visible. When used on a door, the device is mounted at about the eye level.

The display device may be adjusted to various sizes of door openings and may be mounted on the side away from the door so as not to interfere with the opening of the door. The display device may be swung upwardly out of position, as indicated by the dotted lines in Fig. 4. If the sign is secured to a door, this swinging feature facilitates washing the glass and changing signs.

It is contemplated that the device will be distributed by manufacturers and others desiring to furnish a display device having thereon permanent advertising matter concerning their own products and also affording holders in which the merchant may place different signs from time to time concerning other products or concerning the services and facilities of his store.

What I claim is:

1. A display device comprising a plate having hollow beads along its top and bottom edges, supporting frames having end members and legs slidably disposed in the respective beads, mounting devices having loops through which extend the legs of said frames and sign supporting members mounted centrally of said plate on a face thereof.

2. A display device comprising a plate having hollow beads along its top and bottom edges, supporting frames having end members and legs slidably disposed in the respective beads, mounting devices secured to said frames and opposed angular members mounted centrally of said plate on a face thereof constituting a support for changeable signs, there being clear spaces on either side of said support on which may be painted permanent signs.

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