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Fig. 1.

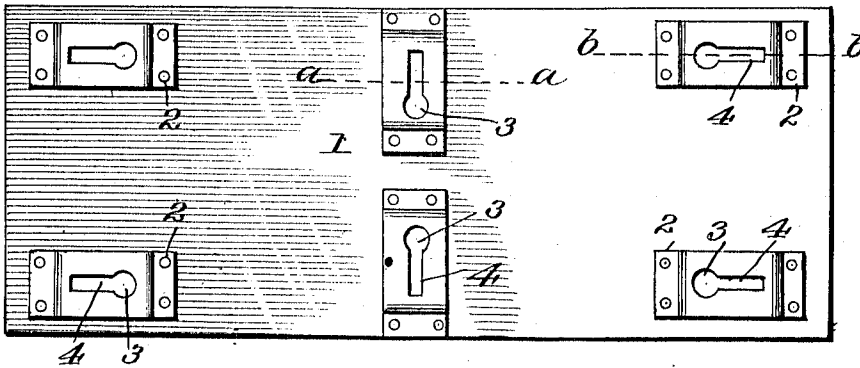


Fig. 2.

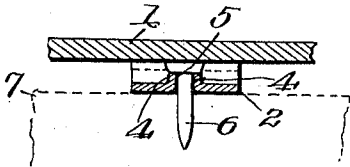
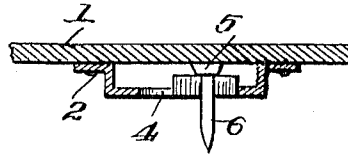


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PETER H. BETHEA, a citizen of the United States, residing at Latta, in the county of Marion and State of South Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Signs; and I do hereby 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.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in signs, and more particularly in devices whereby signs may be supported in such manner that the nails, screws or other suitable fastening devices will be hidden from the view of the observer.

The object of this invention is to improve and simplify devices of this character, rendering them comparatively simple and inexpensive to manufacture, reliable and efficient in use and readily operated.

With the above and other objects in view, this invention resides in the novel features of construction, formations, combinations and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more particularly described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a rear elevation of my improved sign; Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken on the line *a-a* of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on the line *b-b* of Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawings by characters of reference, the numeral 1 designates generally a sign which is substantially rectangular in formation and has secured to its rear face a series of metal clips 2, which are held in spaced relation to the said sign by any suitable or desired means.

Key-hole slots 3 are formed in the plates 2, the substantially parallel longitudinally extending edges 4 of which are bent inwardly in the direction of the sign, whereby the head 5 of a nail, screw or other suitable fastening devices 6 will be forced into engagement with the rear face of the sign, so that the same may be driven into a suitable support 7, by striking upon the face of the sign, without marring or otherwise injuring the same.

From the foregoing disclosure taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, it will be readily apparent that a device for the purpose previously mentioned will be produced, which will fulfill all of the necessary requirements of the same.

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

The combination with a sign, spring clips secured to the rear face thereof, the said clips being provided with key-hole slots adapted to removably support the head of suitable fastening devices, the edges of the said slots being bent toward the sign and adapted to bear yieldingly against the heads of the fastening devices and force the same into engagement with the adjacent face of the sign, whereby the said fastening devices may be driven into a suitable support, by striking upon the opposite face of the sign, without marring or otherwise injuring the same.

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

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