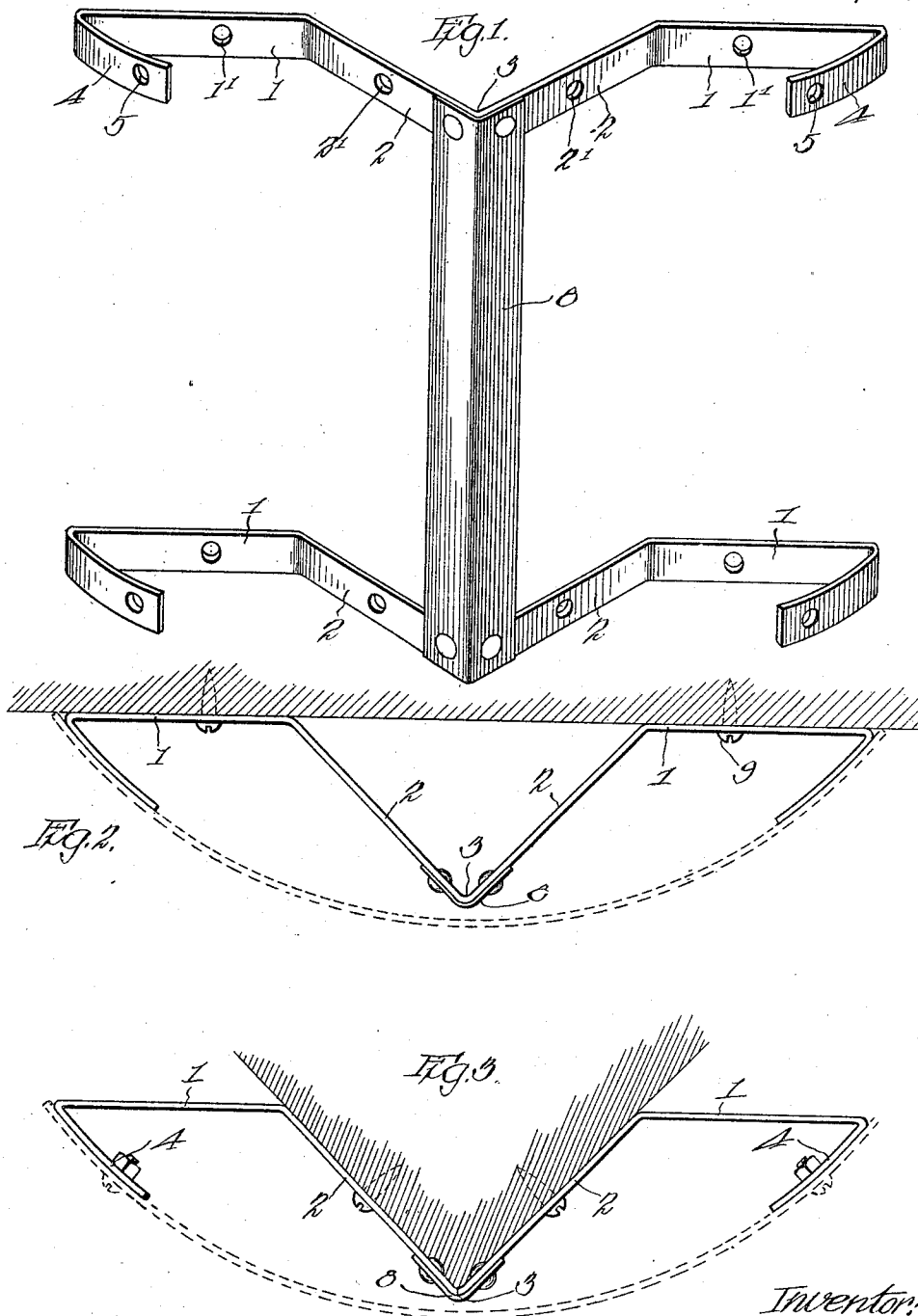


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MANLEY H. SIMMONS, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sign-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to devices for holding advertising or other signs, and by means of which the same may be attached to a building or comparatively fixed structure. It is the object of my invention to provide a simple, rigid and inexpensive device for the purpose stated, which may be readily and firmly secured as desired, either to the corner of a wall or to the flat surface thereof. It is also so constructed as to be completely and independently attachable to the wall or other support independently of the sign, and so that when the sign is applied in proper manner, the attaching means will be so covered as to make it difficult or impossible to remove the holder.

The principles of my invention are illustrated in the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved sign holder.

Fig. 2 is a top view illustrating the attachment thereof to a flat wall.

Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the same as attached to a corner support.

Further describing my invention with reference to the drawings, in which like characters of reference denote like parts throughout, 1, 1 are body pieces alined with each other and connected at their inner ends by an offset portion having the sides 2, 2 meeting in the apex 3, substantially at right angles. At the other ends of said body pieces are the arms 4, 4, which are turned outwardly and backwardly at an acute angle to the body pieces 1. Said arms as preferred, may be straight or, as shown in the drawings, given a curve corresponding to that of the sign to be secured thereagainst. Said arms are provided with perforations 5, through which bolts may be passed to secure the sign in place. It is manifest that one or more of the devices just described may be used to support a sign without a connecting means. I prefer, however, to provide means by which two or more of the said devices may be secured in rigidly spaced relation. This may be done by means of an angle bar 8 of suitable length, which may be attached

to the offset portions at the apices thereof, as shown in Fig. 1.

It will be seen that the structure described may be attached as desired to the flat side of a building or other support, or to an angular support as desired, without any modification of their form or contour, thereby enabling me to provide a highly substantial and rigid sign support. When attached to a flat support, it may be by means of screws, anchor bolts, or other suitable fastening passing through the holes 1' in the body portions of the supporter. When secured to an angular support, it may be by means of suitable fastening devices passed through the holes 2' in the angular offset between the body portions. After the sign supporting means is securely attached to a support, a curved sign as indicated in Figs. 2 and 3, may be secured upon the frame work thus mounted by screws or bolts 9 passed through the sign and through the openings 5 in the backwardly turned arms 4. The sign thus placed becomes a covering means for the supporter and the attachment devices by which it is mounted. To be most effective, the screws by which the sign is attached should have the threads deformed by crushing or flattening the same. Malicious or mischievous interference with the whole is thus discouraged or prevented.

I claim:

1. In a sign holder; the combination of a plurality of supports, each comprising two body pieces extended in horizontal alinement with each other and connected by a right angled offset portion adapted for attachment to either a flat surface or angular post, said body pieces being provided at their outer extremities with sign attaching arms turned outwardly at an acute angle thereto, and means for securing said supports in rigidly spaced relation to each other.

2. In a sign holder; the combination of a plurality of supports, each comprising two body pieces extended in horizontal alinement with each other and connected by a right angled offset portion adapted for attachment to either a flat surface or angular post, said body pieces being provided at their outer extremities with sign attaching arms turned outwardly at an acute angle thereto, and an angle bar attached to the apices of said offset portions to hold said supports in spaced relation to each other.

3. In a sign holder; the combination of a

plurality of supports, each comprising two horizontally alined body pieces connected by a right angled offset portion, said body pieces being provided at their outer extremities with sign attaching arms, and an outwardly-positioned angle bar attached to the apices of said offset portions to hold said supports in spaced relation to each other.

4. A sign support comprising two body pieces extended in horizontal alinement with each other and connected by a right angled offset portion, said body pieces being provided at their outer extremities with sign

attaching arms turned backwardly and outwardly at an acute angle thereto whereby to enable the body pieces or offset portion to be attached to either a flat or angular support.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, this 16th day of August, 1915, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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