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Fig. 1.

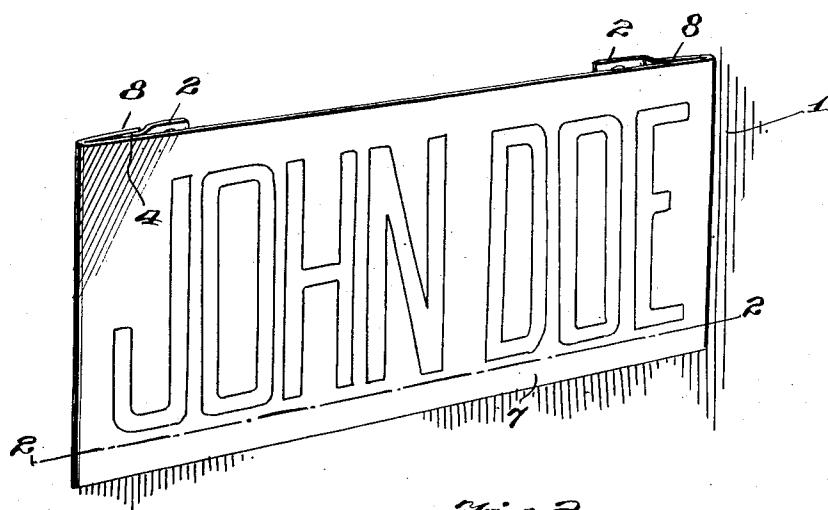


Fig. 2.

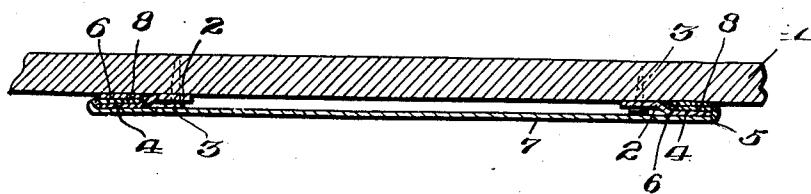
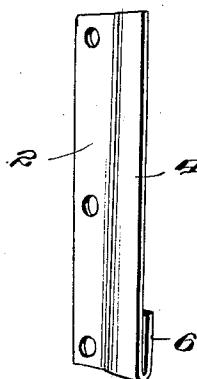


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FLOYD E. FERGUSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Walla Walla, in the county of Walla Walla and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Signs, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to improvements in signs, and an object thereof is to provide a sign member and a supporting means therefor, in which no nails, screws or other fastening means are used which would mar or 15 disfigure the exposed surface of the sign member.

20 A further object of this invention is the provision of a sign member and a holder therefor, in which the sign may be quickly 25 and easily secured to and detached from the holder.

25 With these and other objects in view, my invention resides in the construction and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more 30 fully described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

30 Figure 1 is a perspective view of the sign member showing it attached to the supporting strips. Fig. 2 is a section taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one of the supporting strips for the sign member.

35 Referring more particularly to the drawings, the numeral 1 indicates a stationary support which may be a door, fence or the like, and 2 indicates a pair of spaced supporting strips which are secured to the stationary support along one longitudinal edge thereof by nails 3 or any other suitable fastening devices. The longitudinal free edges 40 of the strips are offset as at 4 to form grooves 5, between the offset portions and the stationary support, and the bottom edges of the strips are turned inwardly upon 45 themselves as at 6 to provide stops.

50 The sign member 7 of my device is preferably in the form of a metallic plate, the opposite side edges of which are bent inwardly to form flanges 8 which are adapted to engage the grooves 5 between the offset portions 4 of the supporting strips and the support 1.

The operation of my device is as fol-

lows:—In the practical use of my sign, the supporting strips are secured to a stationary support at a suitable distance apart, and the flanges 8 of the sign member 7 are engaged upon the upper edges of the offset portions 4 of the strips, whereupon the sign member is moved downwardly until the lower edges 60 of the flanges 8 rest within the pockets formed by the inwardly bent portions 6 at the lower edge of the strips whereupon the sign is rigidly supported upon the stationary support and with its fastening means 65 invisible.

From the above description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, it will be seen that I have provided a sign which may be secured to a suitable support 70 without the use of nails, screws or other fastening means which may mar or deface the visible face of the sign, and one which may be quickly and easily applied to its supporting strips.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:—

A sign member comprising a plate having its opposite end edges formed with inwardly bent flanges, in combination with spaced 80 supporting strips which are adapted to be secured at one longitudinal edge to a suitable support, the longitudinal free edge of said strips being offset whereby pockets are formed between the offset portions and the 85 support, said offset portions extending outwardly in opposite directions, the lower edge of each of said offset portions of the strips being formed with a flange, said flanges extending inwardly and upwardly, the upwardly extending portion of the flanges being 90 adapted to rest against the support to entirely close the space between the lower edge of said strips and said support, the end flanges of the sign member being 95 adapted for engagement between the support and the offset portions of said supporting strips, and the flanges on the lower edge of said strips being adapted to limit the downward movement of said sign member. 100

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

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