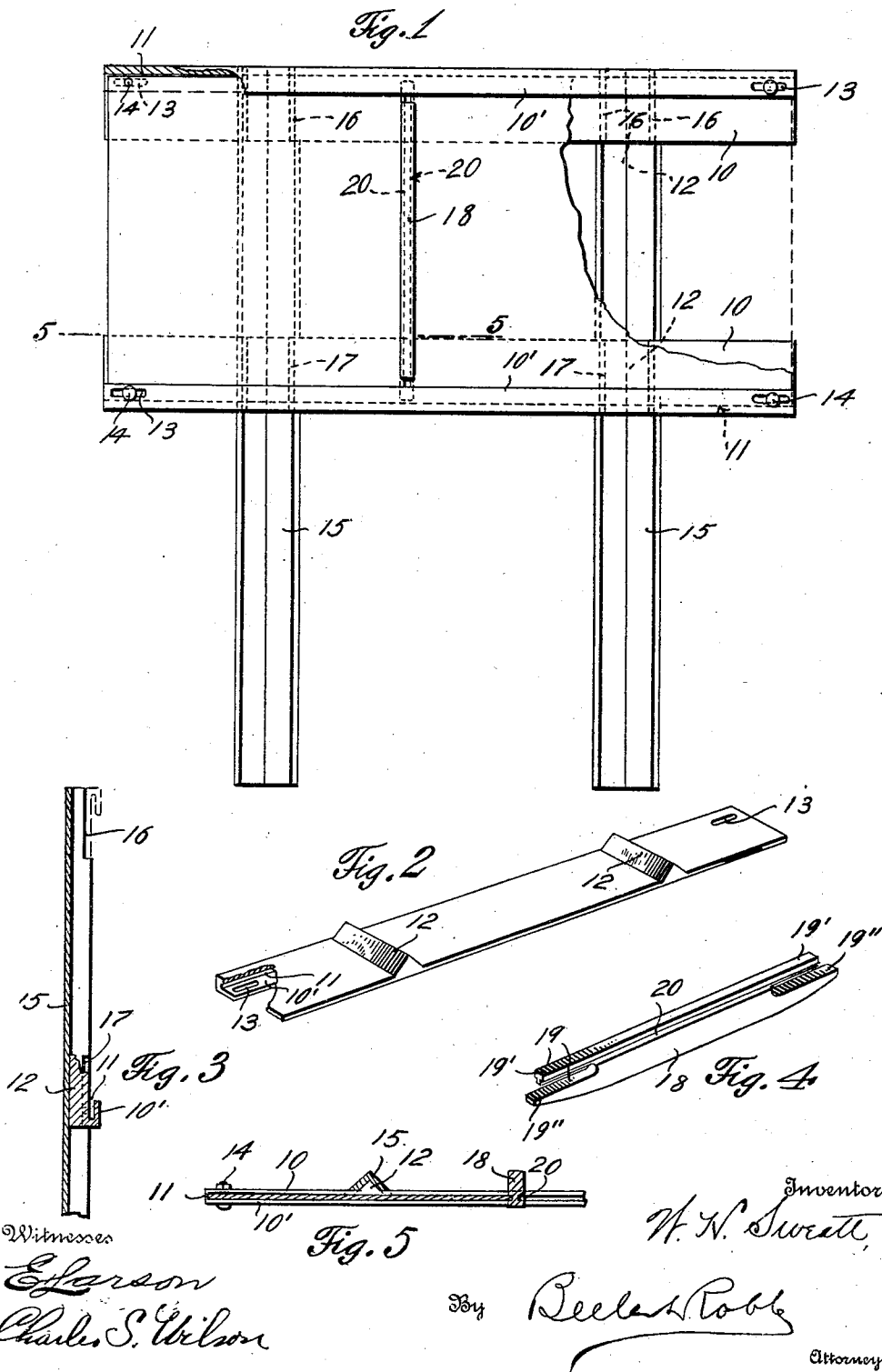


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To all whom it may concern:

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

This invention relates to improvements in extraforaneous advertising signs erected to endure exposure to the elements, and to also provide a means whereby mile guide signs may be attached to the posts of the advertising sign.

The objects of my invention are to provide a sign holder which will be simple, inexpensive and durable, also to so arrange the construction of the holder that the advertisements being printed on plates may be conveniently inserted or removed from the holder for the purpose of placing new advertising matter therein.

A further object is to construct a means whereby the lengths of the plates may be made to conform with the amount of space desired by the purchasers thereof it being possible to have one or more signs occupy the holder, separating each individual sign from the others by a vertical partition.

With the above and other objects in view, this invention consists of the construction, combination and arrangement of parts all as hereinafter more fully described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a sign constructed in accordance with the present invention, parts thereof being broken away; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the horizontal sides of the frame, parts thereof being broken away; Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section through one of the posts; Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the partition; Fig. 5 is a horizontal section along line 5-5 of Fig. 1 looking down.

The present invention resides in the provision of two longitudinally extending bars, said bars being provided with a channel therein and supported by a post or posts, said posts being approximately an angle iron engaging ridges on the rear of said horizontal sides. The signs are constructed of metal or other suitable material and are inserted in said channels, being retained therein by bolts passing through slots in

said bars and engaging similar elements in the plates.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 10 indicates the horizontal sides of the frame provided along their outer edges with the offset angular channels 11. Located transversely on the rear side of the bars 10 are the prismatic ridges 12, said ridges providing a means whereby the supporting post engages the bars and retains the same firmly in their normal and operative position. Located in the sides of the channels 11 are the coinciding slots 13, said slots being so located that the bolts 14 may pass there-through and engage the sign plates, preventing removal of the same. Upon tightening the bolts, the sides of the channels are made to converge, providing a substantial clamp for the signs due to a certain resiliency which will exist in the shorter side of the channel 10'.

The post 15 comprises an angle bar adapted to be embedded in the ground at its lower extremity and is provided adjacent the upper extremity with the spaced notches 16 and 17, said notches being of the same width as the bar 10. The prismatic ridges 12 are adapted to be retained in the angle of the post 15 and since said ridges exactly fit said angle, the horizontal bars are retained securely against all loosening and displacement. To secure the bar more firmly to the post, bolts not shown are passed through the bars 10, the ridges 12 and the central portion of the post 15, supplying additional means of securing the bars to the post.

Should it be desired to place a plurality of advertisements in a frame, the partition illustrated in Fig. 4 is inserted between the several advertisements. This partition comprises a bar having along each longitudinal side thereof the channel 20, said channel forming a means whereby the inner ends of the advertisements may be secured. At each extremity of the bar are a pair of arms 19, the forward arm 19' of which being shorter than the rear arm 19'' in order that said forward arm may clear the sides 10' of the channel 11. These arms 19 engage the vertical portions 10 of the side members and the partition is rigidly held in position thereby.

In operation the horizontal bars 10 are placed in the notches 16 and 17 of the post and the bolts securing the same thereto are

attached in position. The advertisements being printed upon plates of any suitable material are inserted in the channels 11 of the horizontal bars 10, said plates being secured at each extremity by the bolts 14 passing through the coinciding rectangular slots. When one or more plates are in the frame, the dividing partition is placed between each pair thereof in such a manner that the arms 19 engage the bar 10. The plates are then inserted in the manner heretofore described, the inner extremity thereof being engaged by the channels 20 of the partition.

This construction is very simple and durable, and provides a sign which retains its strength, no looseness or other disadvantages being liable to occur. Should it be desired to secure to the post a mile guide sign, the same is constructed very similar to the horizontal sides of the post, eliminating, however, the channels 11 but retaining the prismatic ridges on the rear side thereof.

Having thus described my invention, what is claimed as new is:

25 1. In a sign holder of the class described, the combination with horizontal side members having faced channels therein, of ridges formed on the back of said side members,

angular posts adapted to receive said ridges and said posts having spaced notches adapted to receive said side members, and means whereby the sign plates may be retained in said channels. 30

2. In a device of the class described, the combination with horizontal side members, means for supporting sign plates between said side members, prismatic ridges formed on the rear of said side members, and posts formed of angle bars having notches therein to receive said side members, said ridges of the sides adapted to be received in the angle of said post. 35 40

3. A device of the class described comprising horizontal side members adapted to retain cards, means for supporting the sides in spaced relation and a removable partition to separate various cards comprising a bar having arms at each extremity thereof adapted to engage therebetween the horizontal side members. 45 50

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

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