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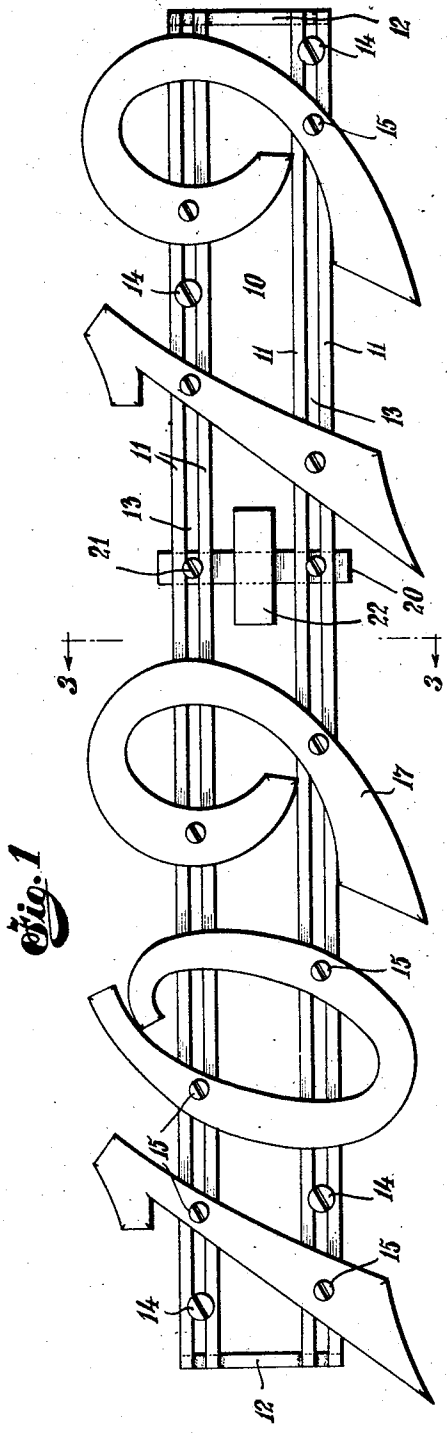


Fig. 1

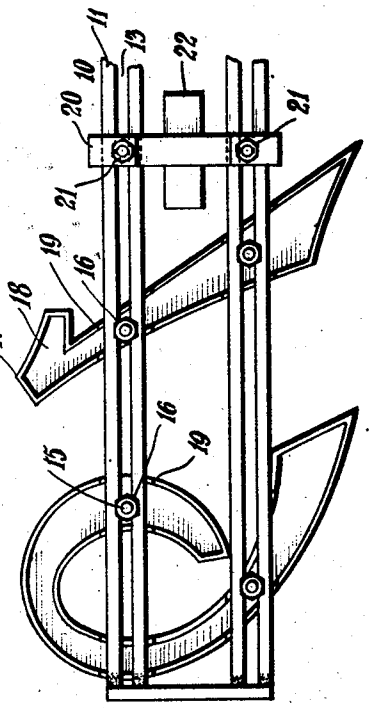


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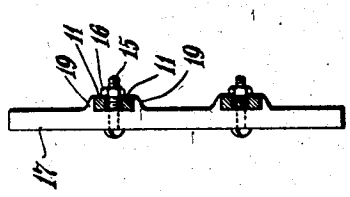


Fig. 3

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My invention relates to improvements in display signs such as are used for displaying names, numbers, or the like. My invention has been used in displaying numbers of houses and buildings, a use to which it is peculiarly adapted, but it can be used for carrying other characters, for instance letters instead of numbers, and permits of the use of numbers and letters in any desired combinations. In the uses to which my sign is peculiarly adapted, appearance is almost as important as utility, because people will not use an ugly sign, whereas one that is handsome is far more desirable. An object of my invention is to produce a sign which is handsome to the eye, which prominently and clearly displays the characters which it carries, and which can be quickly and easily applied to a door or other support. Another important feature of the invention is the means for quickly assembling and attaching the characters of the sign in the right sequence. My invention is also intended to produce a sign having the foregoing characteristics, but one which is cheap, strong and durable. These and other advantages will appear from the description which follows.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the sign embodying my invention.

Figure 2 is a broken rear elevation thereof, and

Figure 3 is a cross section on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

The sign embodies a slotted base for carrying the characters upon it, and as a convenient, simple and ornamental means of accomplishing this result I provide a series of parallel bars 11 which are arranged in pairs to produce the base 10, and which are tied together at the ends by tie-bars 12, and can be tied together at other points if desired. The arrangement of these bars in pairs and in parallel relation affords a simple means of producing a pleasing skeleton structure and of making the slots 13. These slots serve the purpose of supporting the characters on the sign presently referred to, and also afford a means of attaching the base to a door or other support by means of fastening screws 14, which can be extended through the slots and screwed into the support.

The slots 13 also permit the screw bolts 15 or analogous fastenings to be passed through them and to be moved along in them. These screw bolts can be provided with nuts 16 on the back of the sign and of a width wider than the slots, and obviously washers can be used in the customary way if desired. The screw bolts 15 afford a convenient means of securing the characters 17 to the face of the sign. These characters as illustrated are numerals, but they may be letters, and obviously they can be made up in any preferred style or design. In practice they are highly polished on the outside, and can be brass lacquered, or nickel or silver plated, or of other appropriate material or ornamentation. I prefer to make them hollow on the back as shown at 18, and as they are fastened at points spaced apart for each character, that is by the screw bolts 15 or the like extending from each character at different points through the opposed slots 13, they are securely held.

To assist in bracing the characters and to relieve the strain from the through fastenings, they are provided with bosses 19 spaced apart so as to fit against opposite sides of each pair of bars 11, and these bosses therefore assist in guiding and supporting the characters and also act as braces to prevent the bars 11 from spreading.

In case that a hyphen, dash, or other analogous character is to be used on the sign, a convenient means is shown for the purpose. In this case, a tie-bar or support 20 can be extended from one pair of bars to the other on the back side, bent forward to the desired extent, fastened by screws 21 or the like, and provided with the hyphen, dash, or other character 22. Thus the bar 20 serves as a brace for the sign as well as a support for the character.

In the examples illustrated the sign is used as a number sign on what is known as the Philadelphia system, in which case the characters 109 at the left of the sign are separated by a dash 22 from the number 19, the number 109 indicating the nearest street or avenue, and the number 19 the lot number. This particular arrangement of numbers has nothing to do with the invention, however, although it lends itself exceedingly well to this system.

From the example given and from the description above, it will be seen that a person can very readily assemble and attach his characters to the base 10, that these may be easily and securely fastened to a support, and when so fastened and arranged, the sign is an exceedingly attractive one and displays its characters to great advantage.

I claim:—

1. A sign comprising spaced pairs of bars extending longitudinally and forming the base of the sign, characters fitting against the face of the bars and having fastening means extending between the bars, and a tie-bar extending from one pair of bars to the other and carrying a character forming a part of the display.

2. A sign having a base formed of a plurality of spaced pairs of bars each of said pairs of bars defining a slot therebetween, display characters extending across all of the pairs of bars, and fastening elements on said characters and extending through each of said slots to attach said characters to all of said pairs of bars.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification this 18th day of May, 1925.

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