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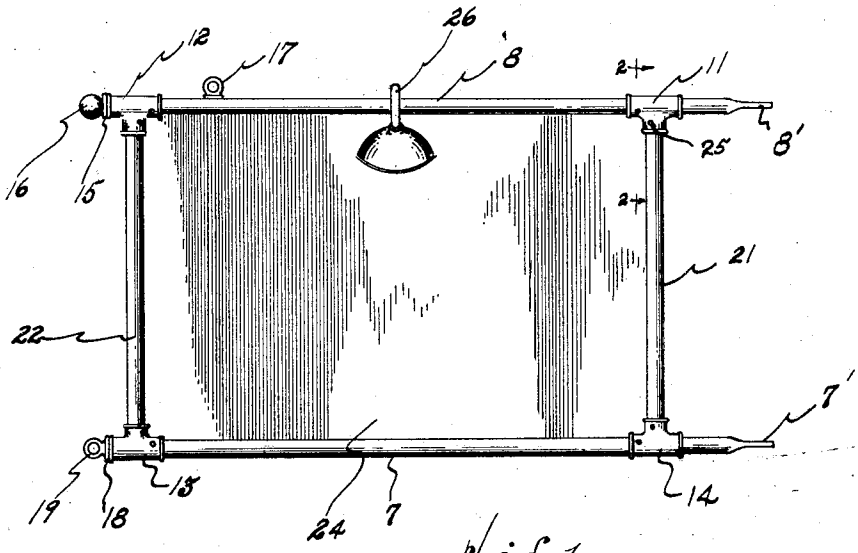


Fig. 1

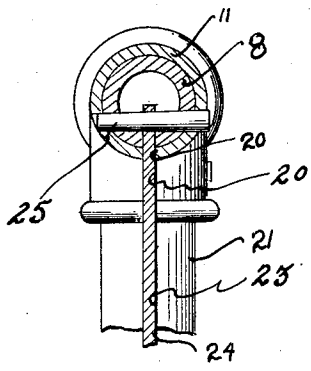


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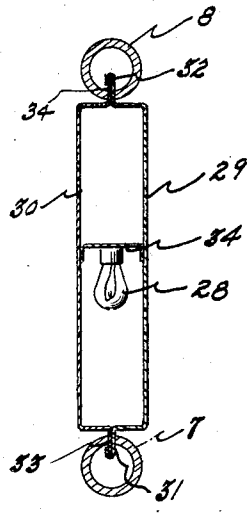


Fig. 3

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My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in a sign, and has for its object, the provision of a sign, adapted for use as a hanging sign, which projects outwardly from the building, or a wall sign, which is mounted upon a wall of a building.

It is an object of the invention to provide a sign of this class, which will be simple in structure, economical of manufacture and highly efficient in use.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a frame for a sign of this class, which comprises tubular members, so assembled and secured together, as to be easily mounted in position upon a body, upon which the sign writing appears.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention will be best understood from a reference to the accompanying drawings which form a part of this specification and in which,

Fig. 1 is a side elevational view of the invention,

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary sectional view, taken on substantially line 2—2 of Fig. 1,

Fig. 3 is a transverse vertical sectional view of a modified form of the invention.

In the preferred form, as shown in the drawings, the invention comprises a frame having a bottom rail, or support, 7 and an upper rail 8, which are formed tubular and flattened at their respective ends 7′ and 8′, to permit their fastening to the building, or support, by bolts or other suitable fastening means. Loosely mounted on the rails 7 and 8, at the opposite ends, are T's 11, 12, 13 and 14. The rail 7 is provided with an abutment 15, having the ornament or ball 16 on the end thereof. Secured in the rail 8, adjacent the outer end thereof, is an eyelet 17, in which may be secured a suitable guyrope or wire, which is attached to the building.

The rail 7 is also provided with the abutment 18, having an eyelet 19 formed thereon, to which laterally projecting guyropes may be fastened.

As shown in Fig. 2, the rails 7 and 8 are slitted, as at 20. Positioned in the T's mentioned, are tubular end rails 21 and 22, which are also slitted, as at 23. The body 24 of the sign, upon which the printed matter appears, engages in the slits formed in the rails 7, 8, 21 and 22, the inner sides of the T's being also slitted.

When the body is mounted in the slits of the rails 22, 7, and 8, the rail 21, carrying the T's 14 and 11 slidably on the rails 7 and 8, is moved into engagement with the edge of main body 24. Pins 25 are then projected through the T's 11, 12, 13 and 14, through the main body 24, and through the rails, so as to retain the T's in fixed position on the rails 7 and 8, and to prevent withdrawal of the rails 21 and 22 from each other. In this way, the frame is constituted of tubular members, which are durable and strong in their structure, and a frame is provided which will permit of adjustments, the rails 7 and 8 being provided with openings for accommodating the pins 25.

The arm 26 may be mounted upon the rail 8 and projected, at opposite sides of the frame, for carrying, at its end, electric lights for illuminating the sign. The wiring may be projected through openings formed in the rails 7, and thence upwardly through the passageway in the rail 21 and the passageway in the rail 7 to the proper position.

In the modified form, shown in Fig. 3, the rails are as already described, the body of the sign being such as to permit the hanging of an electric light 28 within the sign, and so as to afford walls 29 and 30, which may carry the printed matter so as to have an illuminated sign, the walls 29 and 30 being provided in a manner well known with transparent letters. As shown in the drawings, the upper and lower ends of the wall 29 are provided with the angularly turned portions 31 and 32, which are doubled upon themselves, to clasp the angularly turned portions 34 and 33 of the wall 30. A centrally disposed rib 34 is mounted between the walls 29 and 30 for carrying the light 28.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred form of structure, I do not wish to limit myself to the precise form of structure shown, but desire to avail myself of such variations and modifications as come within the scope of the appended claims.

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

1. A sign of the class described comprising, a pair of horizontally disposed supporting members positioned in vertical alignment, each of said members comprising a

tube having one end flattened for attachment to a suitable support; a T slidably mounted on each of said members adjacent its supported end; a slide rail connecting said T's; a T slidably mounted on each of said supporting members adjacent their free ends; a side rail connecting said T's, said side rails, said T's, and said supporting members being each provided on their inner side with a slit; and a main body portion adapted for the reception of reading matter engaging at its edges in said slits, said side rails being movable longitudinally of said supporting members toward and away from each other at will for accommodating varisized main body portions; and means for locking said side rails in fixed relation to said horizontally extending supporting members and to the main body portion positioned therebetween.

2. A sign of the class described comprising, a pair of parallel extending horizontal supporting members in vertical alignment with each other, one end of each of said members being flattened for attachment to a suitable support; a side rail slidably mounted on said supporting members adjacent the outer end thereof; a side rail slidably mounted on said supporting members adjacent the free end thereof; and a main body portion adapted for the reception of reading matter adapted for positioning in the frame formed by said side rails and said supporting members, said side rails being movable toward and from each other at will for varying the size of the frame formed, said supporting members being undisturbed during the movement of said side rails toward and from each other.

In testimony whereof, I have signed the foregoing specification.

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