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Fig. 1.

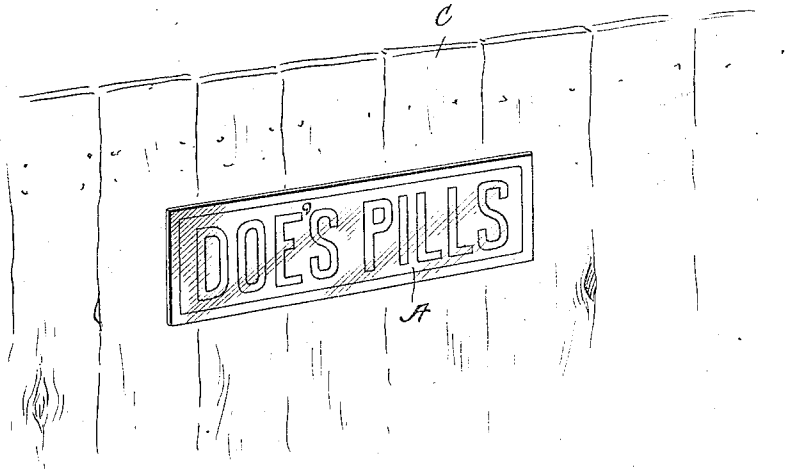


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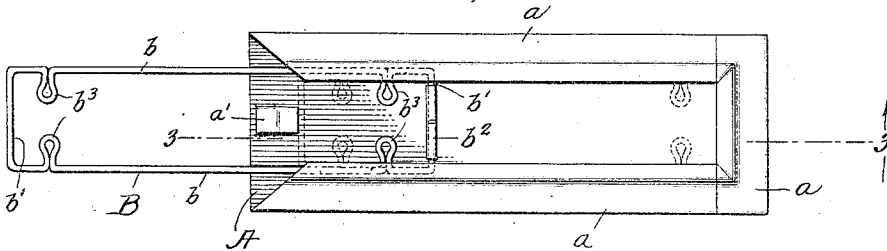


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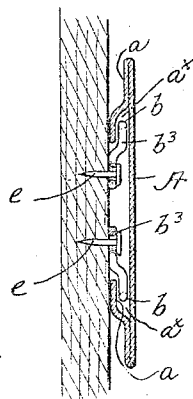
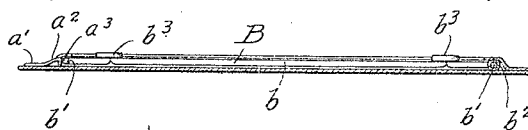


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEVI G. SOLENBERGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Guildford township, in the county of Franklin and State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Signs; of which the following is a specification.

One of the important objects of my invention is to provide a sign wherein the face thereof, or that portion bearing the sign-legends, shall not be defaced by unsightly nails, clamps, or like fastenings.

Otherwise stated, the object is to provide a structure whereby the fastening or hanging means shall be obscured from the vision of a person looking at the front of the sign after it shall have been secured in place.

To this end, the invention consists in constructing the rear face of the sign with suitable means such as flanges, adapted to cooperate with a suitable frame, preferably of wire, the frame being adapted to be first secured to a suitable stationary support, and then the sign-body to be slipped over said frame.

In the accompanying drawing, forming part of my application, and in which like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views: Figure 1 is a perspective view of my sign, in use on a fence; Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of my sign; Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section view, on the line 3—3, Fig. 2; Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view.

Referring, now, in detail to the drawing: A designates a sign-body, which may be of any suitable form, in this instance shown rectangular or oblong, and constructed of any suitable material, preferably metal. The sign-body A is, preferably, a plate, as shown.

Carried by the rear face of the sign-body A is an inward-bent flange a , preferably extending along the two longitudinal edges and one end edge of the sign-body, and forming, between said flange and the sign-body a socket, a' . Also carried by the rear face of the sign-body A and disposed at that end of the sign-body not occupied by the flange a , is a lug a'' , having an inclined face

a'' , terminating, at the inner end, in a downturned, vertical flange a'' .

B designates a frame, preferably of wire, and desirably of the shape shown, having longitudinal arms b , b and connecting end-arms b' , b' . One of the end arms b' preferably carries an anti-friction roller b'' . The arms b , b , are formed, at intervals, into loops b^3 , b^3 , b^3 , b^3 , in this instance four being shown.

In installing the sign, the frame B is first secured to a stationary support (which may be a tree, a fence, or the like, in this instance being shown as a fence C), as by nails e driven through the loops b^3 into the support. The sign-body A is then slipped over the frame B (as shown in Fig. 2), the arms b , b , fitting snugly in the socket formed by the flanges a . As the outer end b' of the frame strikes the abutment or lug a' , it rides up the inclined face a'' thereof and, upon passing beyond said incline, springs down against the vertical flange b' (as shown in Fig. 3) of said lug a' , the inner end b' at this instant being seated beneath the end flange a . The lug a' thus locks the sign-body on the frame against removal, except by tearing the wire-frame B from its nail-fastenings e .

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

In a sign, a sign-body carrying on its rear face a flange, forming, between said flange and the body, a socket; in combination with a wire supporting-frame, over which said sign-body is adapted to be slipped, said frame lying within the socket formed by said flange and being provided with loops, through which nails may be driven; and a stop carried by said sign-body and bearing against said frame when the sign-body has been adjusted thereon, and preventing removal of the sign-body.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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