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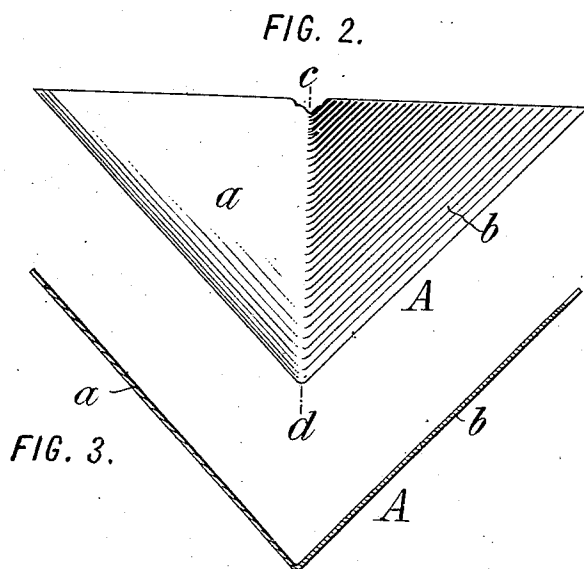
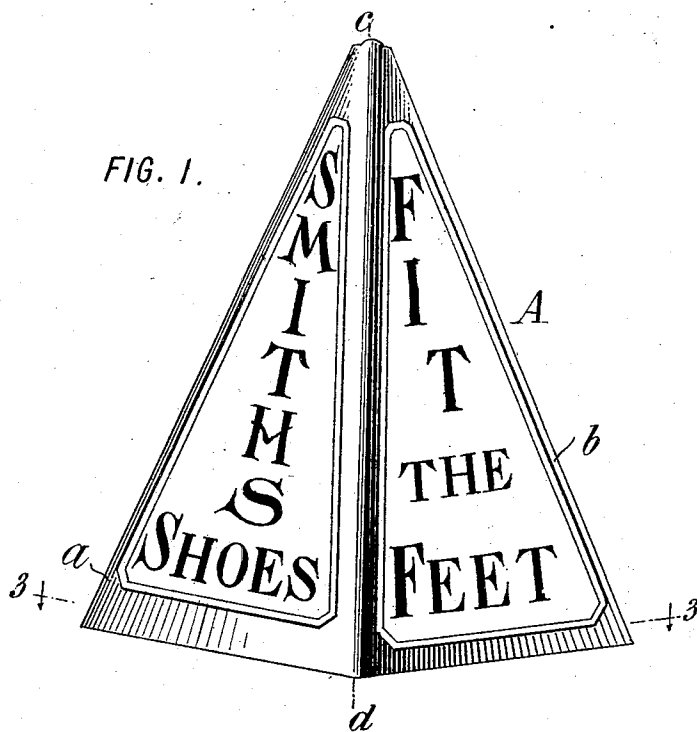


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK S. TOWNSEND, a citizen of the United States; residing in Coshocton, in the county of Coshocton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Signs, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to advertising signs or the like and aims to provide certain improvements therein.

The sign provided by my invention comprises a sheet metal structure in the form of a half pyramid, the two outer surfaces of which are designed to receive the advertising or other matter.

In the drawings which illustrate my invention, Figure 1 is a front elevation, Fig. 2 is a plan, Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3 in Fig. 1.

In the drawings, let A indicate the sign as a whole, which is provided with two sides *a, b* which are preferably flat and taper from the base of the sign to the apex *c* thereof. The sides *a b* incline rearwardly so that the apex is located at the rear of the sign. The sign is best made of a sheet of metal of appropriate form. Such sheet is bent along the line *c, d* as shown, in which condition the bottom of the sign extends in a horizontal plane so that the sign is provided in effect with a base on which it is adapted to stand.

The advertising or other matter designed to appear upon the sign is either painted, printed or otherwise applied directly thereto, or is applied to a sheet of paper which is subsequently fixed to the sign.

The sign provided by my invention has several advantages in use. It is particularly designed for use in show windows where the rear of the sign is not seen. When so located my improved sign has the appearance of a solid pyramid. Even if the observer is somewhat above the sign, the absence of the

rear half of the pyramid and the fact that the sign is hollow are not noticeable, since the sides *a* and *b* incline inwardly toward the apex of the pyramid, thus to an extent at least, preventing the interior and rear from being seen. At the same time it is capable of being manufactured from a single piece of sheet metal, without joints, and at very much less expense than a sign of complete pyramidal form. The sign also is very convenient to transport since it can be nested very closely without danger of marring.

It will be understood that changes may be made in the proportions of the sign illustrated and that the sides may be of different contour from that shown.

What I claim is:—

1. A sign composed of sheet material and formed with a base portion upon which it is adapted to stand, an apex above such base portion, and side walls leading from said base portion to said apex, said side walls being inclined rearwardly, and said sign being hollow and open at its rear, and having the appearance from the front of an inclosed figure.

2. A sign composed of sheet material and constructed in the form of a half-pyramid with a base portion upon which it is adapted to stand, an apex above said base portion, and two flat sides leading from said base portion to said apex, said sides being inclined rearwardly, and said sign being hollow and open at its rear, and having the appearance from the front of a complete pyramid.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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