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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. FALL, of Hoboken, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented an Improvement in Signs; and the following is declared to be a correct description thereof.

Signs for buildings are usually made of wood and painted, but there is considerable risk that the wood will shrink and leave openings between the different parts, or else the wood will crack and mar the appearance of the sign. Metal has been employed and the surface painted, but the paint is liable to scale off, and in case of a blow the metal is dented and the paint cracked.

My invention consists of a sign made with thick paper—such as card-board, straw-board, or mill-board—fastened upon a wooden frame with suitable surrounding moldings and saturated with water-proof material—such as paint—and upon which the letters or numbers of the sign are painted.

A sign constructed in this manner is a new article of manufacture that is superior to those heretofore made, because it is not liable to changes under atmospheric influences, and

the entire surface of a sign of large dimensions can be made without joints by employing the aforesaid paper made in a roll of the required size.

In the drawing I have represented my improvement by a vertical section of the sign.

The frame *a* is of a size and shape adapted to the place where the sign is to be used. The thick paper or pasteboard *b* is nailed to the said frame, first, however, having been coated with water-proof material—such as paint, shellac, or other suitable substance. The moldings *d* are also employed for covering the edges of the paper and securing them more firmly. The surface of the sign is painted with the required letters, figures, or characters.

I claim as my invention—

A sign made of thick paper, rendered water-proof, secured upon a wooden frame, painted and lettered as set forth.

Signed by me this 6th day of June, A. D. 1872.

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