

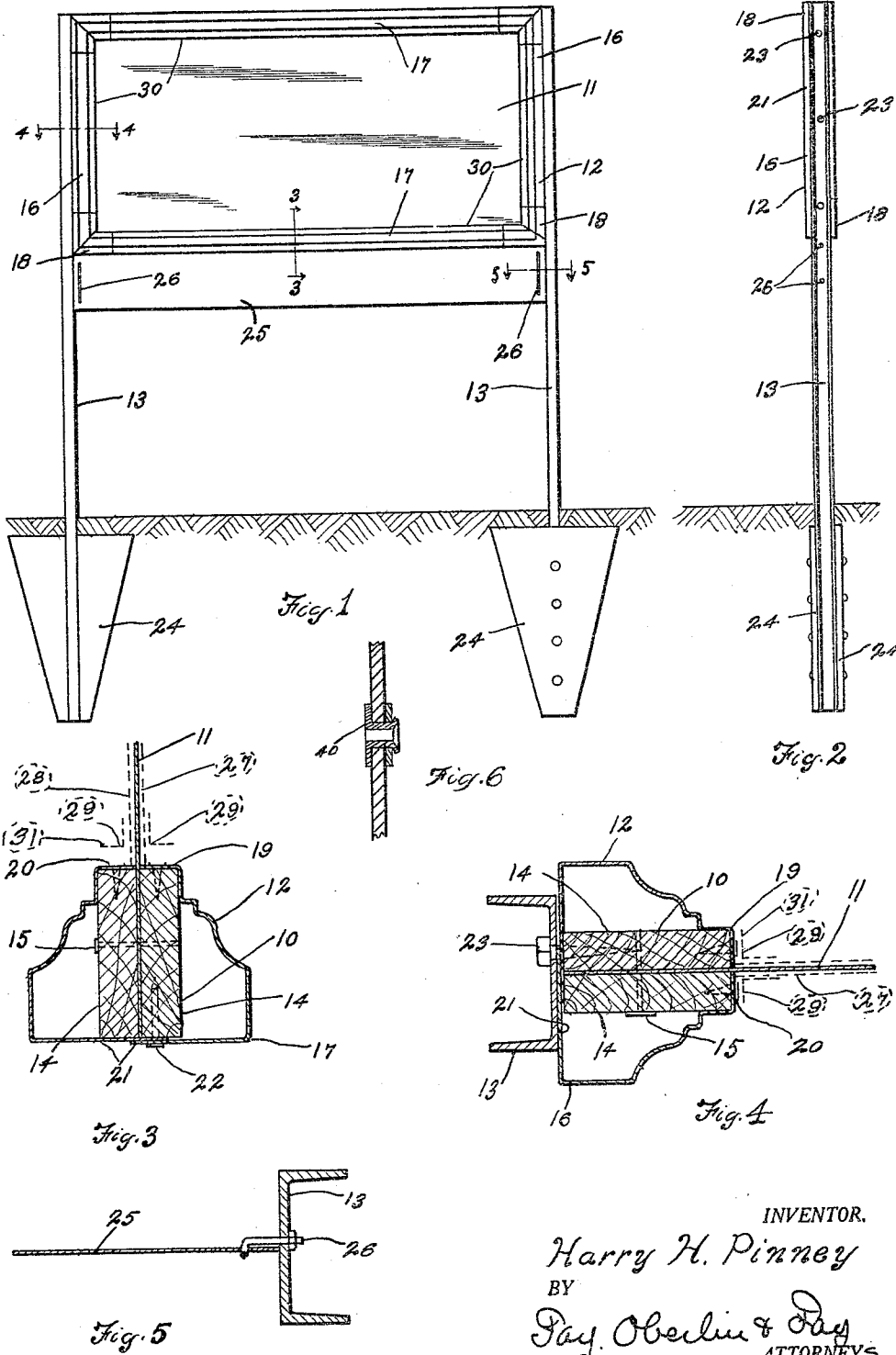
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The present invention relates to signs, and its primary object, broadly stated, is to produce certain improvements in signs of the type which are used for advertising purposes along thoroughfares such as railroads and highways.

To the accomplishment of the foregoing and related ends, said invention, then, consists of the means hereinafter fully described and particularly pointed out in the claims; the annexed drawings and the following description setting forth in detail certain structure embodying the invention, such disclosed means constituting, however, but one of various mechanical forms in which the principle of the invention may be used.

In said annexed drawings:—

Figs. 1 and 2 are side and end elevational views of a sign which embodies the present improvements; Figs. 3, 4 and 5 are sectional views which are taken along the correspondingly numbered lines of Fig. 1, the former of these additionally illustrating a method of changing the display; and Fig. 6 is a transverse sectional view showing an improved fastening means for use in that portion of the sign shown in Fig. 5.

As here shown, this invention is constituted of the core 10, the panel 11, the core housing 12, and the supporting standards 13. Such core is desirably formed of the similarly shaped frame members 14, these being rectangular in the drawings, and between them the marginal parts of the panel 11 are secured as by the nails 15. The housing 12 is formed of the end and top and bottom sections 16 and 17, and the contiguous ends of these sections cooperate with the corner parts 18, these parts and also such sections having portions 19 for being secured over the inner faces of the frame members 14 as by the nails 20 and other portions 21 for being secured in overlapping relation to each other and in covering relation to the outer faces of such frame members as by the nails 22.

The upper ends of the supporting standards 13 are separably secured as by the screws 23 to the core 10, and their lower ends are provided with the plates 24, such plates being desirably located on opposite sides of and in

substantially parallel relation to the plane of the panel 11 and forming, when embedded in the ground, means for resisting the stresses to which the superstructure is subjected. Below the sign proper and between the standards 13 is a strip 25 the ends of which are secured as by the U-bolts 26 in the manner shown in Fig. 5, this strip being readily removable and replaceable and providing two surfaces upon which matter in addition to that on the two faces of the panel 11 can be displayed; it being for example, used for the name of the dealer who handles the product advertised on the panel 11. If desired the holes in the strip panel 25, through which the U-bolt 26 is passed, may be reinforced by grommets 40, which are shown in Fig. 6. These grommets provide an increased surface for the bearing of the U-bolts against the edges of the openings in the strip and prevent breaking or tearing of the relatively thin sheet of metal which constitutes the strip in most cases when placed under severe tension.

In changing the display on the panel 11, paint or the usual paper posters may be used, but preferably such display is changed by covering it with metallic plates in the manner illustrated in dotted lines in Figs. 3 and 4. In such figures, the plates 27 and 28 are shown as being positioned on the opposite sides of the panel 11, and the angle strips 29 are shown as arranged for holding such plates in place; in an actual assemblage, however, the plates 27 and 28 are substantially in contact with such panel, and the angle strips 29 are closely fitted into the corners 30, their portions 31 being nailed to the frame members 14. This latter method of renewing the display is advantageous in that it permits of the preparation of suitable advertisements in a convenient place, such as a building, and further in that such advertisements need not be applied directly to the original panel, they on the contrary being merely secured in place in the manner just explained, and the sign structure itself being of such a nature as to allow of the successive positioning of a large number of covering plates.

When the above described sign is placed

- at right angles to a thoroughfare, such as a highway or railroad, the display faces of the panel and strip will be respectively visible to the traffic which is passing in the two directions. If desired, however, such sign may be otherwise placed; and obviously the usefulness of certain of its novel features does not depend exclusively upon any particular disposition of such faces.
- 10 Other modes of applying the principle of my invention may be employed instead of the one explained, change being made as regards the structure herein disclosed, provided the means stated by any of the following claims or the equivalent of such stated means be employed.
- 15 I therefore particularly point out and distinctly claim as my invention:—
1. In a sign, a panel, frames secured in overlapping relation to the marginal portions of such panel, and a housing covering such frames.
2. In a sign, a panel, frames secured to each other through the marginal portions of such panel, and a housing enclosing such frames.
- 25 3. In a sign, a panel, closed-figure frames secured to each other through the marginal portions of such panel, and a housing enclosing such frames.
- 30 4. In a sign, a panel, closed-figure frames secured to each other through the marginal portions of such frames, and complemental housing members enclosing such frames.
- 35 5. In a sign, a panel, frames secured marginally of such panel, a housing for such frames, standards for supporting the structure formed by such panel, frames and housing between their upper ends, and a removable strip extending between such standards below such structure.
- 40 6. In a sign, a panel, closed-figure frames secured to each other through the marginal portions of such panel, complemental housings arranged in enclosing relation to such frames, standards for supporting the structure formed by such panel, frames and housings between their upper ends, and a strip secured removably between such standards below such structure.
- 45 7. In a sign, a panel, closed-figure frames secured to each other through the marginal portions of such panel and presenting inner and outer surfaces, and complemental housing members enclosing such frames and having parts secured in overlapping relation to such inner and outer surfaces.
- 50 8. In a sign, a panel, frames secured to each other marginally of such panel, complemental housing members enclosing such frames, and standards having brace plates in spaced and substantially parallel planes on opposite sides of the plane of such panel for supporting the structure formed by such panel, frames and housing members.
- 55 9. In a sign, a panel, frames secured marginally of such panel, a casing covering such frames, and standards having brace plates in opposite parallel relation to the plane of such panel for supporting the structure formed by such panel, frames and casing.
- 60 10. In a sign, a panel, frames secured in overlapping relation to the marginal portions of said panel and removable angle strips positioned in the corners of said frames and attached thereto.
- 65 11. In a sign, a panel, closed-figure frames secured to each other through the marginal portions of such frames, complemental housing members enclosing such frames, and removable angle strips positioned in the corners of said frames.
- 70 12. In a sign, a panel, frames secured in overlapping relation to the marginal portions of said panel, and removable angle strips positioned in the corners of said frames to retain renewable displays on said panel.
- 75 13. In a sign, a panel, frames secured in overlapping relation to the marginal portions of said panel, a housing covering said frames and removable angle strips positioned in the corners of said frames.
- Signed by me, this 5th day of May, 1930.  
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