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Fig 1

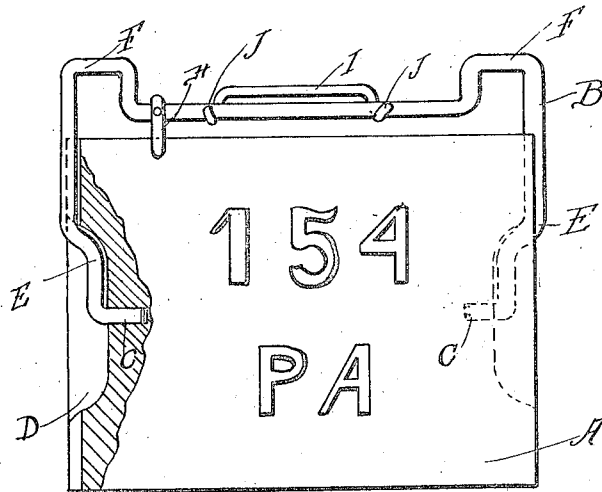


Fig 2

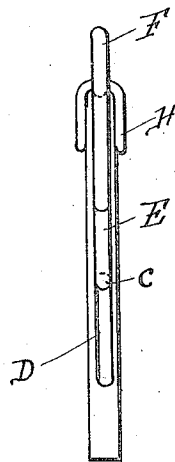
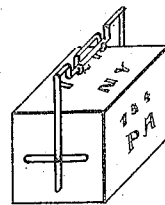


Fig 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM SCHUMACHER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Camden, county of Camden, and State of New Jersey, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Reversible Signs for Automobiles and Like Purposes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in reversible signs for automobiles and like purposes, and has for its object to provide an exceedingly simple and effective device by means of which two sets of numbers or other characters may be placed upon a single sign board and first one then the other displayed as occasion may require by simply reversing the board, said board being locked when so reversed.

With these ends in view, this invention consists in the details of construction and combination of elements hereinafter set forth and then specifically designated by the claims.

In order that those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains may understand how to make and use the same, I will describe its construction in detail, referring by letter to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of a sign board made in accordance with my improvement, and Fig. 2, an edge view thereof. Fig. 3, a slight modification.

In carrying out my invention as here embodied, A represents the board and B the hanger, the latter being preferably made of a stiff piece of wire so bent as to form the pivots C which are inserted in suitable holes formed in the board on the central line thereof in order that the board may be swung from one side to the other upon these pivots.

The edges of the board are grooved as indicated at D and the ends of the hanger are bent as indicated at E so as to spring within these grooves, thus locking the board in either adjustment; that is to say, that when the board is set to display one side with the numbers the bent portions of the hanger will lie within the grooves D and thus lock the board against accidental rotation, but when

it is necessary to reverse the board these ends of the hanger are sprung open sufficiently to permit the board to be turned when they will be again sprung into the grooves and hold the board in position. The upper portion of the hanger has formed thereon the strap loops F by which suitable straps may be used for suspending the device from any part of an automobile or other object. To further insure the locking of the board against accidental displacement a latch H is pivoted to the hanger in such manner that it may be swung downward and embrace the upper edge of the board.

For convenience in attaching the device to the projecting spring of an automobile without the use of straps a clip I having spring ends J is arranged to be attached to the hanger, and in practice this clip is first placed over the inside of the spring and then sprung unto the hanger, the upper portion of which lies immediately beneath the spring, thus displaying the board directly in front or behind the machine as the laws of most States require.

By the use of my improvement the disadvantage now attendant upon the use of number boards for automobiles is entirely overcome in that a single board will serve to display two numbers and as the law of most States require that only the register number for that State must be displayed, heretofore it has been necessary to remove the number of one State when passing into another and attaching a new number, but my improvement entirely overcomes this disadvantage as it is only necessary to reverse the board to display the number.

Of course my improvement may be used for other purposes than automobiles, such as street cars and the like where it is necessary to change a sign, and may also have surfaces for three or more numbers as shown in Fig. 3 in which the board is square in cross section.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and useful, is—

In combination, a sign board having two of its edges grooved, a hanger to which the board is pivoted, the ends of said hanger being so bent as to lie within the grooves in

the board and lock said board against accidental displacement, a latch pivoted to the hanger and adapted to embrace the upper edge of the board, and a clip adapted to be
5 sprung unto the upper portion of the hanger for attaching the same to an object, as specified.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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