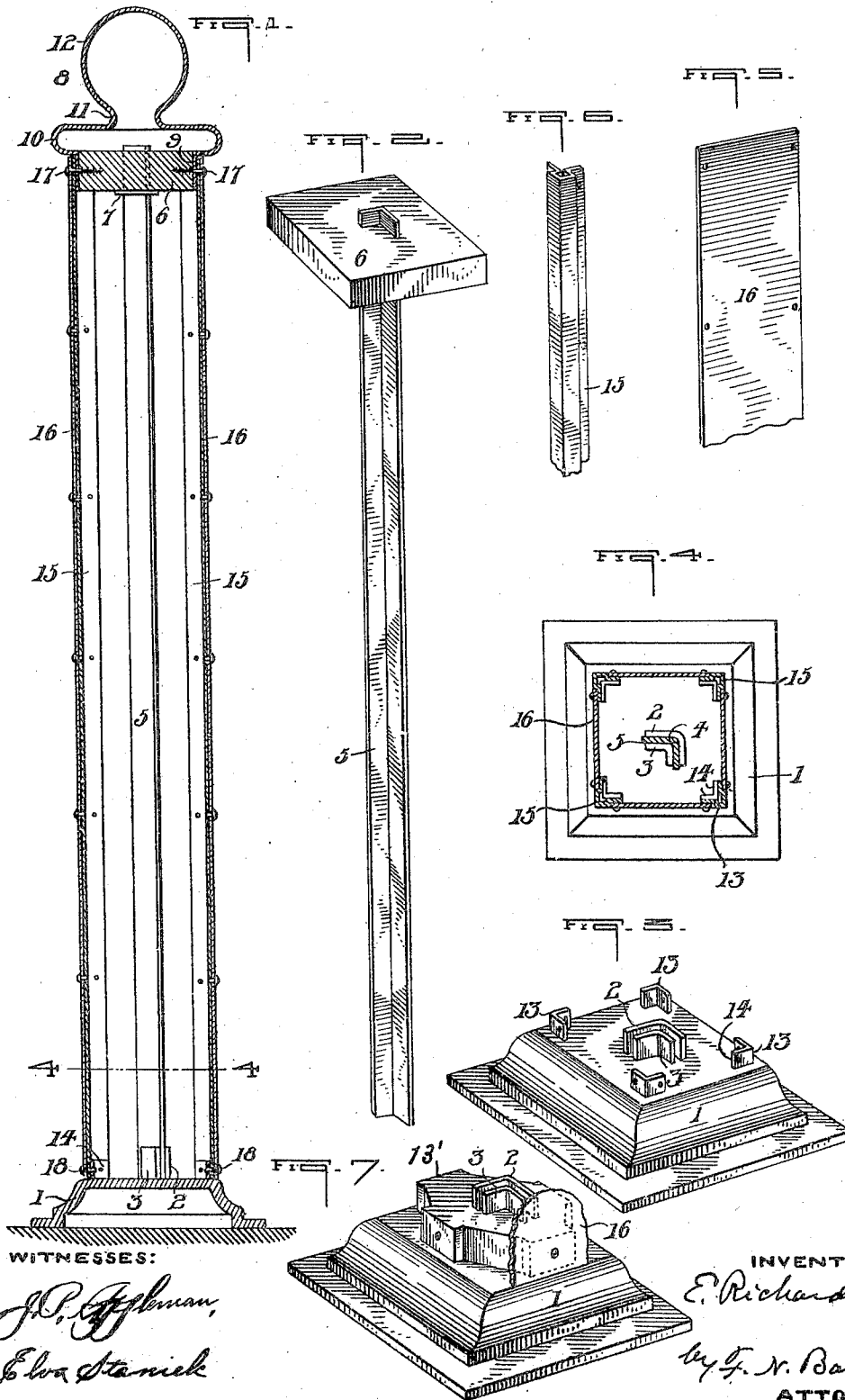


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNEST RICHARDSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Beaver Falls, in the county of Beaver and State of Pennsylvania, have invented or discovered new and useful Improvements in Barber-Poles, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to barber poles and has for its object the construction of a composite sign formed of parts readily and cheaply made and easily assembled.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a central vertical section of a barber pole constructed in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2, an elevation of the central support; Fig. 3, a perspective of the base; Fig. 4, a section on the line 4-4, Fig. 1; Fig. 5, a perspective of a portion of one of the panels or sides; Fig. 6, a perspective of a portion of one of the corner pieces or stays; and Fig. 7, a perspective of the lower portion of a slightly modified form of my invention.

The numeral 1 represents the body of the base preferably made of cast iron having at the center of its upper surface the two V-shaped vertical lugs or supports 2 and 3 symmetrically arranged so as to form between them the V-shaped space or socket 4, in which is seated the lower end of the angle bar or V-shaped center support 5, having at or near its top the preferably wooden block 6. This block has an opening conforming to the cross-section of the support 5 and receiving the same. A collar or the like 7 is secured to the support 5 just below the block 6, on which collar the block rests.

I have shown the base 1 and the block 6 square in horizontal section. I have provided a cap 8, composed of the body-portion 9 shaped to fit or inclose the edges of the block, as shown in Fig. 1. Above the block 6, the cap first expands to form the bead 10 and then contracts to form the neck 11, on which the ball 12 is supported. Preferably the parts of the cap are all in one piece.

At each corner of the base 1, I form integrally therewith a vertical V-shaped lug or corner support 13, having sides parallel with the sides of the base adjacent thereto. Each lug has its outer angle symmetrical with the adjacent angle of the base. The

vertical corner strips 15 are shaped to fit the lugs 13, as shown in Fig. 4. The edges of the corner strips are off-set the thickness of the panels or sides 16. The panels 16 fit between shoulders of opposite corner pieces as shown in Fig. 4 and extend up to the bead 10 and cover the body portion 9 of the cap. Screws 17 are passed through the panels, and the body 9 and into the wooden block 6 to hold the upper parts of the pole together. Screws 18 pass through the panels and the corner strips and into the lugs 13 to secure the lower portions of the pole together.

Preferably the base is painted black and the cap and corner strips are enameled white, while the panels are enameled in red, white, and blue stripes. The screw-heads are also enameled to correspond with the color of the panels where they are located.

The lugs 13 may be shaped differently from that shown, and at the same time form supports for the corner pieces and panels. The support 5 may also have a different cross-section.

On Fig. 7, I have shown the base 1 without the lugs 13, the sides 6 being secured by screws to the raised portion 13' on the base.

I claim—

1. In a barber pole, having a polygonal cross-section, a base, a central vertical support thereon, a block seated on the upper end of the support and having its cross-section corresponding to that of the pole, angular corner strips extending partially along the adjacent sides from the base to the block, panels connecting the adjacent corner strips and extending from the base to the block, and a cap arranged over the block.

2. In a barber pole, having a polygonal cross-section, a base, a central vertical support thereon, a block seated on the upper end of the support and having its cross-section corresponding to that of the pole, angular corner strips extending partially along the adjacent sides from the base to the block, panels connecting the adjacent corner strips and extending from the base to the block, said corner strips being off-set so as to receive the panels flush with the parts of the corner strips not off-set, and a cap arranged over the block.

3. In a barber pole, a base having a pair

of lugs arranged to form an angular space
between them, a vertical support having a
cross-section adapted to fit the said space,
a polygonal block seated at the upper end
5 of the support, corner lugs on the base, each
having two faces parallel to adjacent sides
of the barber pole, angular vertical corner
strips adapted to fit the said faces of the

corner lugs and the angles of the block, and
panels connecting adjacent corner strips. 10

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