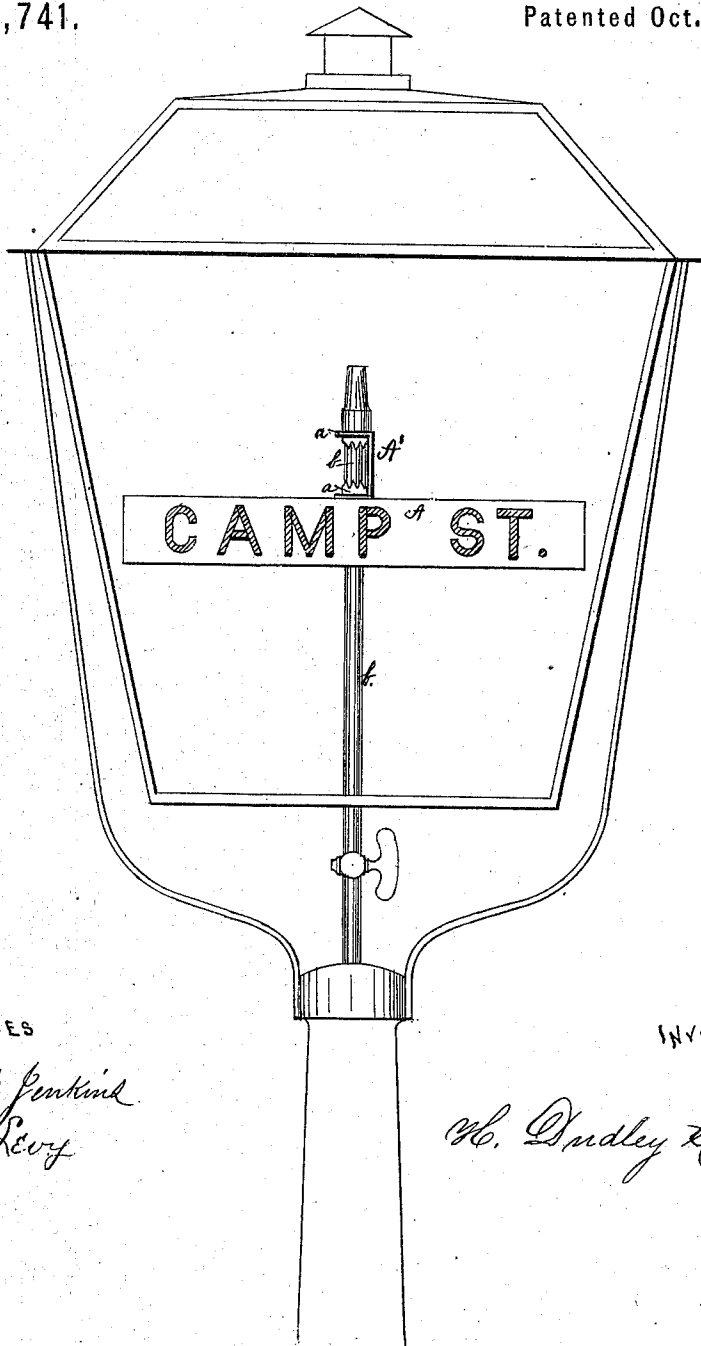


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IMPROVEMENT IN STREET-LAMP SIGNS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, H. DUDLEY COLEMAN, of the city of New Orleans, parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, have invented a certain new, useful, and Improved Mode of Placing the Names of Streets on Street-Lamps; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawing making a part of this specification, in which is shown a front view of one side of a street-lamp with my improvement attached to the gas-pipe which is in the center thereof.

My improvement has for its object to provide a cheap and expeditious means of placing the names of streets on street-lamps without painting the letters or words upon the glass sides of the lamps, or taking down the lamp, or in any other manner interfering with the same, and so, also, as the glass sides of the lamps may be cleaned, while the names of the streets may be preserved intact, even although said sides may be broken or entirely withdrawn; and my invention consists of a narrow piece of tin or other equivalent substance, on which the name of the street is painted in white letters upon a black ground, and which is secured in any suitable manner to the upright gas-pipe which comes up through the bottom of the lamp, and upon the upper extremity of which the burner is secured. As will be perceived, and as will be readily understood, other kinds of signs than those above described may be used, such as slips of glass, mica, or other transparent materials whereupon may be painted or otherwise fixed fig-

ures, names, and numbers of streets, houses, hotels, factories, persons, business, &c. These may be easily put on or easily removed, cheap, and simple in construction, and may be made ornamental to the lamp in which they are placed; but my invention will be better understood by referring to the drawing.

A shows one of my signs as it is placed within a lamp, with the letters thereon placed so as to indicate the name of the street toward which the sign is facing. This sign, as will be perceived, is secured by the clamp *a* to the gas-pipe *b*. Upon the pipe *b* may be placed another sign, *A'*, at right angles, or at any given angle with the other, so that when the lamps in which they are placed stand upon the corner of the block the names of the two intersecting streets may be indicated in one lamp.

I do not, however, confine myself to the form of the sign herein shown and represented.

It will be readily understood, however, that my improvement will be adapted to lamps of different forms, such as round, octagon, or other forms of lamps.

Having thus fully described my improvement, and the nature of the same, and its object, I desire to claim as my invention—

The portable directory sign *A*, when placed upon the gas-pipe *b*, and supported thereby independently of the lamp, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

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