

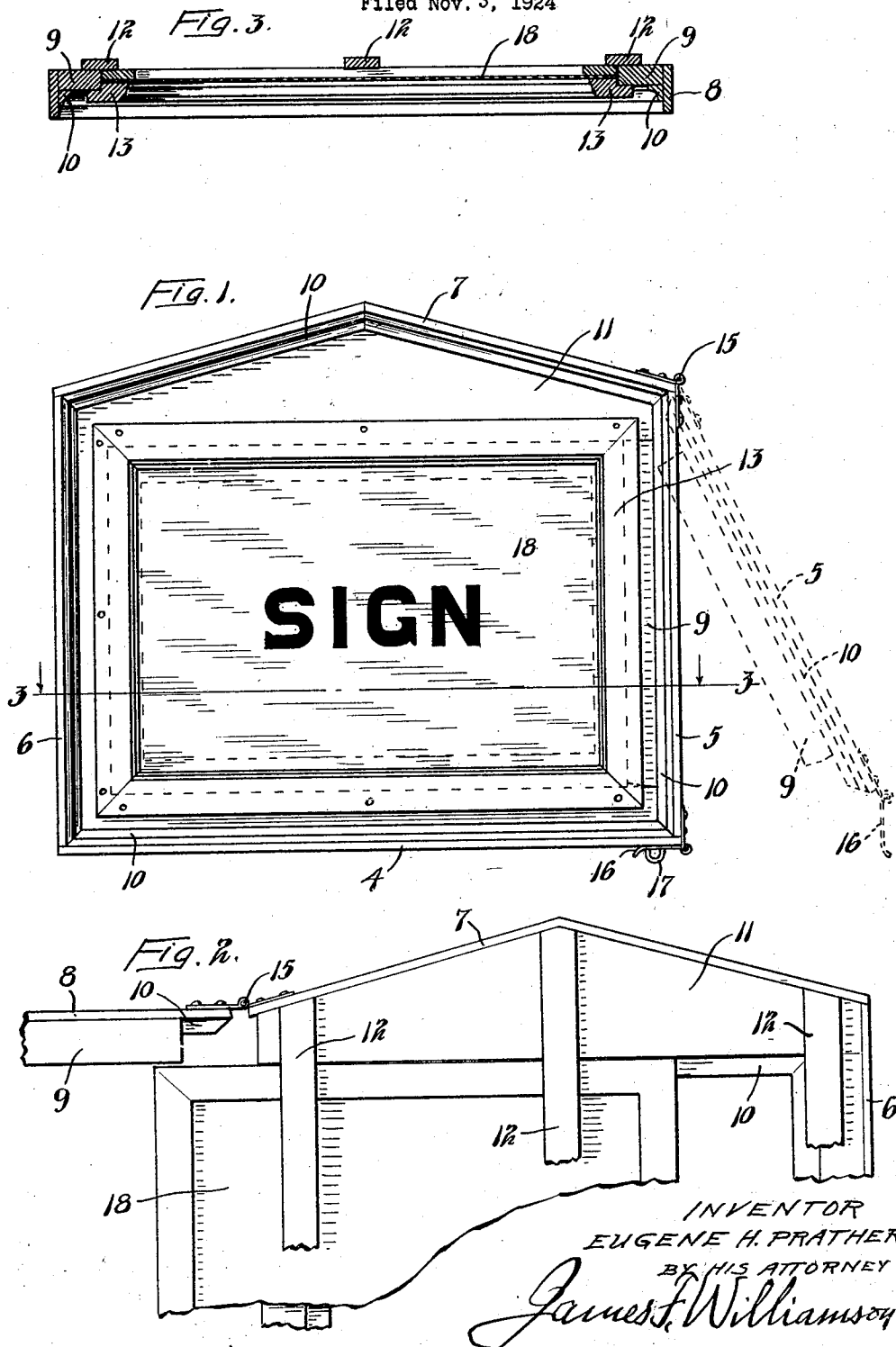
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This invention relates to a sign and particularly to a supporting means or carrying frame for a sign in which the sign proper may be readily inserted or removed so that different signs can be quickly and easily displayed.

It is an object of this invention to provide a simple and efficient supporting means or frame for a sign having one side thereof movable, said frame having a guideway in which the sign is inserted which is closed by said movable member. It is more specifically an object of the invention to provide a rectangular sign frame having an open front and having a guideway formed therein, said frame having a swinging member at one side thereof adapted to expose and to close one end of said guideway whereby a sign can quickly and easily be inserted or removed through said guideway and also held therein.

These and other objects and advantages of the invention will be fully set forth in the following description made in connection with the accompanying drawings in which like reference characters refer to the same parts throughout the different views, and in which,

Fig. 1 is a view in front elevation of the device, a portion thereof being shown in a different position in dotted lines;

Fig. 2 is a partial view in rear elevation of the same showing the device in different positions; and

Fig. 3 is a horizontal section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1, as indicated by the arrows.

Referring to the drawings, a frame adapted to hold a sign is disclosed and while this frame may be of various shapes, in the embodiment of the invention illustrated, the same is shown as substantially rectangular having a bottom portion 4, sides 5 and 6 and a top portion 7, the latter being somewhat pointed. These various side members 4, 5 and 6 are each formed of a pair of members 8 and 9 of rectangular shape in cross section and disposed at right angles to each other, as shown in Fig. 3, which members are preferably separate. The top side of the sign is likewise formed of a substantially triangular shaped member 11 having pieces 8 secured at the edges thereof and overlying the piece 8 of the side portions 5 and 6. A molding 10 is shown as extending about the angle formed at the front of members 8 and 9 for ornamental purposes. A plurality of

strips 12 extend across the rear of the frame, said members being illustrated as extending vertically and the outer ones of which overlap and extend inward of the members 9, strips 12 having their inner surfaces flat against the rear of the members 9 or flush with the rear surfaces of member 9. An inner frame 13 is secured at the inside of the frame described and comprises side, bottom and top pieces shown in cross section in Fig. 3, said pieces being mortised together at the corners and having a rabbet or right angle notch cut therein in one corner fitting over the pieces 9. The inner edges of said pieces are of curved formation for ornamental purposes. I will be seen that a slot or guideway is thus formed in the frame between the member 13 and the rear members 12, the bottom piece 9 and the piece 11 forming respectively, the bottom and top of said guideway. The side 5 of the frame comprising the members 8, 9 and 10, is constructed to swing outwardly and is hinged to the top portion of the frame by the hinges 15, said swinging portion having a hinged latch 16 at its bottom adapted to engage over a keeper 17 illustrated as a staple projecting from the bottom member 4. It will be seen that when the swinging end of the frame is swung outwardly, one end of the guideway referred to will be open. A flat sign shown as 18 can then be slid into the guideway. After the sign is entirely inserted in the frame the swinging side 5 can be closed, as shown in Fig. 1, and the sign is then securely held in the frame. Sign 18, as shown, may comprise a frame with a sheet of material secured thereto.

When it is desired to change the sign it is only necessary to again swing the sign outwardly when the sign can be removed and the matter thereon changed or another sign inserted. Various signs or signs having different matter thereon can thus be displayed at intervals.

The device comprises a sign holder which can be very cheaply made and one which can have an ornamental and attractive appearance. The auxiliary frame 13 constitutes part of the guideway and holding means for the sign, is smaller in outside dimension than the main frame, thus giving a pleasing and ornamental appearance to the front of the device, and at the same time using less material than if it were of the same dimension as the outside frame. The strips 12

constitute an efficient backing for the sign and at the same time are quite cheap to make and some of these strips also co-operate in holding the slidable sign in place and to form the guideway for the sign. The outside frame protects the sign from any rain or moisture when the sign is out in the weather.

From the above description it is seen that applicant has provided a very simple and efficient device. The device comprises few and simple parts which can be readily and easily made and assembled. The device has been amply demonstrated in actual practice and found to be very successful and efficient.

It will, of course, be understood, that various changes may be made in the form, details, arrangement and proportions of the parts without departing from the scope of applicant's invention, which, generally stated, consists in such a device as shown and described and defined in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A sign device having in combination a main frame, enclosing an opening there-through and having one of its sides hinged, an auxiliary ornamental frame of smaller outside dimensions than said main frame secured against the front side of said main frame, said auxiliary frame having an opening of substantially the shape of the opening in said main frame, but of smaller dimensions, whereby the inner peripheral edge of said auxiliary frame will overlap the inner peripheral edge of said main frame, a backing structure secured flush against the rear side of said main frame and traversing

said opening, the inner periphery of said main frame in combination with the inner periphery of said auxiliary frame and the front surface of said backing constituting a guideway, and a sign plate slidable in said guideway when said hinged member is raised and secured within said frame by said hinged member when closed, said sign being displayed through the opening in said ornamental auxiliary frame.

2. A sign device having in combination, a main frame having a bottom with sides extending at right angles thereto and a pointed top side, thus enclosing an opening, said frame having an outer flat surface and having one of its sides hinged at its upper end, an auxiliary frame enclosed in said main frame and being of smaller outside dimensions than said main frame and secured to the front thereof, said auxiliary frame having a smaller opening than said main frame, thus projecting inwardly thereof, a plurality of spaced vertical strips extending across the back of said main frame, the outer ones of which extend inwardly of said main frame and overlap the sides thereof, said outer strips, the rear side of said auxiliary frame and the inner periphery of said main frame forming a guideway for receiving a sign plate, and a sign plate slidable into said guideway when said hinged side of said main frame is raised and secured therein when said hinged member is closed, said sign being displayed through the opening in said auxiliary frame.

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