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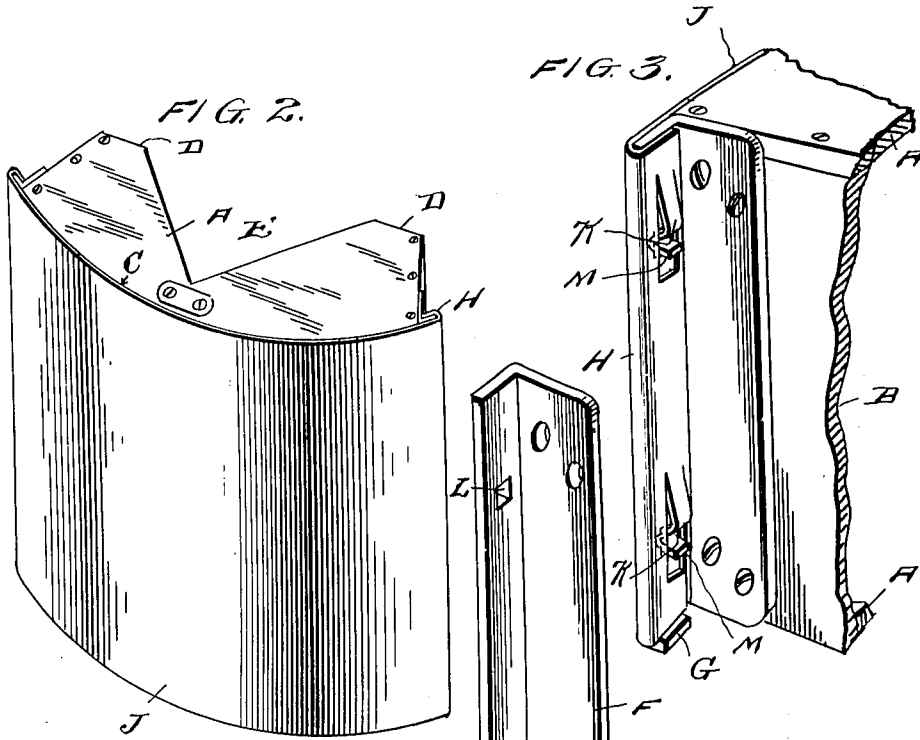
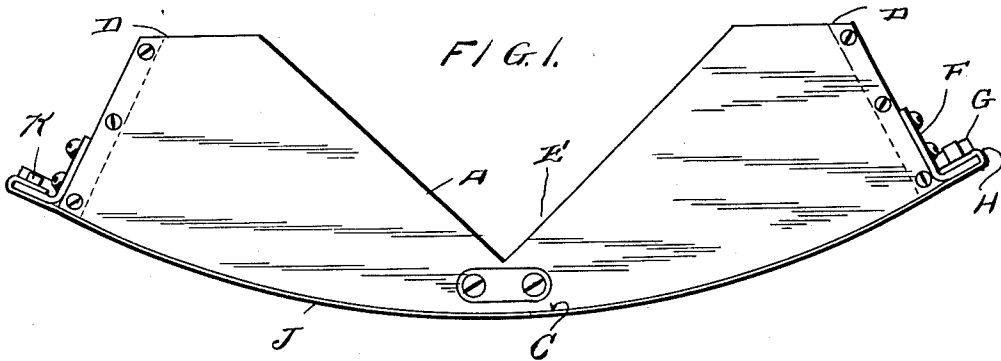


FIG. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IRVING L. HAMMOND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lewiston, in the county of Androscoggin and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Signs, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in signs, and while capable of use upon a flat surface is particularly desirable for attachment to a corner or angular support.

The leading object of my invention is the provision of a sign which will permit the ready application and removal of the sign-plate, and which will prevent accidental detachment of the sign and which improvement will be of the simplest and cheapest possible construction to insure a practical and useful device of this character.

To attain the desired object, my invention consists of a sign embodying a frame or supporting structure, a removable sign-plate, and means for securing said plate in proper position.

The invention further consists of a sign embodying novel features of construction and combination of parts, substantially as disclosed herein.

Figure 1 represents a top plan view of a sign constructed in accordance with and embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a perspective view of my improved sign. Fig. 3 represents a perspective view showing a modified construction of fastening means for the sign plate, and Fig. 4 represents a perspective view of one of the angle brackets for securing the sign plate.

My improved sign is of extremely simple construction, embodying a frame or supporting structure composed of an upper and lower member A, connected by vertical strips B. The members A having the front curved edge or face C, the flat inner faces D, and the cut-out or angled portion E to adapt the frame to fit snugly against a corner, and the flat faces permit the sign to rest against and be secured to a flat surface or wall.

To the exterior of the vertical strips or walls of the frame, is secured the angle

brackets or plates F having the vertical outstanding portion thereof provided at its lower end with a lug G, which forms a stop for the bent portion or cleat H of the sign plate J.

From this construction it will be observed that the sign plate upon whose face the sign is carried rests flat against the curved support or frame and the cleats thereof slide upon the outstanding plate of the angle brackets, and when said sign plate is in proper position, the lower end of said cleats rests upon the lugs of the brackets and are retained in proper position, but the sign can be readily removed by simply withdrawing the same by sliding it out of the brackets.

To prevent accidental detachment of the sign plate, or to prevent said plate from working loose, I provide the bent portion or cleats of the sign plate with spring catches K, stamped from the material, which catches are adapted to engage openings L in the brackets, and the catches are formed with grasping portions or finger pieces M, which permit easy manipulation of said catches.

It will be seen that I provide a sign which will permit instant application or removal of a sign plate and permits the substitution of other signs, and also enables the removal of the sign plate to prevent such plate being injured, also that the open construction of the frame permits the use of a light or illumination in rear of the sign plate, also that the sign may be attached to a corner or upon a flat surface and the construction is so simple, durable and inexpensive as to make the sign thoroughly efficient and practical in every particular.

I claim:

1. A sign consisting of a frame, brackets secured to the ends of said frame and provided with openings and with a lug forming a stop, a sign plate having cleats adapted to engage said brackets and be retained in place by said lug, and spring catches formed on the cleats and engaging said openings to retain the sign plate from accidental detachment.

2. A sign having a curved front face, flat

inner faces and cut-out portion, angle brackets secured to the ends of said frame and provided with lugs, a sign plate adapted to conform to the curved face of the frame
5 and having its ends bent to provide cleats adapted to slide on the brackets and engage the lugs thereof to retain the sign plate in place.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses,

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