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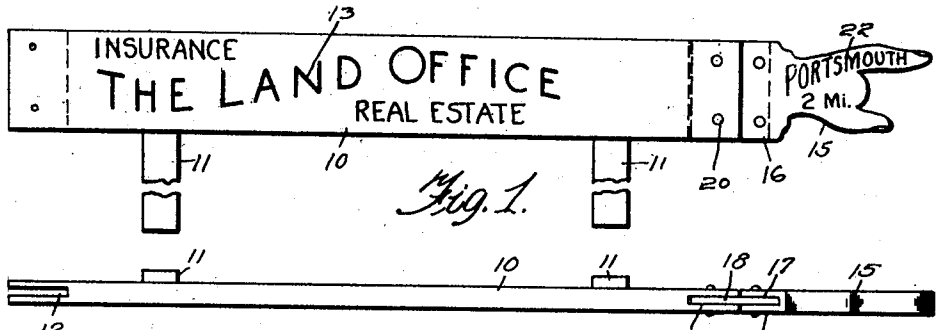


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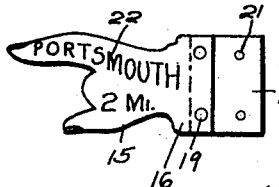


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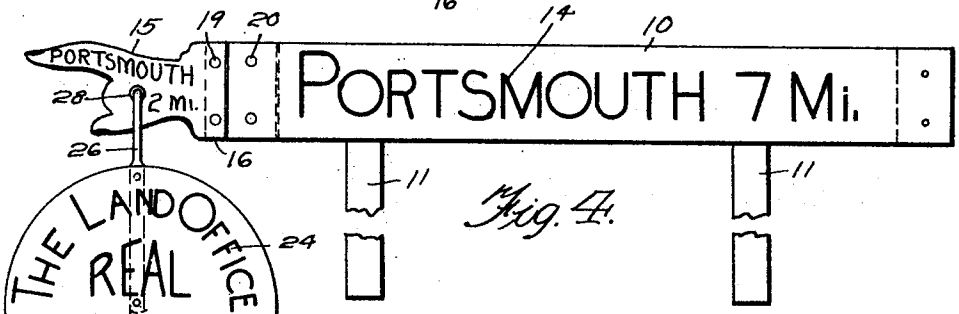


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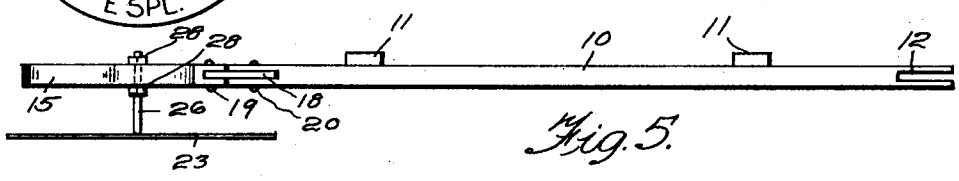


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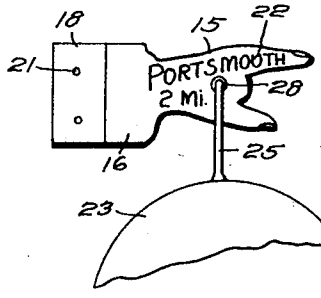


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. G. HANNAH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Portsmouth, in the county of Scioto and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Signs, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in signs.

An important object of the invention is to provide a sign having thereon suitable advertising matter, with a hand associated with the sign, such hand being provided with data concerning the name of a town or location and the distance of the same, the hand pointing in the direction of the location desired, whereby the drivers of vehicles seeking the proper direction and distance of the location will have their attention called to the subject matter of the advertisement.

A further object of the invention is to provide means whereby one hand may be connected with either end of the body of the sign, the hand having the name of the desired town or location placed upon both sides thereof.

A further object of the invention is to provide simple and strong means for detachably connecting the hand with the body portion of the sign, to effect a tight joint between the parts so that the sign as a whole will possess a pleasing appearance.

A further object of the invention is to provide an advertising carrying member or disk which is detachably suspended from the hand, which hand is detachably connected with the body of the sign, whereby the advertising disk is closely associated with the hand and the driver of the vehicle has his attention called to the same.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same,

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of a sign embodying my invention,

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same,

Fig. 3 is an elevation of the opposite side of the hand,

Fig. 4 is a side elevation of a sign embodying a second form of the invention,

Fig. 5 is a plan view of the same, and

Fig. 6 is an elevation of the opposite side of the hand, showing the same carrying the advertising disk or element.

In the drawings, wherein for the purpose of illustration are shown preferred embodiments of my invention, attention being called to Figures 1 to 6, inclusive, the numeral 10 designates the body of the sign, which can be formed of boards, or like material, and may be made in any suitable size. These signs may be made relatively large, if desired, such as 12 feet long and 3 or 4 feet wide. The body 10 is supported by posts or legs 11, rigidly secured thereto by any suitable means. The opposite ends of each body 10 are provided with grooves 12, extending vertically through the same. The forward face of the body 10 is preferably painted white or any other desired color, and this painted face carries the desired data. In the first form of the invention, Fig. 1, advertising matter 13 is printed upon the body 10, while in the second form of the invention, Fig. 4, the data 14 is shown as consisting of the name of a town or location and the distance from the same. It is obvious of course that the subject matter of the data appearing upon the body 10 may be varied, to suit the circumstances, and may be varied in accordance with the particular business in connection with which the sign is used.

The numeral 15 designates a hand which may be cut from wood or the like. This hand is provided in the cuff portion 16 with a vertical slot 17, receiving a connecting strip 18, preferably formed of metal. This connecting strip is held within the slot by bolts 19 or the like. The strip 18 is adapted for insertion within either slot 12 formed in the opposite ends of the body 10, and is adapted to be clamped therein by bolts 20 passing through openings 21 in the strip 18. The hand 15 is thus adapted to be secured to either end of the body 10 and may be employed to point in either desired direction. In order that the same hand may be employed to point in opposite directions, without being inverted, I prefer to paint both sides of the hand, and upon both sides of the hand I print the data 22, which may consist of the name of the town or location in the direction of which the hand is pointing, with the number of miles from such location. It is thus seen that when the hand is secured to either end of the body 10 the data for the location may be properly read. This is an important feature, as the signs

may be made up with one hand, and this hand may be connected to either end of the body, as may be found necessary, when the particular location of the point is ascertained.

The same hand is employed in connection with the second form of the invention, and this hand preferably is also provided with the data 22, upon its opposite sides. In order that the advertising data may be brought closer to the hand, and accordingly closer to the attention of the driver, I provide an advertising element or disk 23, one face of which is painted and provided with the advertising data 24, of a suitable character. This disk is supported by a rod 25, the upper end of which is bent into a horizontal portion 26, and passed through an opening 27 formed in the hand 15. The portion 26 is preferably screw threaded to receive nuts 28, to detachably clamp the rod to the hand. By virtue of this construction, the hand may be shifted to either end of the body 10, and the data upon the opposite side of the hand may be read, and the single side of the advertising device or disk 23 having the data thereon may be retained in view, by securing the rod to the hand.

It is to be understood that the forms of my invention herewith shown and described, are to be taken as preferred examples of the same, and that various changes in the shape, size, and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of my invention or the scope of the subjoined claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. In a sign of the character described, a body having thereon suitable advertising data, a hand having upon its opposite sides identical data including in substance the name of the desired place, and means whereby said hand may be detachably connected with either end of the body so that the hand will point in the proper direction of the location and the data upon the hand may be properly read.

2. In a sign of the character described, a body having suitable data upon its forward face and provided at its opposite ends with slots, a hand provided upon its opposite faces with data which is identical and embodies in substance the name of a desired location in the direction of which the hand is pointing, said hand being provided with a slot, a strip held within the slot of the hand, and detachable means to hold the strip in the slot at either end of the body.

3. In a sign of the character described, a body having suitable data upon its forward face and provided at its opposite ends with slots, a hand provided upon its opposite faces with data which is identical and embodies in substance the name of a desired location in the direction of which the hand is pointing, said hand being provided with a slot, a strip held within the slot of the hand, an advertising element having advertising data thereon, and a rod supporting the advertising element and detachably connected with said hands.

4. In a sign of the character described, a body provided upon its front face with data and having transverse vertical slots formed in its opposite ends, means to support the said body, a hand provided with a transverse opening, a strip secured to the rear end of the hand and adapted to be inserted within the slot at either end of said body, means to clamp the strip within the slot, an advertising disk having data thereon, a rod supporting the disk and having one end bent horizontally to pass through the opening in such hand, and detachable means to clamp the rod in said opening.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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