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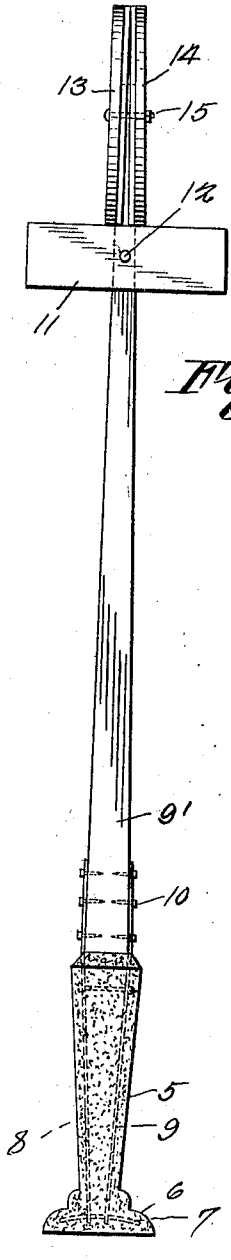


Fig. 1.

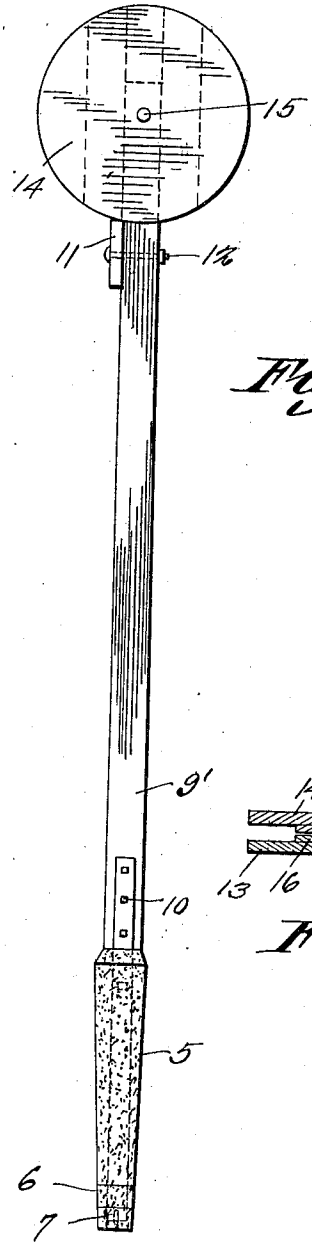


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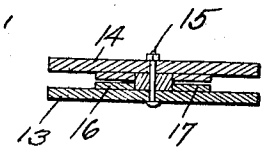


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES HENRY WRIGHTMAN, a citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Dallas, in the county of Dallas and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Signposts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to posts and particularly to those designed for use as sign posts and guiding posts for roads for directing traffic and the like.

The object of this invention is to provide a sign post, the major portion thereof being of wood, which is associated with a concrete base, the invention, in the present instance, being more particularly directed toward simplicity of structure and economy in production and erection for use, whereby the parts may be erected and assembled by unskilled labor.

A further object of this invention is to provide a post having novel head or sign bearing elements with means for attaching the same to the post so that the elements will be held in proper position and prevented from moving relative to the post.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists in the details of construction, and in the arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification wherein like characters denote corresponding parts in the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 illustrates a view in elevation of a post embodying the invention;

Figure 2 illustrates a similar view taken at a position at right angles to that shown in Figure 1; and

Figure 3 illustrates a sectional view through the sign bearing element.

In these drawings 5 denotes a concrete or composition base preferably of the configuration shown with a base flange 6 on which earth may be packed so that the base will be practically immovable after it is once planted except the earth or packing be removed. The base is reenforced by a metal member 7 in that portion of the base having the flange and this metal member engages with metal straps 8 and 9 having adjacent to their lower ends apertures extending through it, which straps 8 and 9 extend above the top of the base in spaced relation to each other to receive between them the lower portion of the post section 9′ which is preferably of wood, it being shown in the drawing that fastenings 10 which may be in the nature of screws or nails extend through the straps and are embedded in the said post member 9′. It will be noted that the post 9′ is tapered longitudinally on the opposite sides and that the other two sides are parallel, as is fully illustrated by Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings.

Near the upper end of the post member 9′, there is a cross arm 11 which is secured to the post member by a fastening 12, such as a bolt and this cross arm is intended to receive advertising matter or indicia directing the course of the traveler.

Two indicia carrying members or advertising elements 13 and 14, are maintained back to back on opposite sides of the upper end of the post 9′, above the cross piece or lower indicia carrying member 11, and the upper members or elements are secured to the post member by a fastening 15 such as a bolt passing through the said elements and through the post member.

Parallel cleats 16 and 17 are secured in suitable manner to the backs of the elements, the said cleats being in spaced relation to each other, the adjacent edges of the cleats bearing against the edges of the post member so that rotation of the elements is obviated and the said elements will be held in proper relation to the post member so that they cannot be rotated to get them out of position, whereby the advertising matter or indicia could be misinterpreted. This assemblage of parts being such that the inner faces of the indicia bearing members 13 and 14 will engage with the tapered upper end portion of the wooden post, they being maintained by the bolt 15 and its nut in downward diverging relation one to the other and that their lower edges engage with the upper board 11, on opposite sides of the vertical center of its attaching bolt 12 to prevent such board sagging at either end.

It might be said in this connection that it is the purpose of the inventor to provide the elements with arbitrary signs or symbols which will correspond with like signs or symbols in a pamphlet or booklet of directions for reading the indicia on the sign boards or elements and therefore if the ele-

ments were disarranged, the indicia would not have the same relation to the horizontal or to the vertical which like symbols in the instructions would have.

From the foregoing description, it will be apparent that sign posts made in accordance with this invention will withstand unusual wear and pressure, due to the action of the wind without disturbing or displacing the sign and that the device can be comparatively inexpensively produced and maintained.

A bolt or bar 16 extends through the metal straps near the upper end of the base and tends to strengthen or reenforce the composition.

The post member 9' has the whole area of its lower end bearing on the base so that movement between the post member and the base will be obviated.

I claim—

A sign post comprising a post having opposite sides which converge and with parallel sides, a pair of indicia carrying members provided with spaced apart cleats which are maintained in parallel relation one to the other the distance between the adjacent edges of the cleats being equal to the width of the parallel sides of the post, means for connecting the indicia carrying members to the post so that a portion of their inner faces will engage with the tapered sides of the post, and a second indicia carrying member attached to one of the parallel sides of the post and having a portion of its upper edge in contact with the lower diverging portions of the other indicia carrying members.

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