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SIGN.
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Fig. 1.

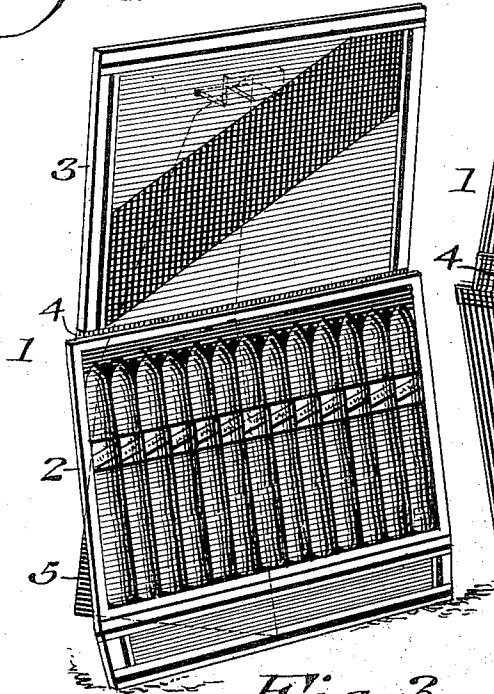


Fig. 2.

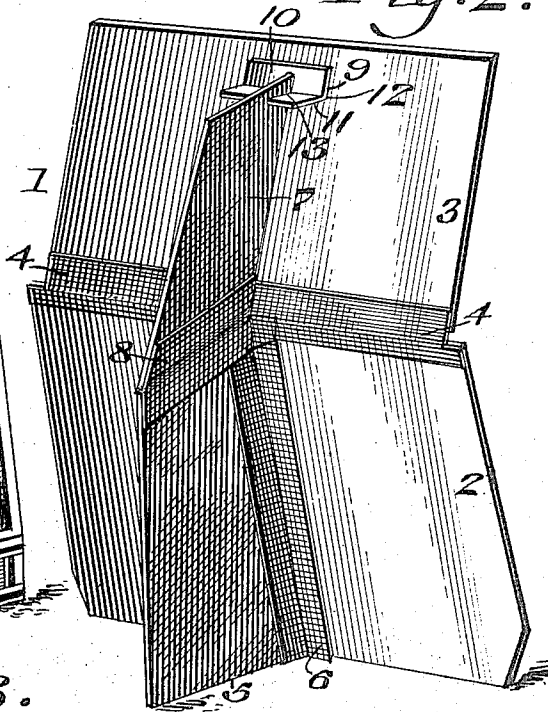


Fig. 3.

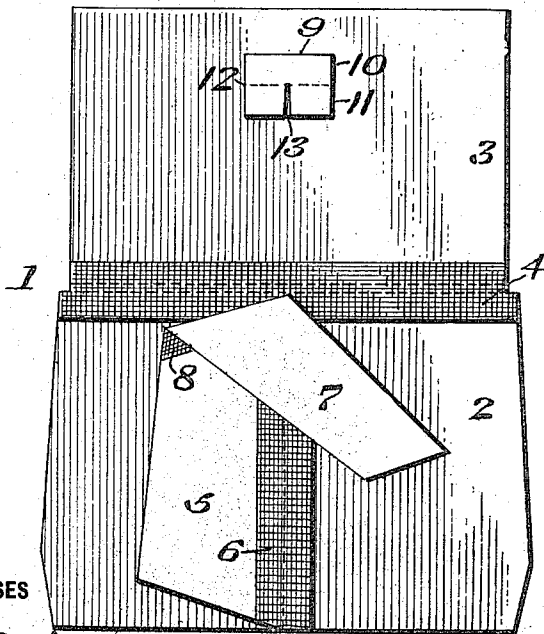
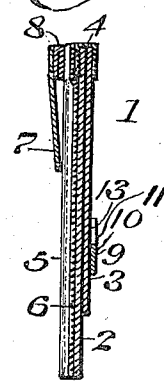


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB BELVILLE BEANS, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Sign, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of an inexpensive and suggestive sign composed of leaves hinged together and adapted to simulate an article such as a box of cigars in open condition, one leaf comprising the body of the box, and the other leaf comprising the lid thereof, and means adapted to sustain the sign in said condition of the box for the best effects of display of the same, said leaves and means being adapted to be folded forming a flat bundle convenient for packing, storage, and transportation.

The invention is satisfactorily illustrated in the accompanying drawing, but the important instrumentalities thereof may be varied, and so it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the specific arrangement and organization shown and described.

Figures 1 and 2 represent perspective views of opposite faces of a sign embodying my invention. Fig. 3 represents a rear view of the sign and its support, the latter in folded condition. Fig. 4 represents a central section of the sign in folded condition.

Similar numerals, of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates the body of the sign, the same being composed of two sheets or leaves of pliable material, such as card or pasteboard, the same being connected by the strip 4 of flexible material whereby said leaves may be opened out as in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, or folded on each other, as in Fig. 4. On the back of the leaf 2 is the leg 5 which is secured to said leaf by the flexible strip 6 which adapts said leg to be opened out as shown in Fig. 2, forming a prop for sustaining the leaf 2 in comparatively upright position as an easel.

On the upper end of the leg 5 is the arm 7, which is connected with the former by the flexible strip 8 which adapts said arm to be

raised and placed in comparatively upright position, as in Fig. 2, or folded on the leg 5 and adjacent portion of the back of the leaf 2 as in Fig. 3, or between the leaves as in Fig. 4.

On the back of the leaf 3 at a place opposite to the raised arm 7 is the keeper 9 which is composed of members 10 and 11 of flexible or pliable material creased along the line 12, forming a hinge, the member 10 being secured to the leaf 3 while the member 11 may be opened out angularly therefrom as shown in Fig. 2, or folded flat against said leaf as in Figs. 3 and 4.

In the member 11 is the slit or incision 13 which is adapted to receive the adjacent portion of the arm 7, it being seen that the edge of said arm is inserted in said slit whereby the arm is held in its elevated and comparatively upright position by said keeper 9, thus retaining the leaf 3 in its operative condition as in Figs. 1 and 2.

It will be seen that the leaf 2 has printed thereon, on what may be termed its front face, the simulation of a box of cigars, and the leaf 3 has printed thereon on the corresponding face the simulation of the lid of said box, and when the parts are in the position shown in Figs. 1 and 2, there is presented the appearance of an open box of cigars forming an inexpensive and suggestive sign which is admirably adapted for advertising purposes.

It is evident that the arm 7 may be withdrawn from the keeper 9 and folded down on the leaf 2 and adjacent portion of the leg 5. The member 11 of the keeper may be folded down on the leaf 3, all as shown in Fig. 3, and the leaves may be folded on each other on the line of the hinge strip 4, with the arm, leg and keeper on the exterior thereof, thus producing the flat and compact bundle as shown in Fig. 4, which is convenient for carrying, handling, packing, storage, transportation, etc., it being noticed that the printed faces of the leaves are within, whereby they are removed from contact with the hands and protected from being scratched or otherwise injured.

Having thus described my invention what



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I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

A sign comprising an upper and a lower leaf having flexible connection at their meeting edges, and a prop foldably secured to the back of the lower leaf and having an arm foldably secured to the upper end of said

prop to be turned upward to form a support for the upper leaf.

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