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ILLUMINATED LICENSE NUMBER AND SIGNAL FOR VEHICLES.
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Fig. 1.

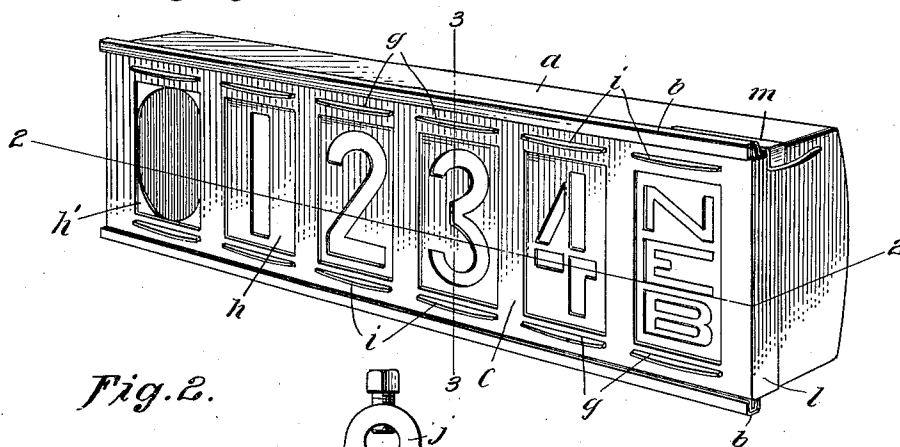


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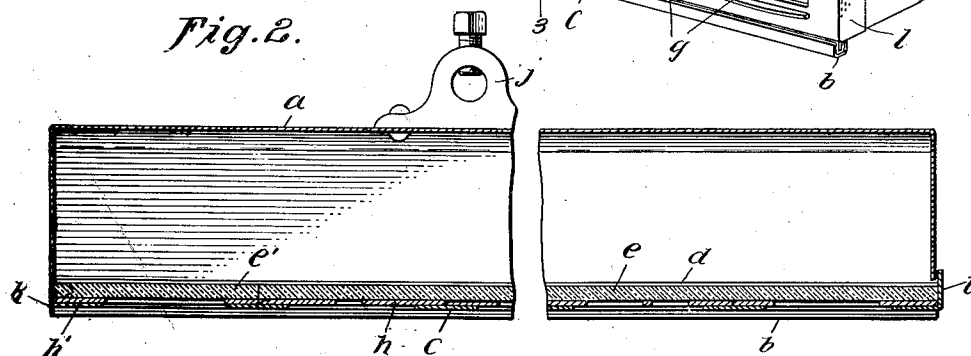


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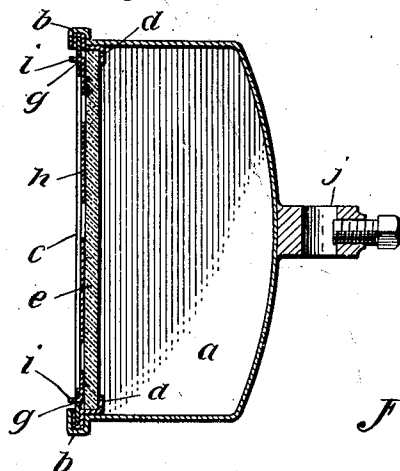


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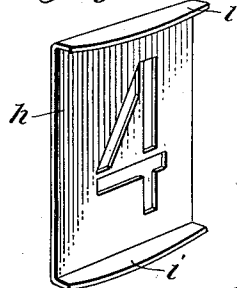
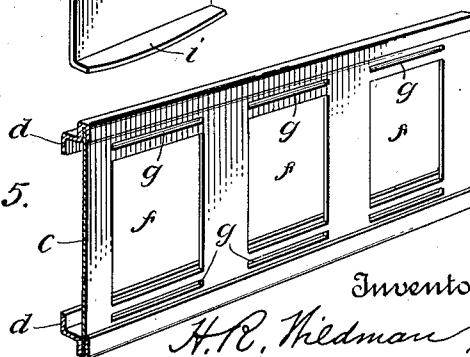


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HOLLAND R. WILDMAN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of York, county of York, State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Illuminated License-Numbers and Signals for Vehicles, of which the following is a full and clear specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my apparatus; Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1; Fig. 4 is a perspective view of one of the number plates; and Fig. 5 is a sectional perspective view of a portion of the number-plate carrying slide.

The object of this invention is to provide a simple apparatus adapted to be carried on a vehicle and to be provided with a series of interchangeable number plates as well as a signal plate, this apparatus being especially useful as a holder for motor vehicle license numbers and signal lights, as more fully hereinafter set forth.

In the drawing *a* designates a box preferably made of sheet metal and having its front open, the upper and lower edges of the open front being bent to form channel ways *b* extending the full length of the box. Slidably mounted in the ways *b* is a slide frame consisting of a vertical plate *c* having crimped or otherwise attached to its upper and lower edges flanges *d* which are bent toward each other to form ways or channels for glass plates *e* and *e'*.

The plate *c* is provided at intervals with windows *f*, and above and below each window is a slot *g*. A series of number plates *h* are confined between the glass plate *e* and the frame-plate *c*, one of these plates being used to cover or close each one of the windows *f* and each being provided with an opening having the shape of a number. The upper and lower edges of these plates are bent outwardly to form flanges *i* which are adapted to fit in the slots *g* and thus removably hold the number plates in position over the windows. At one end of the number carrying frame a plate *h'* is employed which plate instead of having a number

stenciled in it is provided with a suitable opening coincident with the adjacent window. At the back of this plate *h'* the glass plate *e'* is located. The plate *e'* is preferably red so as to provide a signal light at that end of the apparatus. The glass plate *e* is milk white so that in the day time the numbers will show white while in the night time the numbers as well as the signal glass may be illuminated by any suitable appliance placed in the box *a*.

A suitable clamp or other device *j* may be employed to attach the apparatus to a vehicle. The slide frame carrying the numbers etc. is adapted to be slid into the box channels *b* from one end of the box, and the end wall of the box at the end opposite the receiving end is extended outwardly at *k* to form a stop for the sliding frame, and the tail end of the sliding frame is bent inwardly at *l* to overlap upon the adjacent end wall of the box and thus close the joint between said end wall and the sliding frame. A suitable spring catch or other device *n* may be employed to removably lock the sliding frame in position.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In an apparatus of the class set forth, the combination of a box having an open front, the top and bottom front edges of the box being provided with longitudinal channels, a frame plate slidable into and out of said channels and provided with longitudinal way-forming flanges along its top and bottom edges, said frame plate being provided with a series of openings, plates supported on said frame plate lying against the inner face of said frame plate and covering said openings, said plates being removable and being provided with sign characters, and a suitable glass supported in the ways on said frame-plate behind the sign character plates and adapted to hold the said plates in position.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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