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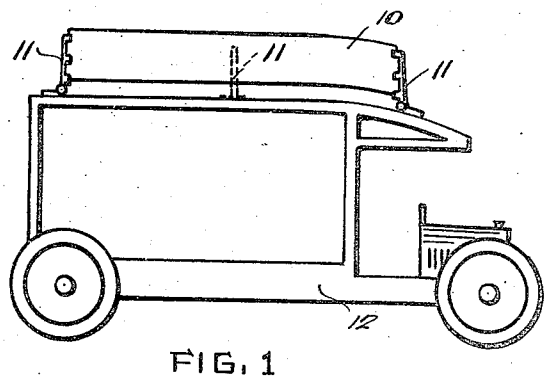


FIG. 1

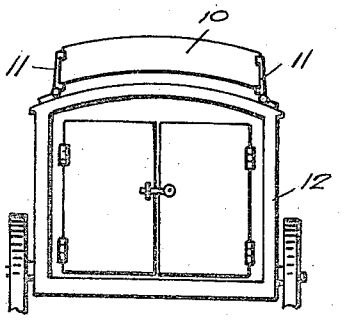


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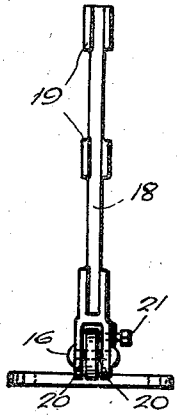


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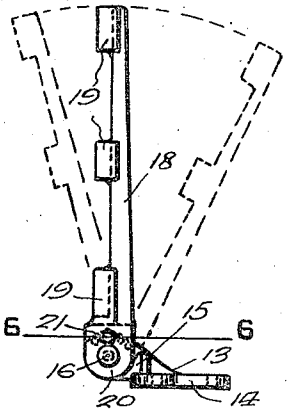


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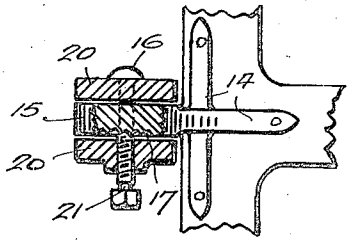


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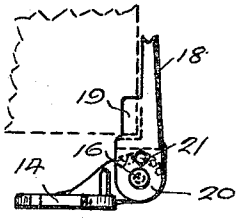


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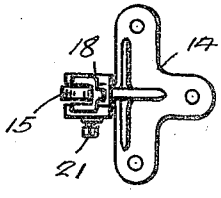


FIG. 5

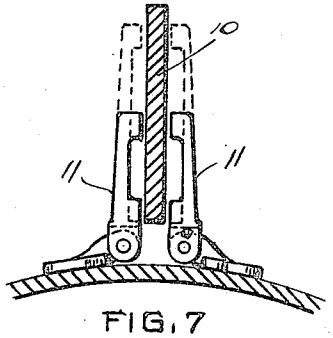


FIG. 7

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. WARK, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Salem, in the county of Columbiana and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Signs and Their Supports, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention relates generally to signs and their supports, and more particularly to advertising panels and the like for moving vehicles, my object being the provision of a sign including a panel and movable adjustable supports with which the panel is associated in a readily detachable and interchangeable manner.

In the accompanying drawing which illustrates my present invention and forms a part of this specification,

Figure 1 is a side view of a vehicle showing the practical application of my invention in connection with a lengthwise disposed sign panel,

Figure 2 is a rear elevation showing the practical application of the invention in connection with a transverse sign panel,

Figures 3 and 4 are respectively a front and side view of one of the panel supporting brackets,

Figure 5 is a top plan view thereof,

Figure 6 is a horizontal section taken on line 6—6 of Figure 4,

Figure 7 is a vertical transverse section illustrating the use of a pair of brackets as intermediate braces, and

Figure 8 is a partial side view illustrating a possible change in the relation of the parts of the bracket.

Referring now to these figures and particularly to Figures 1 and 2 my invention proposes a sign of an advertising or other nature including a panel 10 and supporting brackets 11 with which the panel is detachably and interchangeably associated at its ends in such manner as to support the panel in either a lengthwise disposed position as shown in Figure 1 or a transversely disposed position as shown in Figure 2 with its lower edge in spaced parallel relation to the supporting surface shown in the present instance as the top of the vehicle 12.

Each of the supporting brackets 11 consists of a base 13 having a lower horizontal flat and apertured portion 14 which may be secured to the surface above which the sign panel is to be supported, by means of screws and like fastening members passing through its apertures. This base 13 also has a vertically disposed wing 15 which rises from the flat portion 14 and inclines beyond one side thereof. The wing has a central aperture for the reception of a pivot bolt 16 and the like and is provided with a series of notches or recesses 17 as shown best in Figure 6 arranged in an arcuate series concentric to the pivot bolt aperture.

In addition to the base 13, each bracket has an upright supporting arm 18 having at spaced points therealong pairs of laterally outstanding lugs 19 of which the lugs of each pair are spaced from one another to receive one end of the sign panel 10 therebetween. The lower portion of the lower lugs 19 is closed so as to form a rest for the lower edge of the sign panel 10 adjacent to its ends, and the lower end of each panel supporting arm 18 has depending ears 20 to receive the wing 15 of the base 13 therebetween. These ears have central apertures receiving the pivot bolt 16 and one thereof is provided with a transversely threaded set screw 21 which is adapted to be turned into and out of the notches or recesses 17 of the base wing so as to support the upright 18 in various degrees of vertical inclination as will be obvious by a comparison of the full and dotted lines of Figure 4.

In the support of a sign the base 13 may be either disposed outwardly of the upright arm 18 with respect to the sign panel as shown in Figures 1 to 6 inclusive, or it may be turned inwardly as seen in Figure 8 and it is also quite obvious that the structure of my improved supporting bracket readily adapts the same for use as a side brace between the ends of the sign panel and in contact with opposite sides thereof as shown in Figure 7.

It is also obvious that the adjustments of the upright supporting arm 18 of each bracket permits the ends of the sign panel to be firmly and evenly engaged so as to avoid rattling irrespective of the inclination of the supporting surface, varying degrees of curvature of which will of course be met with in the support of signs upon motor and other vehicles and by the use of a sign of this character and construction it is obvious the panel may be readily changed so that while ordinarily used to display the name and location of a business house, it

may by interchange be used to advertise specialties and the like.

I claim:

1. A sign consisting of a panel and supporting brackets for the panel, each of said brackets having a base piece including a flat apertured portion and a vertically disposed wing, and an upright arm having laterally spaced lugs in pairs in its length and having spaced ears at its lower end straddling and pivoted to the said wing of the base.

2. A sign consisting of a panel and supporting brackets for the panel, each of said brackets having a base piece including a flat apertured portion and a vertically disposed wing, and an upright arm having laterally spaced lugs in pairs in its length and having spaced ears at its lower end straddling and pivoted to the said wing of the base, said wing of the base having a series of recesses around the pivot and said upright arm having a set screw threaded laterally through one of its ears for extension within a selected recess.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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