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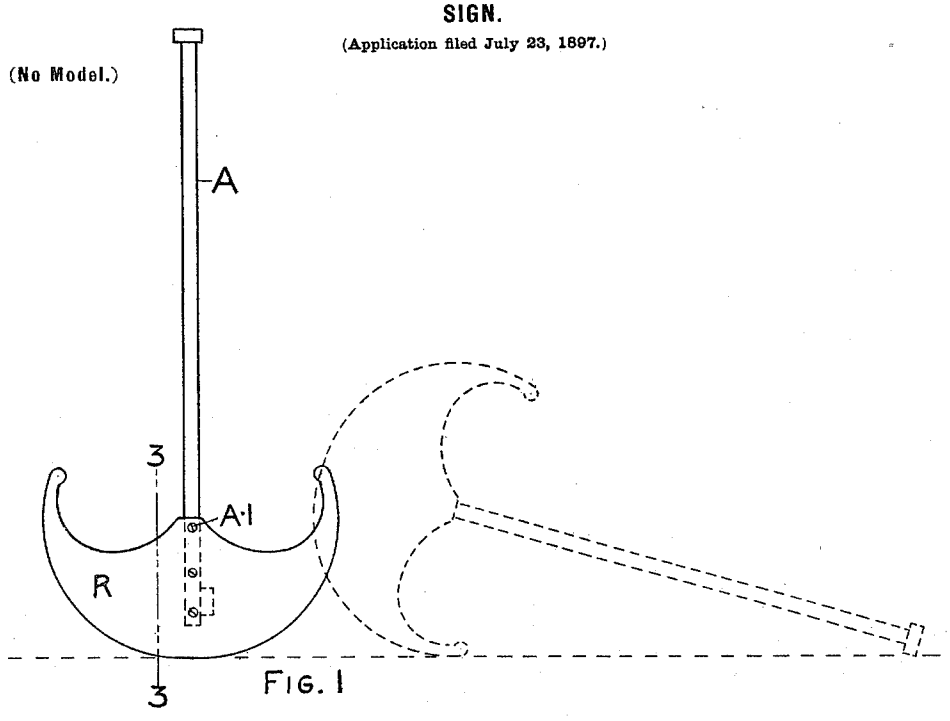


FIG. 1

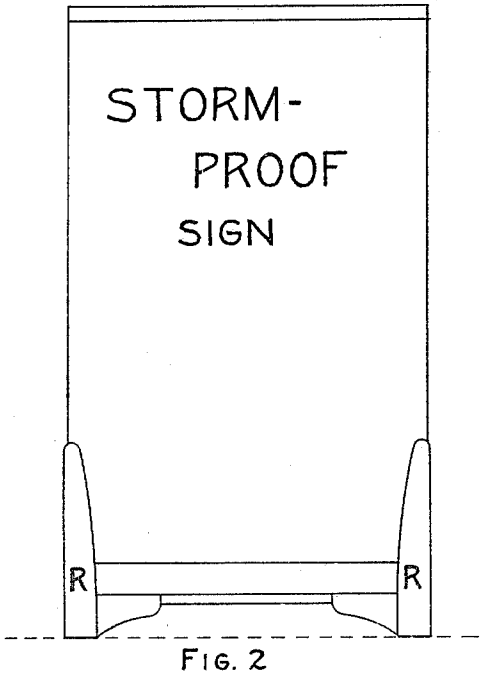


FIG. 2

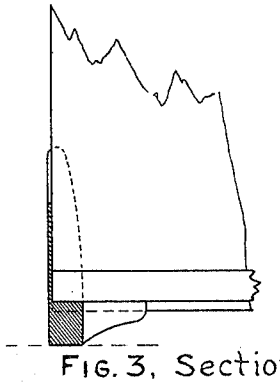


FIG. 3, Section on 3-3

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILMER M. WEBB, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Signs, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to signs and the like for advertising purposes, and has for its object to provide a new and improved device for this purpose, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a device embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the device shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a section on line 3 3 of Fig. 1 with parts omitted.

Like letters refer to like parts throughout the several figures.

One of the objects of my invention is to provide a sign for attracting attention by its rocking motion.

Another object of my invention is to provide a sign which cannot be blown over and which will right itself or be automatically brought back to its normal position after having been thrown down.

Referring now to the drawings, which illustrate one form of my invention, I provide a sign-board A of any suitable description and adapted to contain any desired advertising matter. To this sign-board I connect the rockers R, preferably made of metal and weighted at the bottom, the rockers being so constructed that the center of gravity is always within the base. The sign-board A may be attached to the rockers in any suitable manner—as, for example, by means of the screws A'.

It is of course evident that the several parts of this device may be varied in form, construction, and arrangement without departing from the spirit of my invention, and I have only attempted to show one of the simplest forms of my device. I therefore do not limit myself to the construction shown.

The use and operation of my invention are as follows: When the device is in use, the advertising matter is placed upon one or both sides of the board A and the device is located in any suitable place. The parts are so arranged that the device is rocked to and fro by the wind, and hence attracts attention to the advertising matter on the sign-board. The parts are also so constructed that the device is not displaced by storm, for the sign-board may be blown down to the position shown by the dotted lines in Fig. 1, and when the wind stops or decreases sufficiently it will return to its normal position automatically.

I claim—

1. An advertising device, comprising a board or the like upon which the advertising matter is placed, said board provided with one or more poised rockers upon which it is supported, the whole so constructed that the board is free to vibrate when acted upon by the wind.

2. An advertising device, comprising a board or the like adapted to receive the advertising matter, one or more poised rockers upon which said board is supported, said rockers weighted at the bottom so that the center of gravity will always be within the base during all the various positions of said board the material of the rockers being symmetrically disposed with relation to said board.

3. An advertising device, comprising a vibratory sign-board or the like upon which the advertising matter is placed, two poised rockers between which said board is received, the board being fastened to the rockers, said board connected with said rockers so as to cause the rockers to vibrate when the board is acted upon by the wind, the parts so proportioned that the rockers tend to move to a position to hold the board upright when no pressure is applied to the board.

4. An advertising device, comprising a vibratory sign-board upon which the advertising matter is placed, two poised rockers between which said board is received, the board being fastened to the rockers so as to cause the rockers to vibrate when the board is located in a current of moving air, the rockers so proportioned that the action of the air causes the board and rockers to vibrate back and forth so as to attract attention to the sign-board.

5. An advertising device, comprising a vibratory sign-board, two rockers between which said board is received, the board being fastened to the rockers so as to cause said

rockers to vibrate when the board is located in a current of moving air, said rockers provided with upturned ends, the board extending downwardly below the upper ends of the rockers at the points where it is attached thereto, a ledge on the lower part of said rockers upon which said board rests.

6. An advertising device, comprising a vibratory piece upon which advertising matter is placed, two rockers upon which the said piece is symmetrically mounted, said rockers weighted at the bottom, the material of the rockers being symmetrically disposed on the opposite sides of said piece, the piece connected with the rockers so that the entire device is vibrated when the piece is acted upon by the wind, the symmetrical disposition of the parts causing the device to normally stand in a balanced upright position, so that it moves as readily to one side as the other when a slight force is applied thereto.

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