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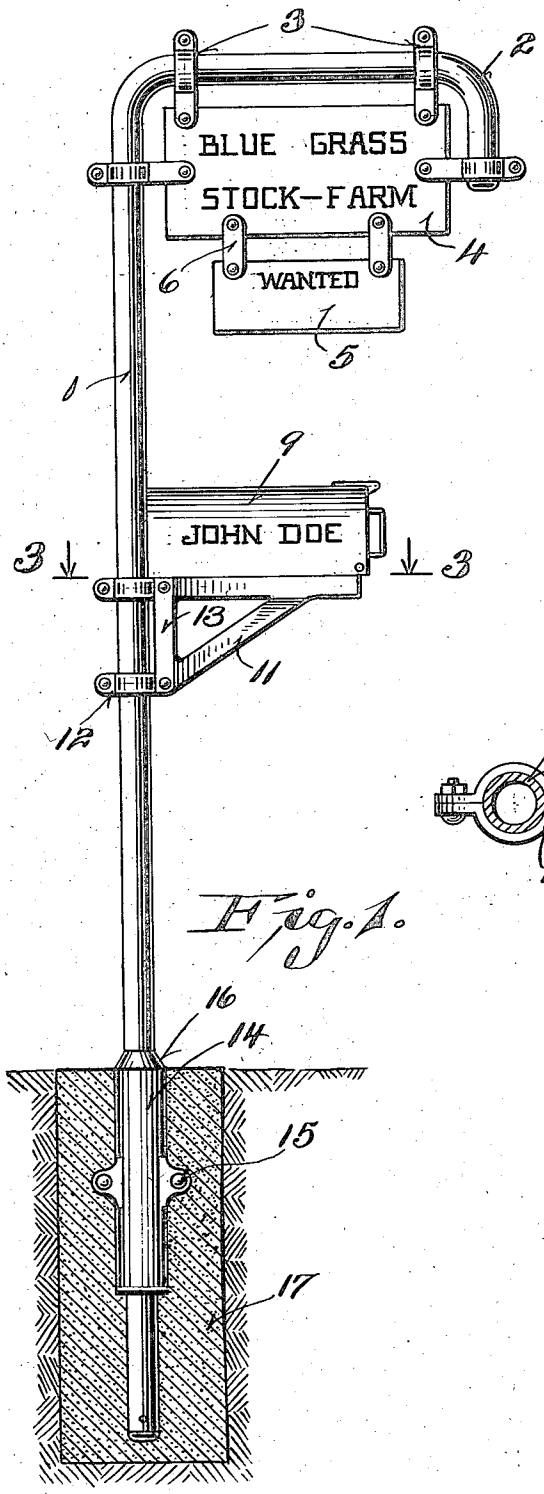


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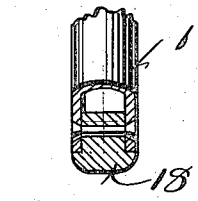


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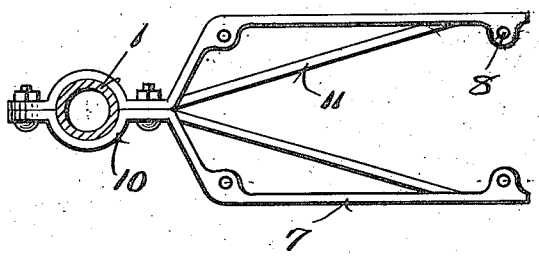


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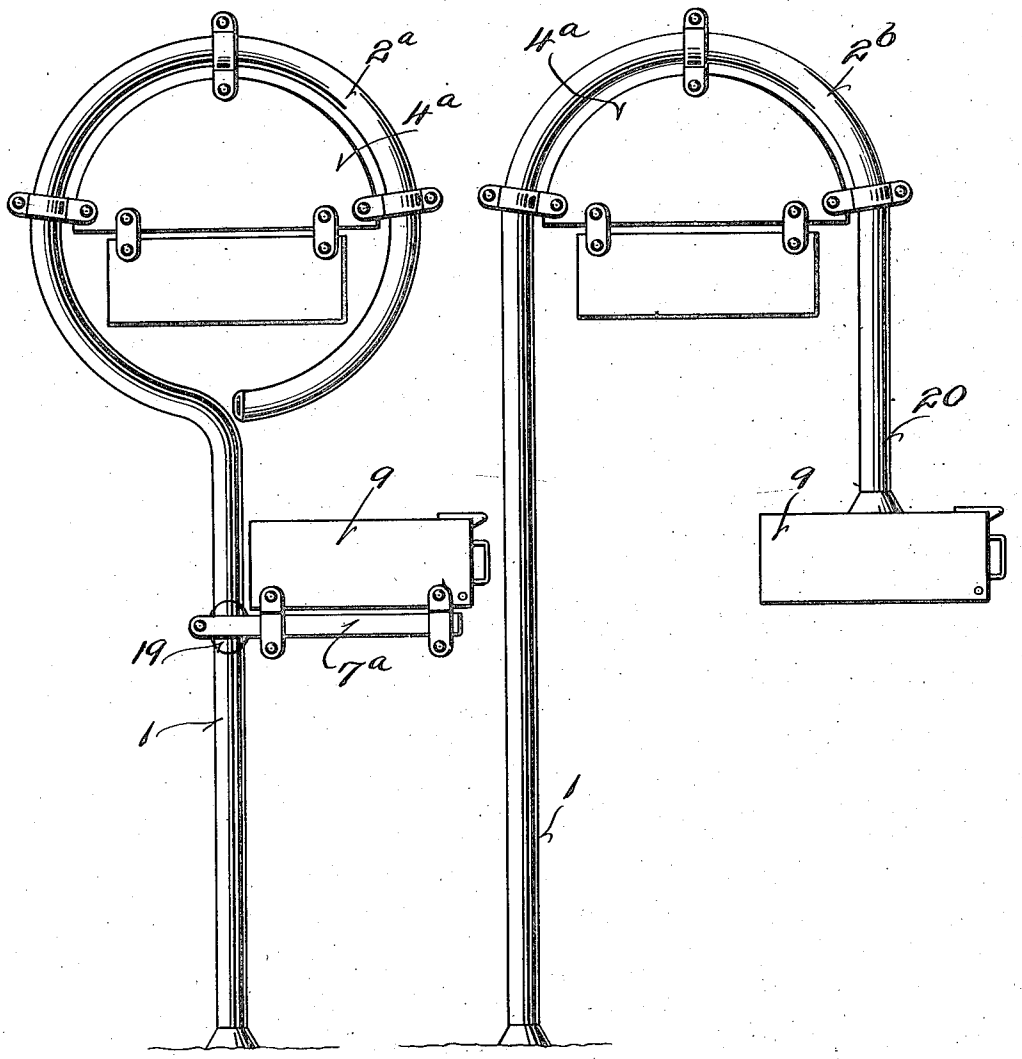


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BERNARD A. BELLING, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Beaver Dam, in the county of Dodge and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Signposts; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to a new and improved sign post which is particularly adapted to be used in front of farm dwellings for supporting a mail box, advertising signs, and the like.

One of the objects of the invention is generally to improve the structure of this class of devices and particularly the means by which the various articles are supported.

A further object of the invention is to provide means for securely mounting the device and also to protect the same against deterioration from corrosion and the like.

In the accompanying drawing:—

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of my device.

Figure 2 is a detail view of the lower end of the post which extends into the ground.

Figure 3 is a sectional plan view on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a front elevational view of a modified form of the invention, and

Figure 5 is a front elevational view of another modification.

The invention comprises a post 1 formed preferably of seamless steel tubing and having its upper end bent laterally in the shape of an inverted U. A number of clamps are applied to this U shaped portion to support a sign board 4. An advertising sign 5 may also be supported by means of the links 6. A bracket 7 is attached to the post intermediately of its height and is provided with ears 8 to which a mail box 9 may be secured. The bearing surface of the bracket which is preferably in the form of a fork as shown is extended to form a clamp 10 which is secured to the post. Downwardly inclined braces 11 extend from the bracket and at their ends are provided with a second clamp 12 in vertical registration with clamp 10. A reinforcing member 13 is also provided which extends vertically between the two clamps. The lower portion of the post which enters the ground is provided with a split bearing 14 which is secured by means of rivets 15 or the like passed through laterally projecting anchoring ears. This bearing sleeve is made from comparatively non-corrosive material and is provided with a beveled upper end 16 which extends above the surface of the ground in order to shed water from around the base of the post. The post is preferably set in concrete 17 as shown and the lower end of the tubing may be provided with a cap 18 to prevent the wet concrete from oozing into the tubing before it becomes set.

In the modified form of the invention as shown in Figure 4, the upper portion of the post 1 is bent into the shape of a circle 2^a with the sign board 4^a conforming in shape thereto. The brackets 7^a which supports the mail box 9 may also be clamped to the post as shown at 19 and the braces may be omitted.

In the form shown in Figure 5 the upper portion of the post is bent in the form of a semicircle 2^b which receives the sign board 4^a and the extremity of the post is extended downwardly as at 20 and supports the mail box 9.

It will also be apparent that other modifications may be made in the details of construction without departing from the scope of the invention as claimed.

I claim as my invention:—

A device of the character described, comprising a vertical standard formed throughout of a single piece of seamless steel tubing, having its upper portion bent outwardly and downwardly, with its terminal positioned below such bend, a sign board positioned within the space enclosed by the bent portion of such tubing, and clamps engaging said tubing and said sign board and permanently spacing said sign board from said bent portion.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand at Beaver Dam, in the county of Dodge and State of Wisconsin.

BERNARD A. BELLING.