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Fig. 1

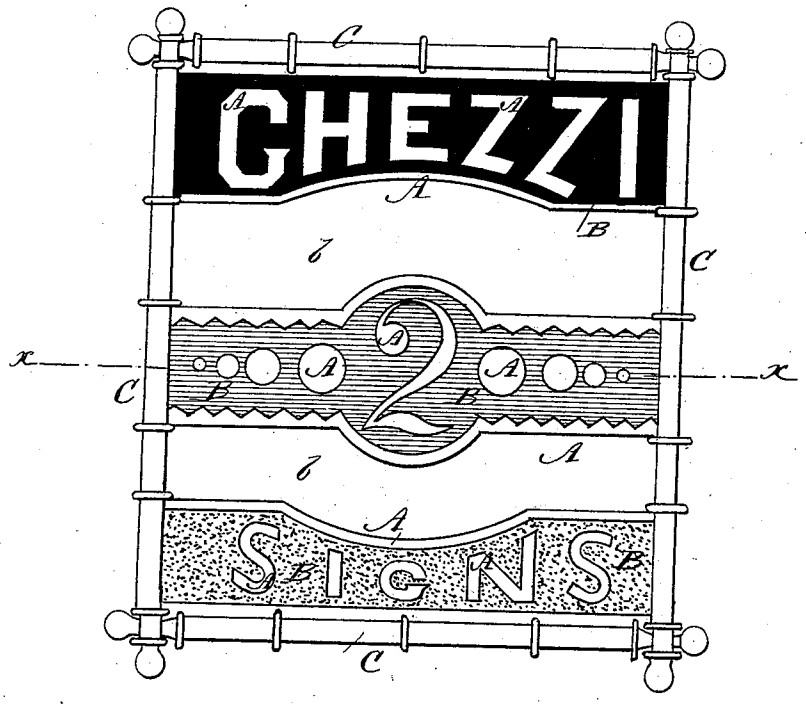
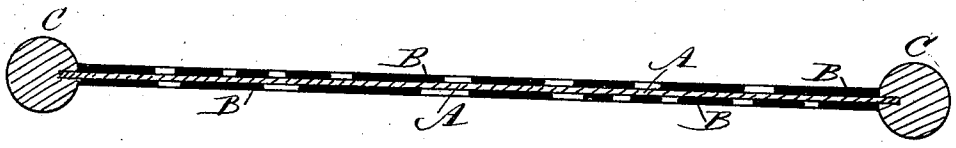


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROMEO ERNESTO GHEZZI, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Signs, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 represents a face view of a sign made in accordance with my invention, and Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the same on the line *x x* in Fig. 1, but upon a larger scale.

This invention relates to signs of various kinds, both fixed and hanging or swinging, without restriction to shape or design or purposes for which they may be used.

The object of the invention is to produce a cheap stencil-sign which shall be weather or water proof, and in which the design or lettering shall appear upon a suitable base, also in which the stenciled material, through which the design or lettering appears in marked contrast on the base, shall be readily conformable to different-shaped bases and capable of yielding with the base.

To these ends the invention consists in a sign having a base of sheet metal or other suitable material, on which is cemented a stencil of water-proof paper or other flexible water-proof material.

The sign may or may not be mounted in any suitable frame, and the design or lettering depicted on it be made on either one or both sides of it.

In the drawings, the base A is shown divided into a series of bases, with open spaces *b* between them; but it may present an undivided surface and be inclosed by a frame, C, or not. It may either be flat or curved on its surface, and have the stencil-covering B applied to it either on both sides, as shown in Fig. 2, or on one side only. Said base A it is preferred to make of sheet metal; but it may be of any other suitable material. The same may be plated, painted, polished, or otherwise suitably prepared on its surface. It may be thus prepared over its entire surface or surfaces to give a background of any desired color or colors in marked contrast with the stencil or stencil-covering B applied to it. The stencil B on one or both of its surfaces is made of water-proof paper, water-proof cloth, or other like flexible material which shall be water-proof. It may be very cheaply made in quantities suitable for any number of signs by piling sheets of water-proof paper into a block, and then cutting or stamping them out by a press into as many stencils as there are sheets. These flexible stencils B may be sanded, painted, or otherwise suitably prepared on their outer surface in marked contrast to the background of the base A, to which they are applied. They may be made to adhere to their respective bases by applying any suitable water-proof cement to their backs and firmly fixing them to their bases by heavy pressure in a press.

A sign having sheet metal for its base and a water-proof paper stencil cemented thereon may not only be made cheap, as hereinbefore described, but will be generally flexible, durable, water-proof, and prominent as regards its design or lettering.

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

1. An improved sign having a stencil of fibrous water-proof material secured upon a suitable base or background, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. In a sign, the combination, with the base or background A, of sheet metal, of the stencil B, of fibrous water-proof material, cemented to the said background, the said stencil and background being ornamented in marked contrast with each other, substantially as herein shown and described.

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