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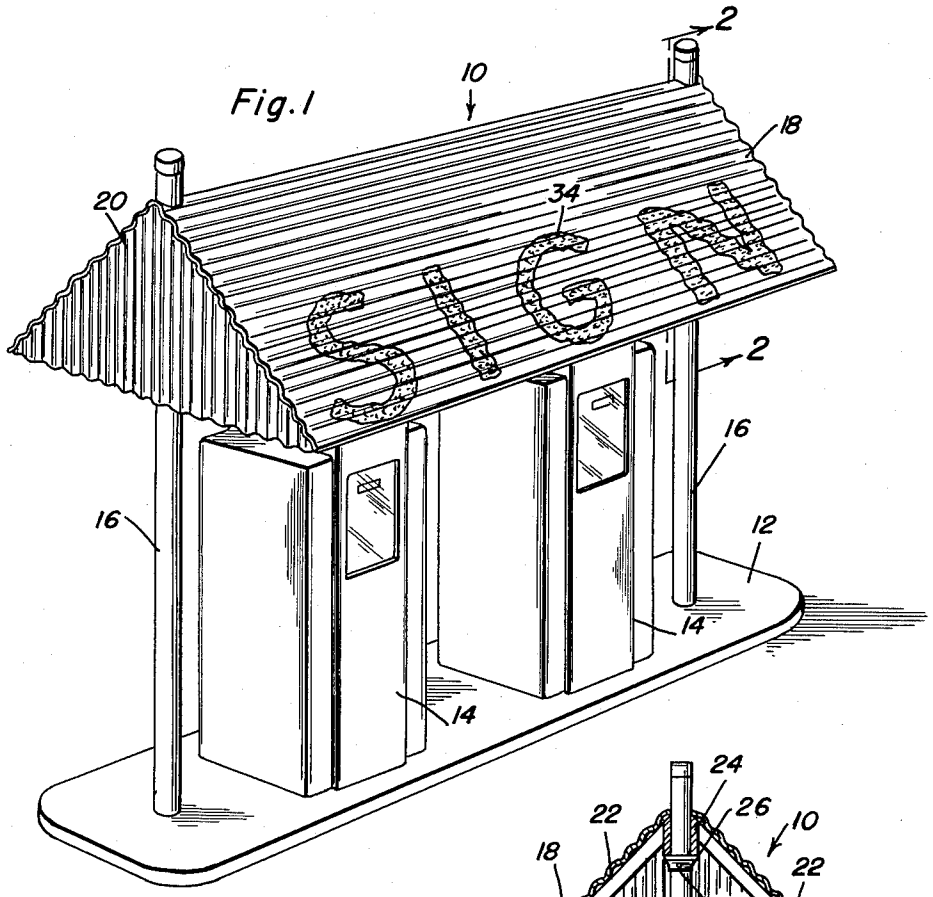


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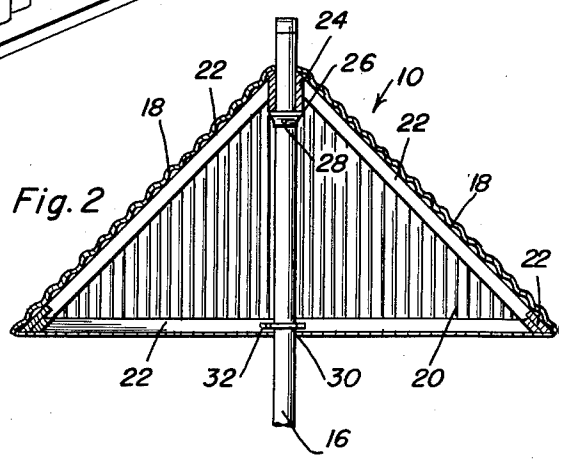
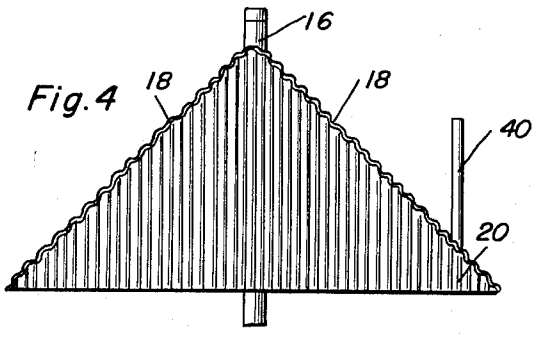


Fig. 4



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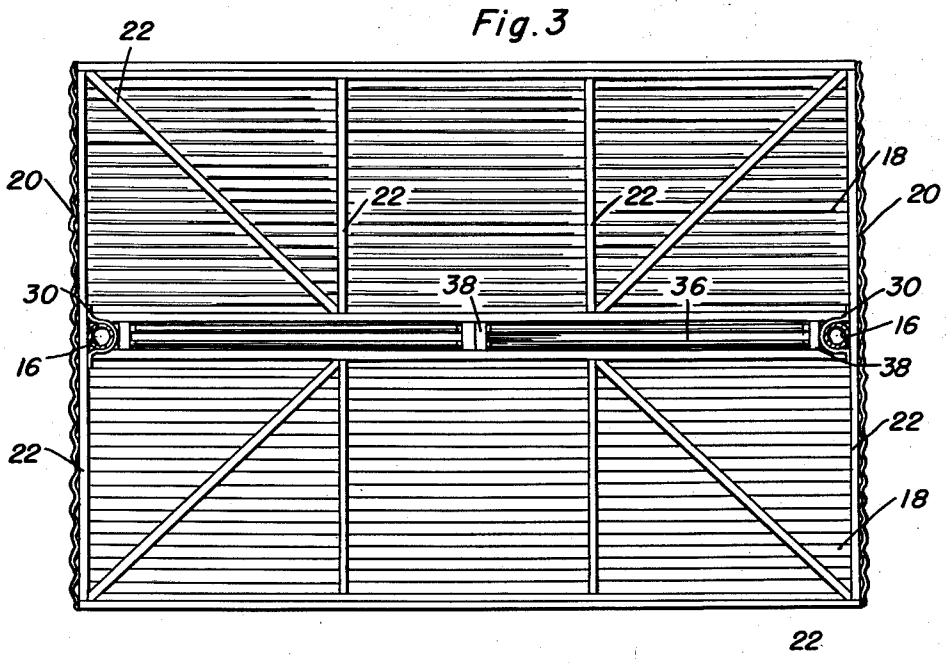


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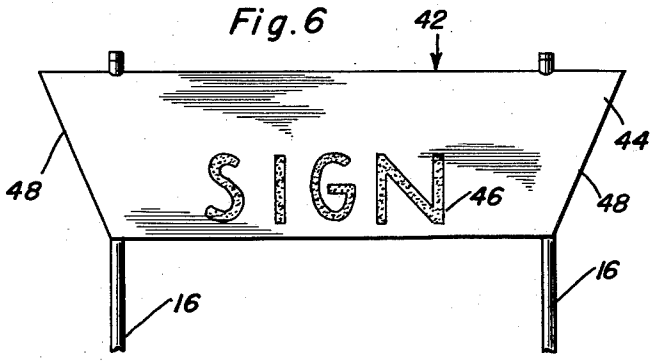
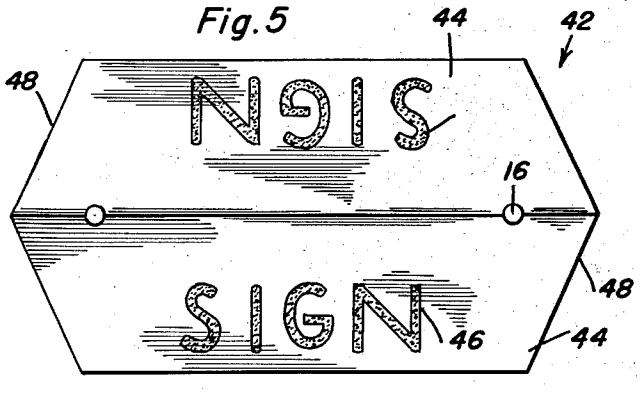


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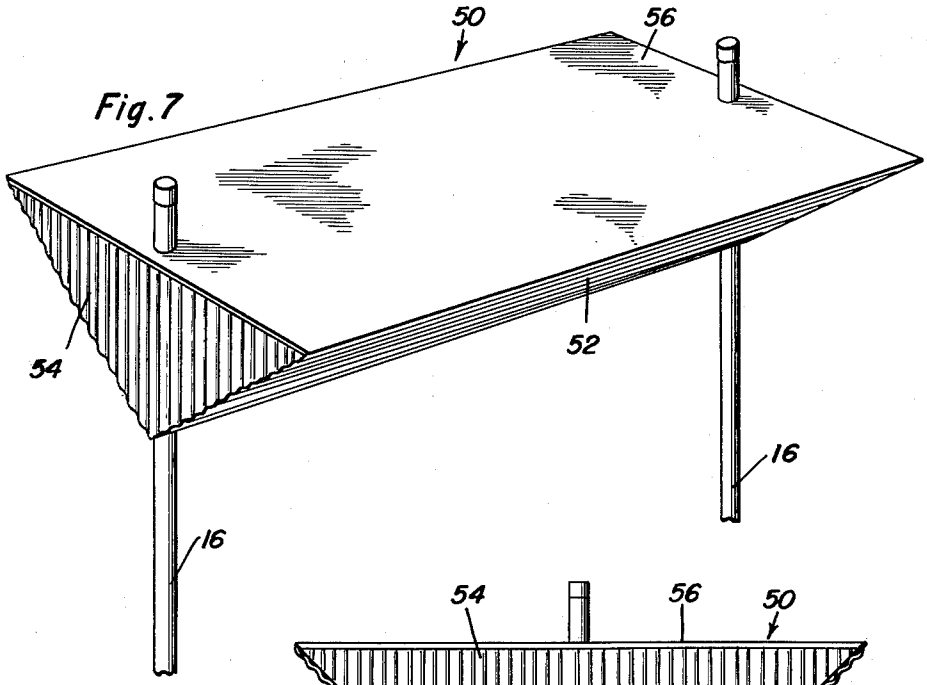


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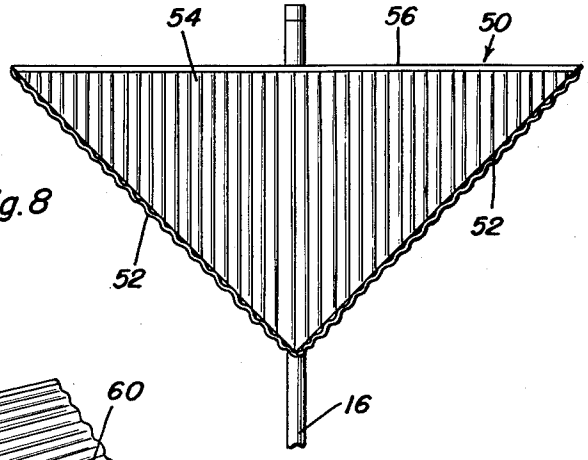
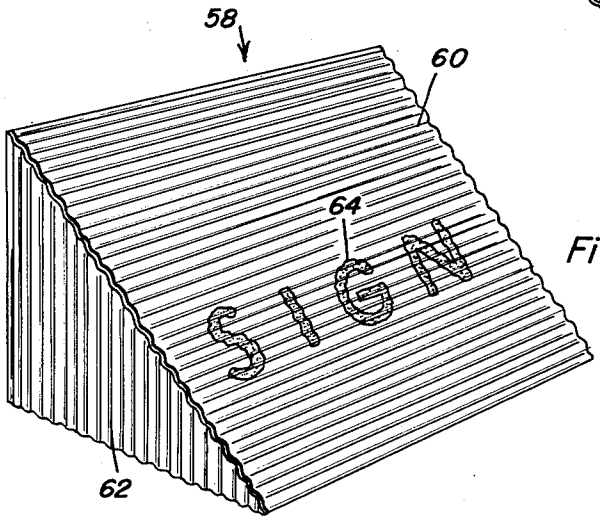


Fig. 9



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This invention relates to a combined sign and shelter that is especially adapted for use in gasoline service stations or other similar places that may conveniently and successfully combine an advertising sign and shelter.

An object of this invention is to provide a combined sign and shelter that is specifically adapted for gasoline service stations wherein the shelter is constructed of translucent waterproof panels that may have suitable advertising indicia thereon for conveying an advertisement to the public.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a combined sign and shelter conformable to the preceding object wherein the advertising indicia may be in the form of translucent or opaque lettering and illuminating means may or may not be provided in association therewith for enhancing the novel effect and attention provoking qualities of the advertisement.

Still another important object of the present invention is to provide a combined sign and shelter that is simple in construction, rugged, easy to adapt to existing structures, well adapted for its intended purposes and relatively inexpensive to manufacture and construct.

These together with other objects and advantages which will become subsequently apparent reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming a part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view of the combined sign and shelter of the present invention in use in conjunction with a gasoline service station;

FIGURE 2 is a transverse, vertical sectional view taken substantially upon a plane passing along section line 2—2 of FIGURE 1 showing the details of construction of the mounting means for securing the combined sign and shelter to their supporting members;

FIGURE 3 is a bottom plan view of the combined sign and shelter of FIGURE 1;

FIGURE 4 is an end elevational view similar to FIGURE 2 showing a modified form of sign and shelter;

FIGURE 5 is a top plan view of the construction of FIGURE 4;

FIGURE 6 is a side elevational view of the construction of FIGURE 5;

FIGURE 7 is a perspective view of another modified form of the sign and shelter;

FIGURE 8 is an end elevational view similar to FIGURE 4 showing the modified form of the combined sign and shelter; and

FIGURE 9 is a perspective view showing yet another modified form of the combined sign and shelter.

Referring now specifically to FIGURES 1–3, it will be seen that the numeral **10** generally designates the combined sign and shelter of the present invention that is especially useful in conjunction with a gasoline service station having a concrete island **12** with gasoline dispensing pumps **14** positioned thereon. A pair of vertical supports **16** are embedded in the concrete island **12** adjacent the ends thereof and extend vertically above the gasoline pumps **14** wherein the supports **16** are in the form of tubular members having closed upper ends. It will be understood that the combined sign and shelter **10** of the present invention may be attached to existing light poles or other structure already positioned in previously constructed service stations. The combined sign and shelter **10** includes a pair of panels **18** that slope upwardly in converging relation and join in an apex, and the ends of the panels **18** are closed by generally triangular panels **20** wherein the panels **18** and **20** are secured to triangular framing **22** as shown in FIGURE 2 that extends about the lower periphery of the panels **18** and **20** and includes reinforcing transverse members and central reinforcing longitudinal members. At each end of the combined sign and shelter **10** is provided a tubular socket **24** and the tubular supports **16** are provided with a collar **26** with a setscrew **28** thereon for supporting the sign and shelter **10** thereon. The lower edges of the central portions of the end panels **20** are secured to the supports **16** by U-shaped clamps **30** that are attached to the framing **22** by suitable fastening means **32**. The panels **18** and **20** are corrugated, and the sloping panels **18** are provided with indicia **34** thereon. The panels **18** and **20** are transparent and the indicia **34** is opaque whereby the indicia **34** will stand out and people's attention will be drawn thereto. As shown in FIGURE 3, elongated lighting means **36** may be provided for illuminating the interior of the sign and shelter **10**, thereby assuring that the indicia **34** will stand out at night as well as in the daytime. The lighting means **36** may be any well known fluorescent type of fixture with suitable socket **38**.

As shown in FIGURE 4, the indicia or advertising medium may be positioned on the panels **18** in an upstanding position substantially as shown at **40** wherein the letters or indicia **40** will stand out against the transparent panels **18** that may or may not be illuminated by the illuminating means **36**. The remainder of the structure is is the same and need not be discussed inasmuch as the only modification is the vertically upstanding sign formed by the indicia **40**.

Referring now specifically to FIGURES 5 and 6 wherein the numeral **42** designates a modified form of the combined sign and shelter and wherein a pair of upwardly converging panels **44** are joined at an apex that is coincident with the upstanding supports **16**. The upwardly and inwardly sloping panels **44** are transparent and provided with suitable advertising indicia **46** thereon for conveying a message to the public. It will be seen that the outer edges of the panels **44** slope upwardly and outwardly, as indicated by the numeral **48**, thereby extending the effective area of the shelter wherein the efficiency of the combined sign and shelter **42** is increased. The panels **44** may be transparent with suitable illuminating means thereunder for use when desired. The indicia **46** are opaque so as to stand out against the transparent panels **44**, thereby assuring that the public will be attracted to the indicia. It will be seen that the transparent panels **44** are smooth in their entirety, and suitable end panels may or may not be provided as desired, and the combined sign and shelter **42** may be secured to the vertical uprights **16** in any suitable manner.

Referring now specifically to FIGURES 7 and 8, it will be seen that the numeral **50** designates another modified form of the combined sign and shelter of the present invention that may be attached to the usual vertical upright supports **16**. The sign and shelter **50** includes a pair of downwardly and inwardly converging panels **52** having an apex at their lower edges, coincident with the supports **16** and the ends of the panels **52** are joined by a triangular panel **54** thereby forming an inverted triangular receptacle-like member. A top panel **56** joins the upper edges of the panels **52** and **54**, thereby forming a closure for the sign and shelter **50**. The panels **52** and **54** are corrugated transparent members, and the top panel **56** may or may not be transparent and corrugated. Further, suitable framing may be provided together with means for secur-

ing the sign and shelter **50** to the upright supports **16**. The inwardly and downwardly converging panels **52** may be provided with suitable indicia with illuminating means in association therewith wherein the illuminating means will cause the suitable indicia to stand out on the combined sign and shelter **50** for more efficient advertising.

Referring now specifically to FIGURE 9, it will be seen that the numeral **58** shows another modified form of the combined sign and shelter of the present invention wherein a downwardly sloping panel **60** is provided with right triangular side panels **62** wherein suitable framing is provided for securing the panels **60** and **62** on the side surface of a building or the like. Indicia **64** are provided on the downwardly sloping upper surface of the panel **60** wherein the panel **60** is transparent and the indicia **64** is opaque, thereby forming a contrast between the panel **60** and the indicia **64** for attracting attention to the indicia **64**. The panels **60** and **62** may be corrugated and transparent if desired, and illumination means may or may not be provided for illuminating the interior of the sign and shelter **58** and enhancing the appearance thereof for attracting attention to the indicia **64**.

It will be seen that each of the combined sign and shelters of the present invention provides a shelter that protects various persons from the elements, such as rain or the like, and at the same time, provides an advertising medium for conveying a message to the public, and still further, provides illuminating means for the area immediately under the combined sign and shelter. The device is especially adaptable for gasoline service stations or other similar places that dispense articles or materials on the outside where they are susceptible to rain, snow or the like. The various panels may be corrugated for strength, if desired, and may be constructed of any suitable material, although fiber glass has been found to be acceptable wherein the fiber glass is translucent or at least partially so for the passage of light rays. The indicia may be either painted on or attached in any suitable manner, thereby providing an attractive advertising medium that may or may not be illuminated.

From the foregoing, the construction and operation of the device will be readily understood and further explanation is believed to be unnecessary. However, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction shown and described, and accordingly, all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed as new is as follows:

1. A shelter comprising in combination a pair of spaced upright supporting posts having their lower end portions embedded in the ground, a pair of collars vertically adjustably positioned on upper end portions of the respective posts in downwardly spaced relation from their upper ends, a pair of tubular sockets slidably positioned on said posts above and in supporting engagement with the respective collars, a pair of triangular frames each having an apex portion and a base portion, said sockets being secured to the apex portions of the respective frames whereby the height of the frames above the ground may be varied by adjustment of said collars on said posts, and roof paneling secured to and carried by said frames, said paneling spanning the space between said posts and being provided at points in register with said sockets with openings having said posts projecting upwardly therethrough, whereby to facilitate adjustment of the height of said frames relative to the ground.

2. The combination as defined in claim 1 together with U-shaped clamps provided on the base portions of said frames and engaging said posts at points spaced downwardly from said collars.

3. The structure as defined in claim 1 wherein said paneling includes translucent panels that converge upwardly, indicia formed of opaque material on said panels, and illuminating means positioned behind the translucent panels, said panels being provided with inclined end edges that slope upwardly and outwardly.

4. The structure as defined in claim 1 wherein said paneling includes panels that have end edges and remote side edges, said panels converging downwardly and inwardly, triangular end panels joining the end edges of said panels, and a top panel joining the remote side edges of said downwardly converging panels.

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