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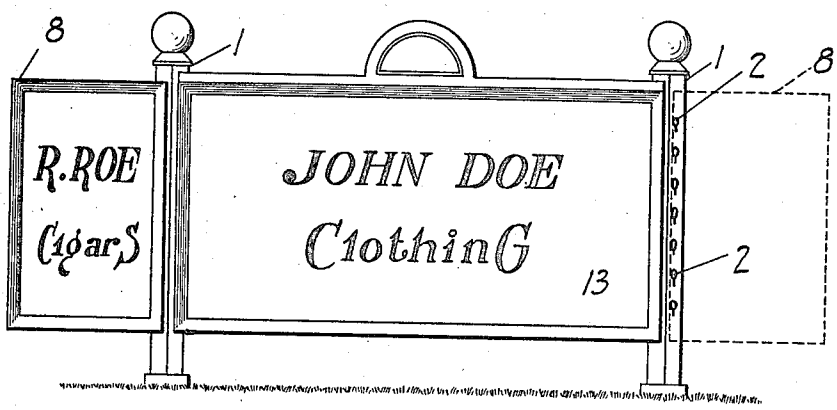


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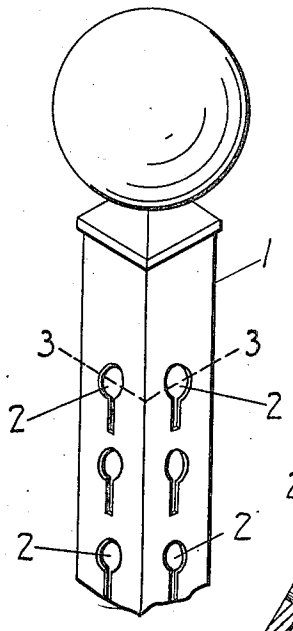


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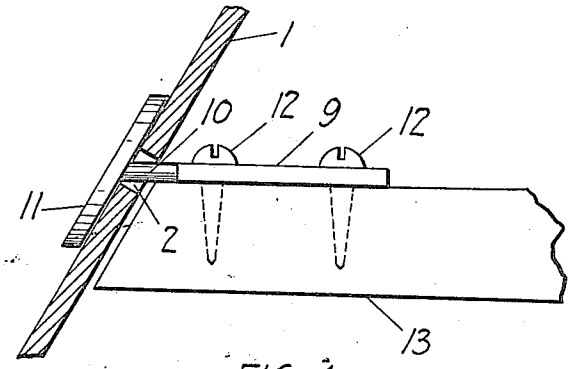


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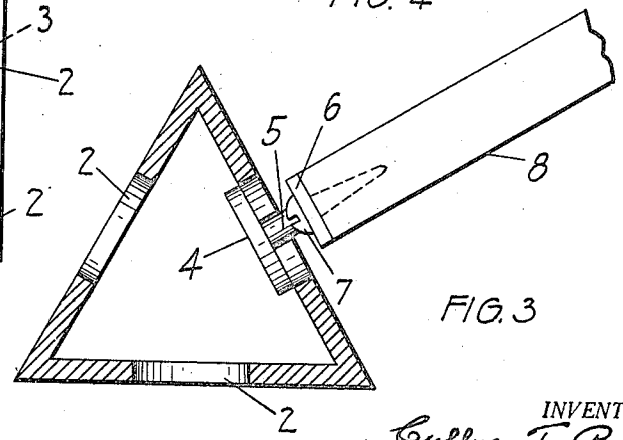


FIG. 3

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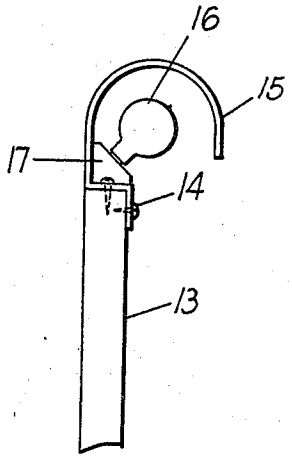


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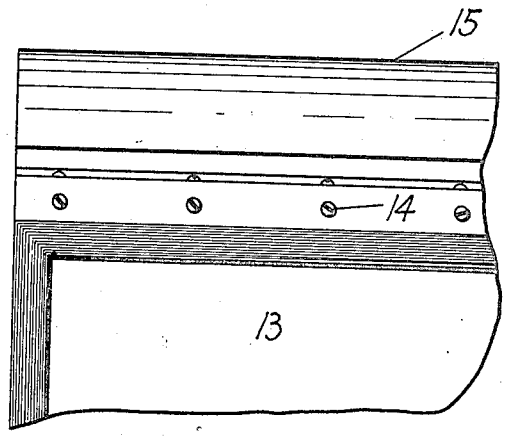


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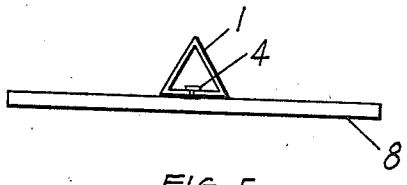


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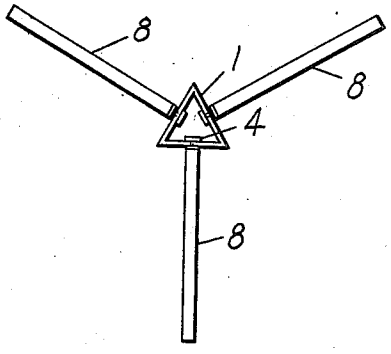


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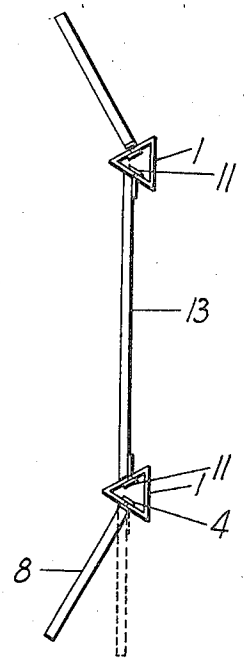


FIG. 7

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CULLYE T. BERRY, a citizen of the United States, residing in the county of Montgomery, near the city of Dayton, State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Interchangeable and Adjustable Signs, of which the following is a specification.

One of the principal objects of my invention is to provide an interchangeable and adjustable sign that may be cheaply constructed and economically maintained. The invention contemplates the provision of triangular posts that have slotted faces to adjustably receive one or more signs for display in positions which are parallel to, or at an angle with, a road or street. For example, one sign may be secured between two posts for observation by persons when passing it, while other signs may be mounted at an angle on the same posts for view by those persons when approaching them.

The triangular posts may remain permanently on a knoll or other place at the side of a road or street to receive different signs from time to time, thus making it unnecessary to erect a new sign each time it is desired to change it. This interchangeable feature of my invention reduces advertising costs, and makes for convenience in the erection of a sign.

It is another object of my invention to provide an ornamental head piece for the sign which will not only flood light it when desired, but will shed water from it.

Other important and incidental objects will be brought out in the following specification, and particularly set forth in the subjoined claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevational view of my interchangeable and adjustable sign. Figure 2 is a perspective view of one of the triangular posts. Figure 3 is a cross sectional view taken through one of said posts on the line 3—3 of Figure 2, showing how one of the sign supporting brackets secures a sign to a face portion of said post. Figure 4 is a top plan view of a form of bracket to the side portion of which a sign is secured, the side of the post which receives said bracket being shown in section. Figure 5 is a top plan view of one of the triangular posts, showing how a sign is secured thereto in a position parallel to a face of the post. Figure 6 is a top plan view of one of the triangular posts, showing a sign secured to each face thereof and at a right angle to its respective face. Figure 7 is a top plan view of two triangular posts between which a sign visible from the side of a road is supported, and to each of which there is secured a smaller sign that projects outwardly at an angle to the first sign. Figure 8 is a front view of the water-shedding and illuminating shield secured to the upper part of the sign. And Figure 9 is a side view thereof.

Throughout the specification and drawings, similar reference characters denote corresponding parts.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, the numeral 1 designates a sign-supporting post which is triangular in cross section as shown in Figure 3. The post 1, which may be used individually or with another similar post to support one or more signs as shown in Figure 1, has formed in each face a series of vertically-disposed keyhole slots 2. Readily insertable in the round portion of each slot 2 is the disc-shaped head 4 on the reduced neck portion 5 of a bracket member 6 which, in Figure 3, is turned at right angles to said neck portion for attachment by means of screws 7 to the end of a rectangular sign board 8. The neck portion of the bracket member is adapted to descend readily to the bottom of the slot to form, with the head 4 which bears against the inside of the face of the post, a firm support for the sign. (See Figure 3.) This bracket member may thus be secured to each side of a triangular post 1, so that by the use of these bracket members three signs 8 may be firmly secured to that post for view from widely different positions. (See Figure 6.)

Instead of securing the above bracket members 6 to the end of a sign, they may be secured to the middle part of the rear side of a sign to hold it flush with one face of a post 1 as shown in Figure 5.

When it is desired to support a sign between two posts 1, 1, the form of bracket shown in Figure 4 is preferred. This bracket member, which will be designated by the numeral 9, has a neck portion 10 which is in the same plane, and a head 11 which is inclined to it so as to be flush with the inside surface of the face of the post. By means of screws 12 the brackets 9 may be secured to the rear side of a sign 13 to suspend it be-

tween two posts 1, 1. (See Figures 1, 4 and 7.) In Figures 1 and 7 the sides of the posts which receive the sign-supporting brackets 9 are at an angle to permit the sign 13 to face a road, and at the same time to permit the mounting of two signs 8, 8 on the adjacent sides of those posts for view by persons approaching the entire sign along that road. It is thus possible to economize space by displaying one large sign and two small ones from two of my triangular posts as shown in Figures 1 and 7, and three small signs from one of those posts as shown in Figure 6.

When it is desired to change a sign, the brackets supporting it may be readily withdrawn from the keyhole slots in the post or posts which supported it and easily attached to a new sign for erection on the same post or posts. Each post contains a number of these keyhole slots so that it is easy to adjust the vertical position of a sign by inserting the heads of the supporting brackets in those slots which are at the desired height.

Secured to the top of the sign 13 by screws 14, is the right-angled base portion of an overhanging shield 15 preferably constructed of metal. (See Figures 8 and 9.) This shield will not only shed water from the sign, but is adapted to reflect light upon it from incandescent lamps 16, one of which is shown in Figure 9 as projecting forwardly from a socket member 17 mounted upon the bottom of the shield.

I do not wish to be limited to the details of construction and arrangement herein shown and described, and any changes or modifications may be made therein within the scope of the subjoined claims.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. In a device of the type described, the combination with a post triangular in cross section, of an inclined bracket device attachable to one face of said post, a bracket device attachable at right angles to an adjacent face of said post, and a sign supported by each bracket device.

2. In a device of the type described, the combination with a pair of posts triangular in cross section, of brackets attachable to each face of the posts, a sign supported by the brackets attachable to two opposite faces of the posts, and a sign supported by the brackets attachable to the face of each post, adjacent to the face receiving the first sign-supporting brackets.

3. In a device of the type described, the combination with a pair of hollow posts triangular in cross section and having keyhole slots in each face thereof, of brackets having projections adapted to enter said slots, a sign removably supported by the brackets which enter slots in two opposite sides of the posts, and a sign supported by the brackets which enter slots in the face of each post, adjacent to the face receiving the first sign-supporting brackets.

4. In a device of the type described, the combination with a pair of hollow posts triangular in cross section and positioned to have their opposite faces at an angle to each other, each face of said posts being provided with a series of keyhole slots, brackets having projections adapted to enter said slots, a flanged head on each projection turned at an angle to the latter to bear flush with the inside surface of the face of the post containing the slot which it entered, a sign supported between the posts by said inclined-head brackets, and a sign supported by the brackets which enter slots in the face of each post, adjacent to the face receiving the first sign-supporting brackets.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of July, 1922.

CULLYE T. BERRY.

Witness:
HOWARD S. SMITH.