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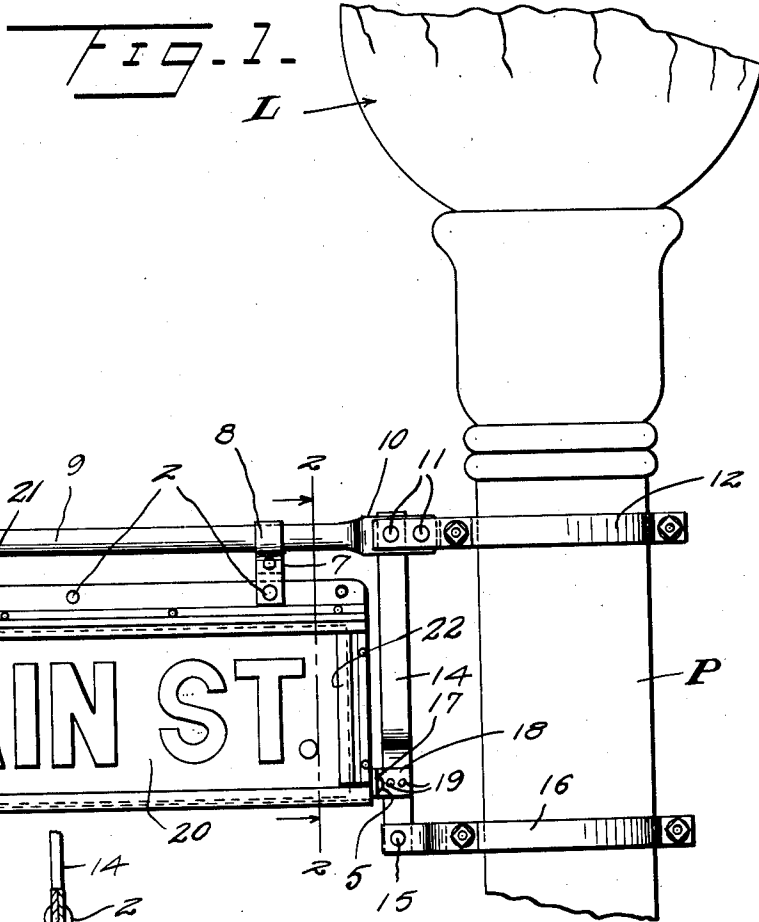


FIG. 2.

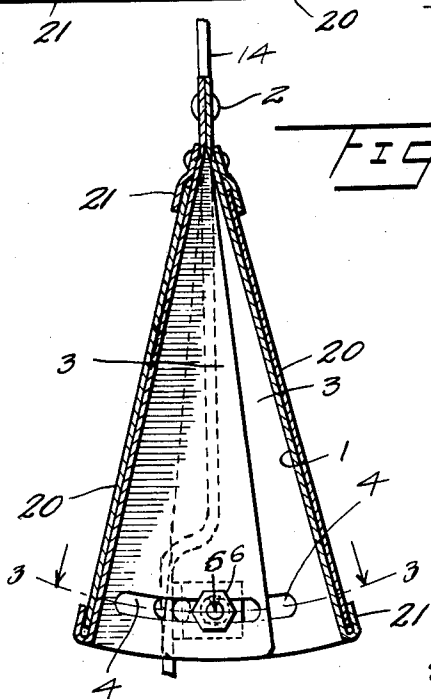
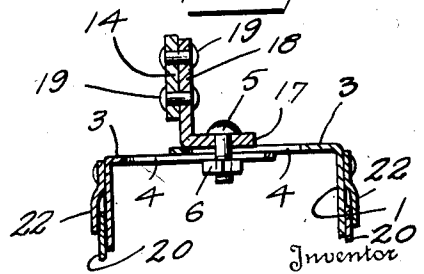


FIG. 3.



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This invention relates to signs, and it is an object of the invention to provide a device of this kind constructed in a manner whereby the same may be supported below an illuminating medium in a manner whereby the matter provided on the face or faces of the sign will be readily visible as a result of the light rays emitted from the illuminating means.

It is also an object of the invention to provide a sign of this kind of a double face type and which is substantially in the form of an inverted V in cross section, the members of the sign being connected and assembled in a manner whereby the inclination of the faces may be varied or adjusted to best meet the requirements of practice.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a sign of this kind having associated therewith means for effectively preventing the same being unduly swayed or displaced as a result of heavy winds.

The invention consists in the details of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts of my improved sign whereby certain important advantages are attained and the device rendered simpler, less expensive and otherwise more convenient and advantageous for use, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

The novel features of my invention will hereinafter be definitely claimed.

In order that my invention may be the better understood, I will now proceed to describe the same with reference to the accompanying drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of a sign constructed in accordance with an embodiment of my invention in applied position;

Figure 2 is a detailed sectional view taken substantially on the line 2—2 of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a detailed sectional view taken substantially on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

As disclosed in the accompanying drawing, my improved sign comprises two members 1 of desired dimensions and which possess a certain degree of inherent flexibility. The upper marginal portions of these members 1 are in close contact one with the other and such contacting portions are securely

connected together by the rivets 2 or other suitable effective attaching means.

The major portions of the members 1, or plates as they may be called, are disposed downwardly in divergence and the extremities of these members or plates 1 below the connected upper marginal portions thereof are defined by the inwardly disposed flanges 3 in overlapping relation. Each pair of associated flanges 3 adjacent their lower marginal portions are provided with the arcuate slots 4 through which are directed from without a conventional bolt 5 with the inner end portion of which is engaged a nut 6 whereby the flanges 3 may be clamped to hold the members or plates 1 in fixed relative arrangement and also allow such members or plates upon loosening of the nut 6 to be readily adjusted so that their angle of inclination toward the upper portions thereof may be varied as required to assure effective illumination thereof by a lighting means L which may be arranged above the mounted sign.

The upper connected portions of the members or plates 1 adjacent to the opposite ends thereof have connected thereto by certain of the rivets 2 the upstanding straps or arms 7 provided at their outer or free end portions with the loops 8 which engage around an elongated supporting member 9. This member 9, as herein disclosed, is cylindrical in form but has its inner end portion 10 flattened so that such portion 10 may be riveted, as at 11, or otherwise rigidly secured to a clamping member 12 which is adapted to be engaged in a conventional manner with the post P for the lighting member L or kindred support. One of the rivets 11 holds to the portion 10 of the member 9 the upper end portion of an elongated rigid member or bar 14 disposed in the same vertical direction as the post P or kindred support. The lower portion of this member or bar 14 is riveted or otherwise connected, as at 15, with a second clamping member 16 coacting in a conventional manner with the post P.

The bolt 5 associated with the inner pair of flanges 3 is also directed through an angularly disposed foot 17 carried by an arm 18. This bolt 5 in conjunction with its nut

6 serves to effectively hold the arm 18 to the adjacent flanges 3. This arm 18 overlies a face of the member or bar 14 and is securely anchored thereto by the rivets 19 or other suitable securing members.

The matter carried by the exposed faces of the members or plates 1 may be applied thereto in any way desired and, therefore, I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to any particular means for producing or arranging such matter upon the members or plates 1. However, as illustrated in the accompanying drawing, the desired matter for display is produced on a supplemental plate 20 which is adapted to overlie the outer face of a plate 1. When applied, this plate 20 is slidably received within the trackways 21 provided along the upper and lower marginal portions of the plate 1 whereby said plate 20 can be applied or removed as desired. In order to show the most effective positioning of the plate 20 upon a plate 22, the inner end portion of each of the plates 1 is provided with a transversely disposed stop strip 22 with which the plate 20 is adapted to engage and thus limiting the extent of insertion of the plate 20 between the trackways 21.

It is believed to be readily understood from the foregoing description and the accompanying drawing that the arm 18 provides means which operate effectively to hold the members 1 against undue sway especially as a result of high winds.

From the foregoing description it is thought to be obvious that a sign constructed in accordance with my invention is particularly well adapted for use by reason of the convenience and facility with which it may be assembled and operated, and it will also be obvious that my invention is susceptible of some change and modification without departing from the principles and spirit thereof and for this reason I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the precise arrangement and formation of the several parts herein shown in carrying out my invention in practice except as hereinafter claimed.

I claim:—

1. A sign comprising two members having their upper marginal portions connected, said members having relative movement to vary the inclination of said members one toward the other, a supporting rod, means for securing an end portion of the rod to a support, means coacting with the rod and the connected marginal portions of the members for suspending the sign from the rod, a bar positioned adjacent to the inner end of the rod and substantially at right angles thereto, one end portion of the bar being secured to said end portion of the rod, means for securing the opposite end portion of the bar to a support, inwardly directed flanges carried

by the inner ends of the members of the sign, said flanges being in overlying relation, and a member secured to the bar and to the overlying flanges of the members of the sign to hold the sign against sway.

2. A sign comprising two members having their upper marginal portions connected, said members having relative movement to vary the inclination of said members one toward the other, a supporting rod, means for securing an end portion of the rod to a support, means coacting with the rod and the connected marginal portions of the members for suspending the sign from the rod, a bar positioned adjacent to the inner end of the rod and substantially at right angles thereto, one end portion of the bar being secured to said end portion of the rod, means for securing the opposite end portion of the bar to a support, inwardly directed flanges carried by the inner ends of the members of the sign, said flanges being in overlying relation, a member secured to the bar, the overlying flanges having registering slots, and an anchoring bolt carried by the member and extending through the slots of the flanges to secure the member to the flanges and to hold the flanges against relative movement after the members of the sign have been adjusted to the desired relative angle.

3. A sign comprising two members, means for connecting the upper marginal portions of said members, such connection allowing the members to be arranged in desired angular relation, an elongated supporting rod, means for suspending the sign from the rod, overlapping flanges carried by the members of the sign, and means coacting with said overlapping flanges to hold the members of the sign in desired angular relation.

4. A sign comprising two members, means for connecting the upper marginal portions of said members, such connection allowing the members to be arranged in desired angular relation, an elongated supporting rod, means for suspending the sign from the rod, overlapping flanges carried by the members of the sign, means coacting with said overlapping flanges to hold the members of the sign in desired angular relation and means coacting with said flanges for holding the sign against sway.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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