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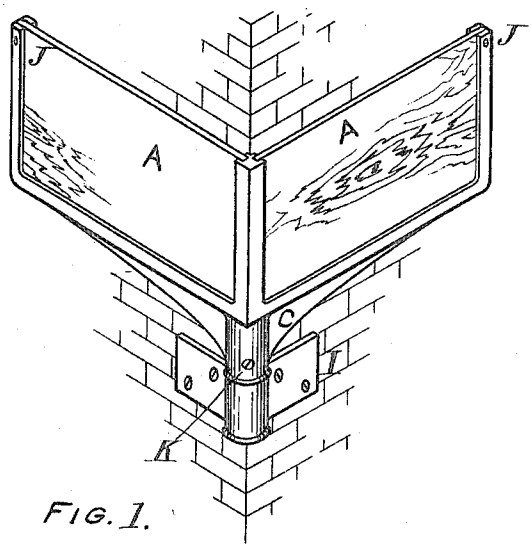


FIG. 1.

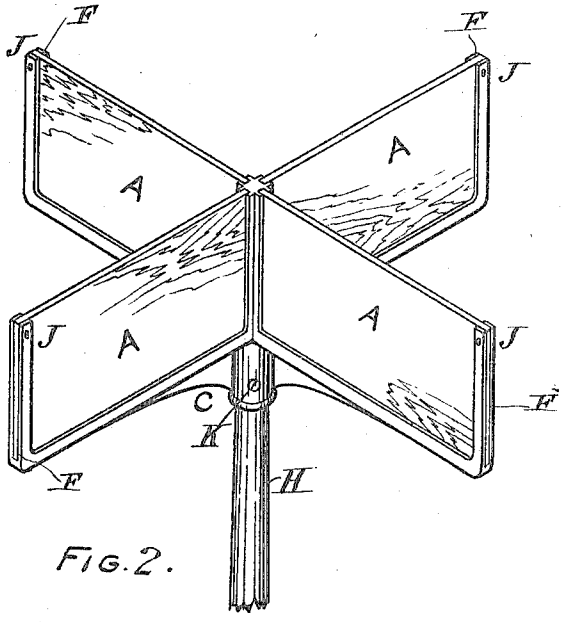


FIG. 2.

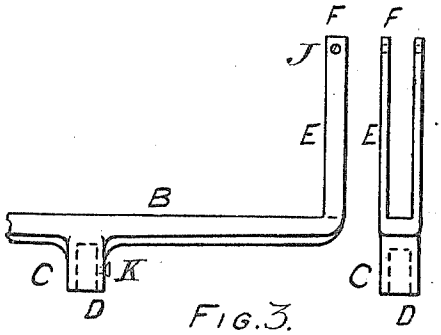


FIG. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HOWARD A. WATERHOUSE, a citizen of the United States, residing at No. 77 Aborn street, in the city and county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and useful Device, of which the following is a specification.

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

My invention relates to an improvement in sign-holders, and intended more particularly to be used for advertising on land for the sale of real estate.

Figure 1 is an isometrical elevation of one form of my device, showing the double sign-plates. Fig. 2 is an elevation modified in form to make use of and showing the quadruple sign-plates. Fig. 3 is a sectional elevation showing the slot in the forearm of the arm with the neck or collet.

My invention has for its object a removable and changeable sign-plate A; and it consists of two or more arms B E, having B for the horizontal base. (See Fig. 3.) From the base B extending upward at right angles is the vertical forearm E, which is provided with slot F for the reception of the removable and changeable sign-plate A, as seen in Figs. 1 and 2. All of said Figs. 1, 2, and 3 have slots in their forearms.

From the horizontal base B (see Fig. 3) the vertical neck or collet C is extended downward from the central portion of base B, which is provided with the recess or aperture D for the reception of spindle-head on spindle H (see Figs. 1, 2, and 3) as a support for arms B E and sign-plate A. The neck or collet C may be so attached to the spindle-head on spindle H that the arms B E and neck or collet C may turn upon the spindle-head on spindle H to so admit the face of the sign-plate A to face to any point of the compass. The arms and neck or collet, with the sign-plate, having been moved to the required position they may be securely fastened, by means of set-screw K, in the neck or collet C, pressing against the spindle-head on spindle H; but it is preferable to have the arms and neck or collet pressed onto the spindle-head firmly, or they may be screwed onto the spindle-head by means of threads cut on the spindle-head to conform to threads cut in the recess or aperture D of the neck or collet C and the spindle-head of spindle H screwed into the recess or aperture D in the neck or collet C.

In Fig. 1 the neck or collet is seen at the apex of the angle formed by the two arms B E, so that the sign-holder may conform to any angle, as the corner of a building, fence, or other objects, instead of the neck or collet C being on a right line with any two arms B E, as seen in Fig. 2, this being the vertical center piece extended upward over the neck or collet firmly attached to base B, which center piece is provided with a groove to conform to the slot in the vertical forearm E, as seen in Figs. 1 and 3, for the reception of the end of sign-plate A. The neck or collet C in Fig. 1 is secured to the spindle-head on spindle H in the same manner as is hereinbefore described. Clasp I secures spindle H firmly to the object to which it is attached, as the corner of a building or fence or object of like nature, by means of screws or bolts in the usual manner. Clasps are fastened to wood, brick, stone, and iron by means of wooden plugs, cement, lead, or sulfur. Should the sign-holder be of large proportions, then an additional clasp may be added above the foot of the spindle. Should the foot of the spindle appear unsightly, it may be severed at any desirable point below the clasp or clasps and ornamented to suit the user. In Fig. 1 the spindle is secured just below the clasp.

In Fig. 2 the forearms have a center piece which extends vertically from and is attached firmly to base B above the neck or collet C and is provided with grooves to conform to and with the four grooves in the vertical forearms for the reception of sign-plates A. The neck or collet is secured to the spindle-head in the same manner as it is hereinbefore mentioned. The sign-plates and arms are supported upon the spindle-head on spindle H and the foot of the spindle being stuck into an aperture made in the earth or other stationary objects of equal diameter of the spindle and it being of such a depth to support the sign-holder upon the spindle in a perpendicular position.

To give more stability to sign-plates A, the set-screw J may be put in the upper side of the vertical forearm E and screwed in against the end of the sign-plates A, as seen in Figs. 1 2, and 3.

To place the sign-plates A in the sign-holder, put the ends of the sign-plates into the

slots F of the forearm E until it rests upon the base B of arm B E and screw in the set-screw J until it presses against the sign-plates.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination of a plurality of sign-holders, having the vertically-directed forearms E, each provided with a slot F for the reception of the removable and changeable sign-plate A, resting on base B of arms B E; and held in a perpendicular position by slots F, sign-plates A being secured by means of set-screws J, a collet C to said arms B, E, a spindle common to all of said sign-plates fitting in a recess in said collet, and means for securing said collet to said spindle to face said sign-plates to any point of the compass, all substantially as herein set forth.

2. The combination of arms B E, having a downwardly-extended neck or collet C provided with recess or aperture D, and the vertically-directed forearms E, each provided with a slot F; sign-plates A arranged to be removably supported upon arms B E in slots F, a spindle H adapted at its head to engage a recess or aperture D, in neck or collet C, to serve as supporting means for the whole, all substantially as herein set forth.

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