

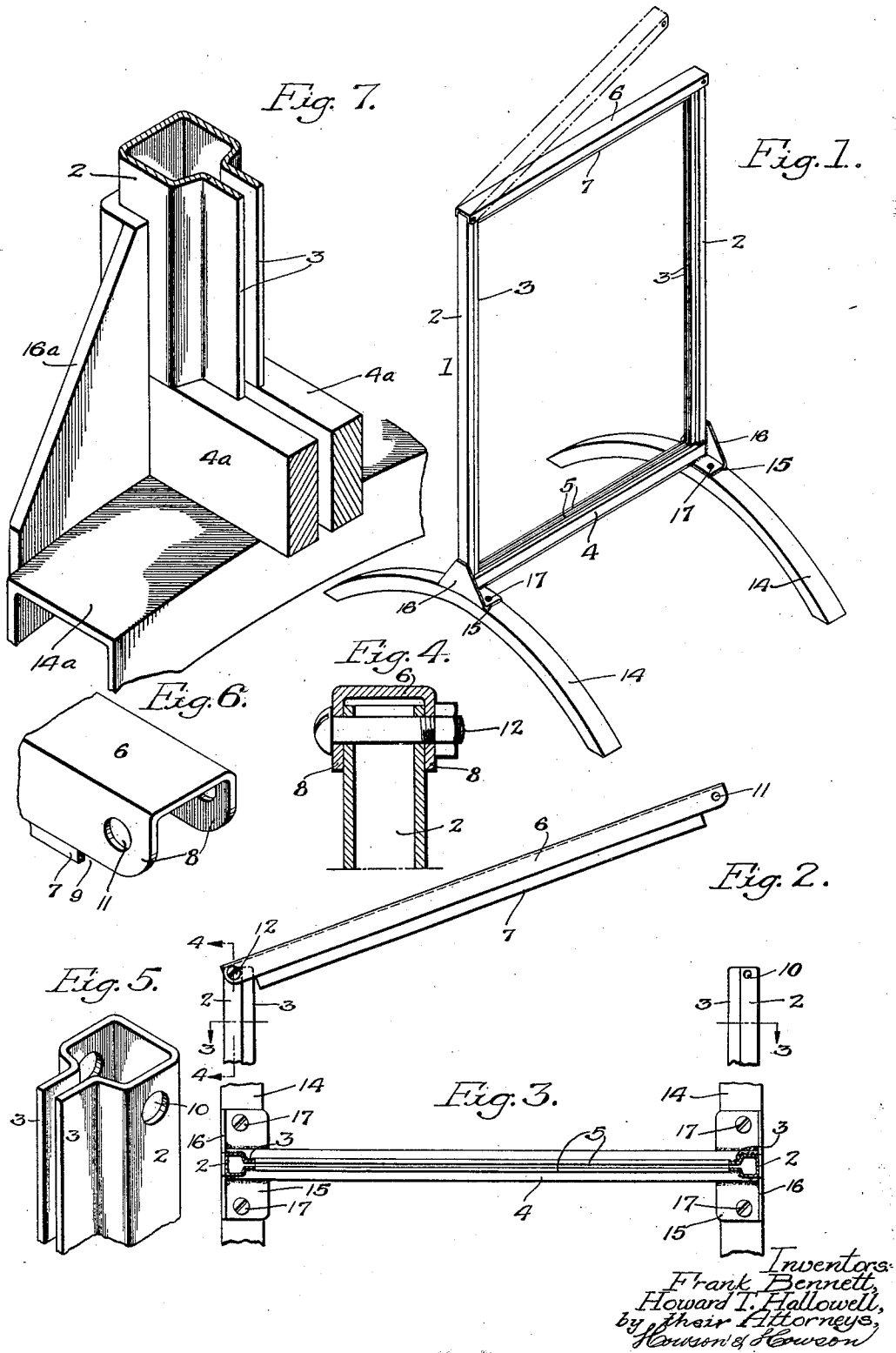
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Our invention relates to certain improvements in portable sign frames, the frame being part of a portable sign having either rigid or rocking supports.

The object of the present invention is to make the lower part of the sign of a rigid construction and having the upper member movable, preferably pivoted, so that a sign can be readily placed in the frame or removed therefrom.

In the accompanying drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a portable sign illustrating our invention;

Fig. 2 is a side view of the upper portion of the sign showing the upper pivoted member partly raised;

Fig. 3 is a sectional plan view on the line 3—3, Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a sectional view on the line 4—4, Fig. 2;

Fig. 5 is a detached perspective view of the upper end of one of the side members of the frame;

Fig. 6 is a detached perspective view of one end of the upper cross-bar of the frame; and

Fig. 7 is a modification of the lower portion of the frame.

1 is the frame of a portable sign having vertical side members 2—2 in the form of channel bars as illustrated in Fig. 5, the flanges 3 of these side members being spaced apart sufficiently to allow for the insertion of a sign. The lower member 4 is similar to the upper members and is welded thereto at the corners. The flanges 5 of these lower members are spaced the same distance apart as the flanges 3 of the side members 2, so the sign will extend into the lower channel member 4 and be held firmly by the flanges 5 and 3.

The upper member 6 of the frame is also in the form of a channel and has flanges 7 spaced a sufficient distance apart to accommodate the upper portion of the sign. The upper member 6 is of greater width than the side members 2 and the portions 8—8 fit over the upper ends of the side members, and the flanges are cut away as at 9 so that when the upper member is in position as in Fig. 1, its flanges 7 will align with the flanges 3 of the

side members. The side members are perforated at 10 and the upper members are perforated at 11. Bolts 12 and 13 extend through the perforations in the side members and in the upper member and firmly secure the upper member to the side members. By removing one of the bolts 12 or 13 the upper member can be turned on the other bolt as a pivot and raised to such a height as to allow the sign to be removed from the frame and for the insertion of another sign when desired.

In the present instance the sign frame is provided with legs 14, which may be of any shape desired and these legs are secured to the frame by brackets 15. In the present instance the vertical members 16 of the brackets are secured to the frame by welding and are secured to the legs by screw-rivets or bolts 17. In some instances the lower member may be made of two bars 4a spaced apart and welded to the lower ends of the side members as shown in Fig. 7, but in this instance the bracket 16a is shaped to conform with the side member and is secured to the sides of the legs 14a.

We claim:

The combination in a portable sign, of a frame having channel members at each side and at the bottom, said channel members having flanges which are bent towards each other so as to be spaced apart only sufficiently for the reception of the sign; a movable upper member also channel shaped and having flanges bent towards each other and spaced apart similar to the flanges of the side and bottom members, the body portion of the upper member being of a greater width than the body portions of the side members, so as to fit the upper ends of the said side members; and bolts securing the upper members to the side members.

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