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ROAD GUIDE.

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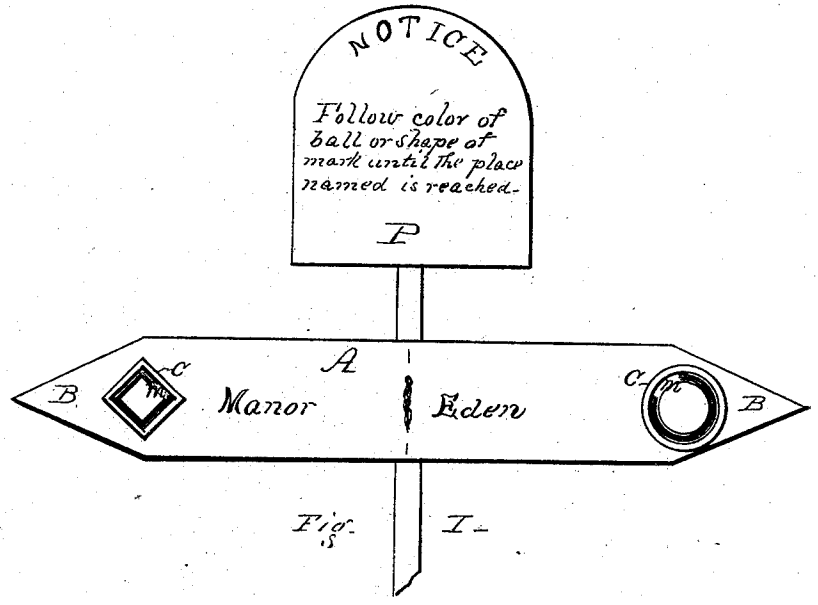


Fig. 1.

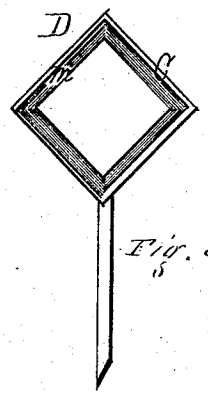


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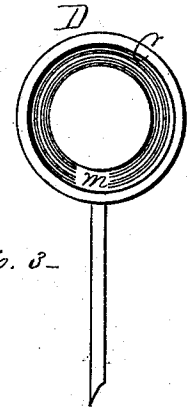


Fig. 3.

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ROAD-GUIDE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHAS. A. INGLIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Road-Guide, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in road-guides, in which the roads are indicated by particular colors or shapes of objects for showing the places to which certain roads lead.

It is well known that the ordinary guide-boards at the intersection of roads frequently get twisted out of place and thereby become useless, and that private or by roads not deemed sufficiently important to mark mislead travelers.

The object of my improvement is to overcome these difficulties. I attain this object by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of a road-guide at the intersection of roads, and Figs. 2 and 3 are views of one of the intermediate road-guides.

Similar letters refer to similar parts in the several views.

The guide-board A for the intersection of roads can be made of any suitable material, though I prefer sheet metal. Above the guide-board is a plate, P, containing directions, viz: "Follow color of ball or shape of mark until the place named is reached." Each end B of the guide-board itself has the name of the place to which it directs painted upon it, a colored ball or other figure, C, and a mark, *m*, both different for each road, being placed at the outer end.

At a short distance beyond the main guide-board A on the road is an upright with a small auxiliary guide, D, the shape and color of the auxiliary guides indicating the direction shown on the main guide-board A. At such distances along the road, particularly at points just beyond those at which small or private roads lead off the same, auxiliary guides D are erected to guide the traveler.

The directions on the plate P and the mark *m* are painted with luminous paint, in order to render them visible at night. If preferable, shapes in luminous paint can be used alone; but I prefer the colors in combination with the shapes as being most easily seen during the day.

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

A guide-board apparatus, consisting of the combination of a guide-board, A, having a suitable shape, object, or color, C, for each road, and directing-plate P, with the auxiliary guides D, corresponding in shape and color to the object C, substantially as shown and described.

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