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Fig. 1

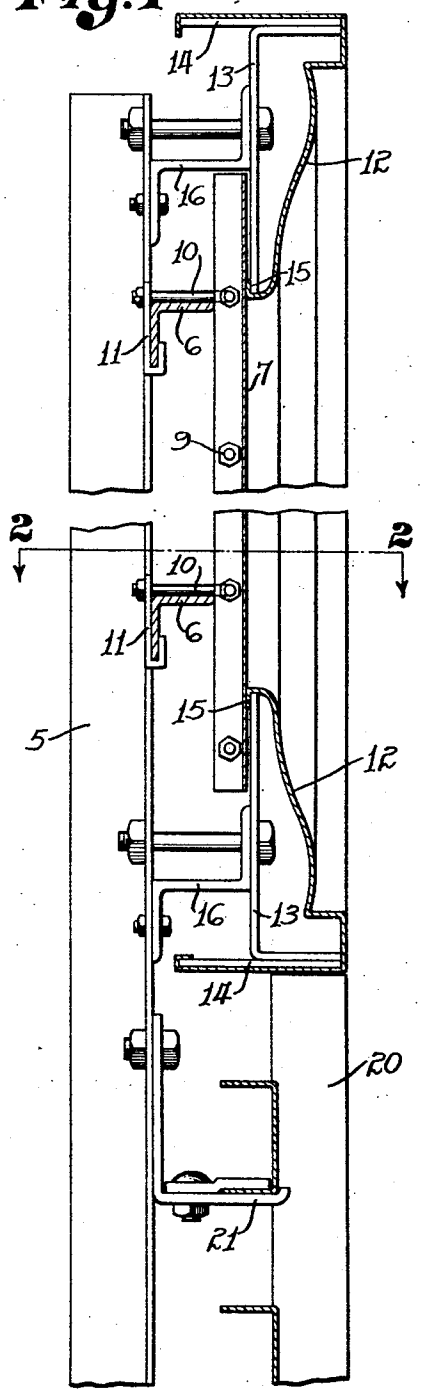


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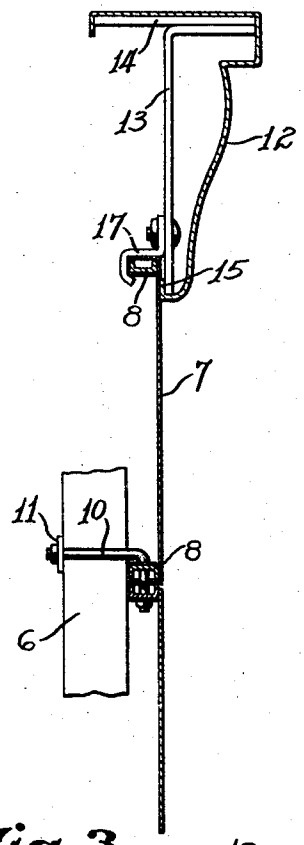
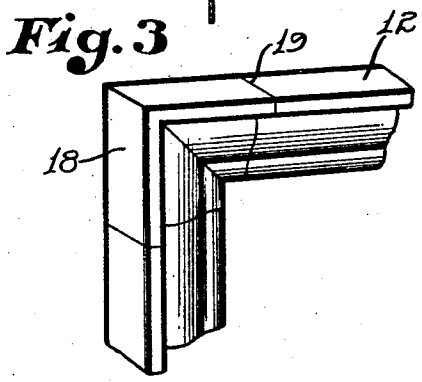


Fig. 3



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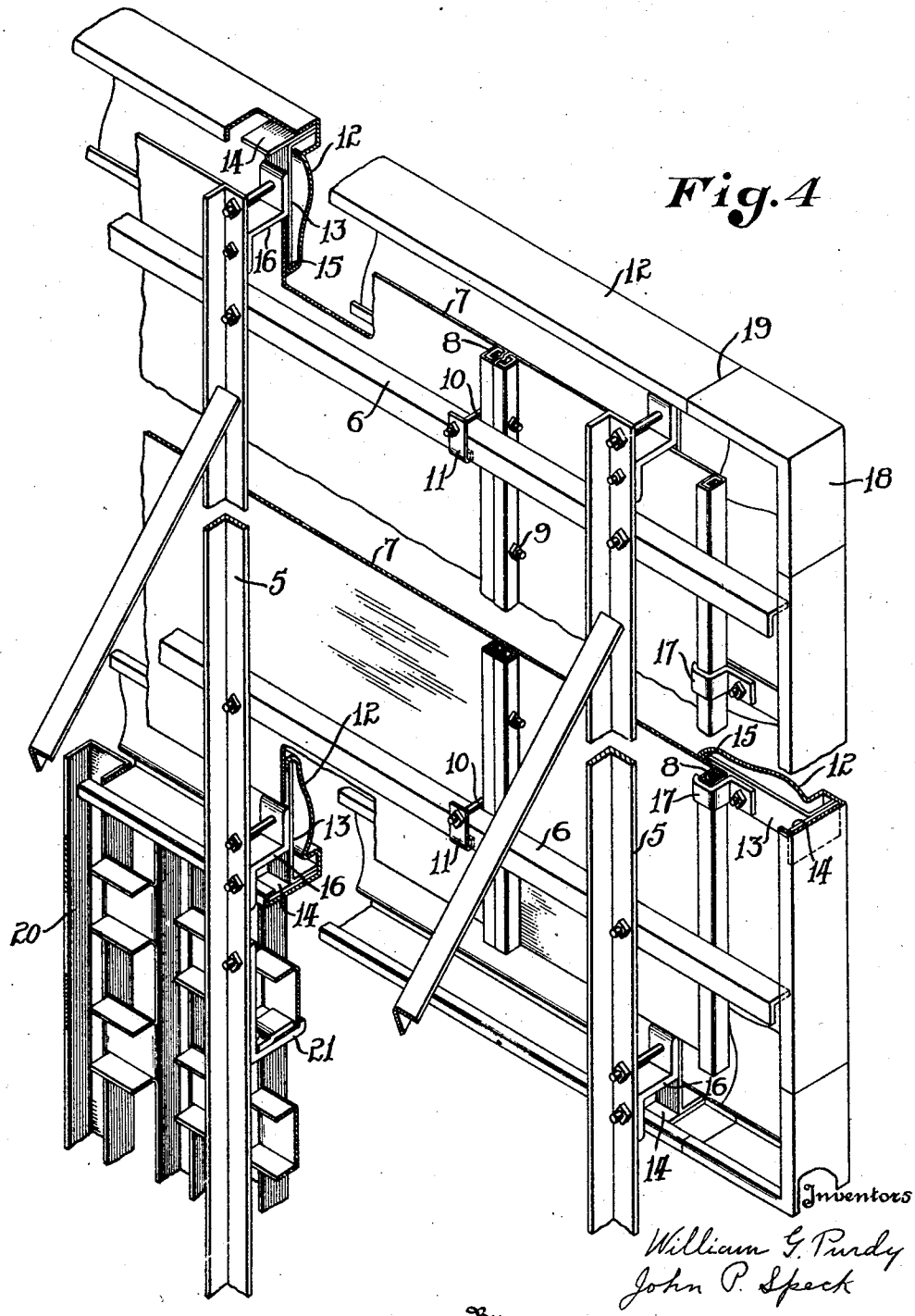


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This invention relates to a signboard, and more specifically to one of the type which is made up of metal panel sections, secured together and surrounded by a frame or molding, usually with a lattice work beneath the lower edge.

The general object of the invention is to provide a construction of this kind, which is preferably composed entirely of metal, which may be easily and quickly set up and firmly secured, and which presents a neat, attractive and finished appearance.

The characteristic features of the invention, in its present embodiment, will be more particularly described in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which

Figure 1 is a vertical sectional view of the signboard and the means for supporting the same.

Figure 2 is a section taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of a portion of the molding which is secured to the edge of the signboard.

Figure 4 is a perspective view showing a portion of a signboard constructed according to the invention with parts broken away.

As illustrated in the drawings, the signboard is supported by a skeleton framework, which includes vertical upright bars or posts 5, to which are secured horizontal bars 6. The signboard includes a plurality of metal panel sections 7, preferably of sheet metal, each edge of each panel section being bent about a channel bar 8. The adjacent channel bars 8 are secured together by bolts 9, or similar fastening means, and certain of these bolts have rearward extensions 10 which are secured by clips 11, to the respective bars 6 to aid in supporting the panel.

In order to present a finished appearance, the poster panel is surrounded by a molding 12 which, in the present instance, is formed of sheet metal pressed into the desired shape. Each section of the metal molding is reinforced and supported by a series of brackets 13, each bracket having a head 14 about which the outer face of the molding is secured, and the inner ends of the brackets bear against an inturned lip 15 at the inner edge of the molding and clamp the same to the face of the poster panel. The brackets 13 at the upper and lower edges of the panel are secured to horizontal bars 16, which are preferably Z-shaped in cross section and are secured to the posts 5. The brackets 13 along the vertical edges of the panel are secured to the outer channel bars 8 by means of clips 17.

The molding 12 comprises straight sections which extend along the edges of the panel and corner piece 18 which are joined thereto at 19, preferably by means of slip joints. Beneath the lower molding 12 a lattice is usually provided, which is preferably made from sheet metal as shown at 20 and is secured to the posts 5 by means of suitable clips 21.

In accordance with this invention, the entire signboard, including the molding as well as the lattice work, is composed entirely of metal. The entire assembly is easily set up and secured together. It presents a smooth and finished appearance and all of the fastening means are concealed. Signboards of any desired size may be assembled by uniting a number of standard parts. The signboard, when constructed in this manner, is most firmly secured and is very durable, as well as attractive.

While we have shown and described in detail the preferred embodiment of the invention, it is to be understood that the same may be considerably modified without departing from the spirit of the invention as defined in the claims.

What we claim is:

1. In a signboard, a skeleton supporting framework, a panel secured to the front of said framework, hollow metal molding constituting a border for said panel, brackets within said molding, and means for securing said brackets to the skeleton framework, with the brackets clamping the molding to said panel.

2. In a signboard, a skeleton framework, a panel in front of the same and secured thereto, molding overlapping the edge of said panel, and means secured to the framework beyond the edge of said panel and clamping the molding against the face of said panel.

3. In a signboard, a skeleton framework, a panel in front of the same and secured thereto, a hollow molding overlapping the edge of said panel, brackets within said molding, and means beyond the edge of said panel securing said brackets to the skeleton framework, with the brackets clamping the molding against the face of the panel.

4. In a signboard, a skeleton framework, a panel in front of the same and secured thereto, spacing bars secured to the front of the framework beyond the edge of the panel, molding overlapping the edge of the panel, and means cooperating with said spacing bars to clamp the molding against the face of the panel.

5. In a signboard, a skeleton framework, a panel in front of the same and secured thereto, spacing bars secured to the front of the framework beyond the edge of the panel, hollow molding overlapping the edge of the panel, brackets within said molding, and means securing said brackets directly against the spacing bars with the ends of said brackets clamping the molding against the face of the panel.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto signed our names to this specification.

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