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SIGN POST.

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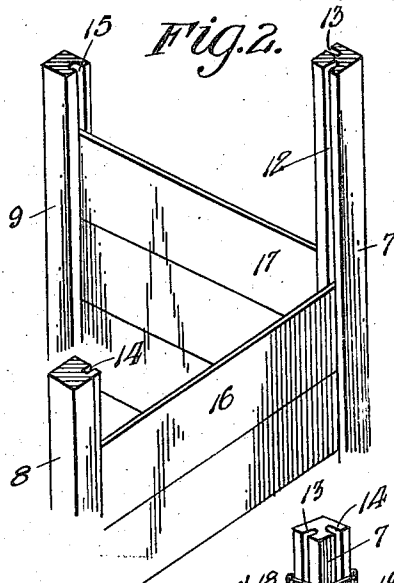
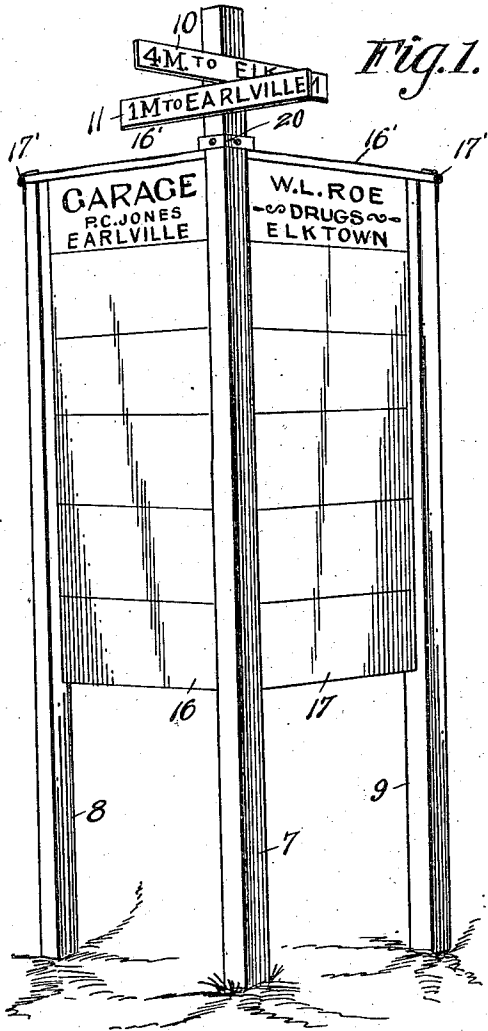


Fig. 3.

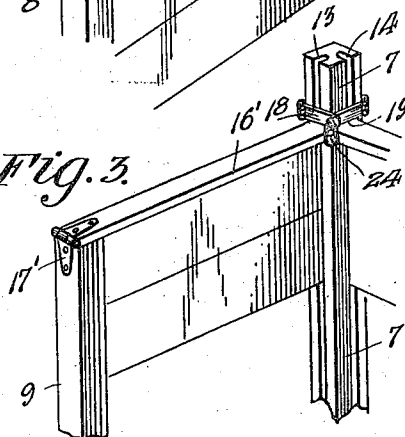


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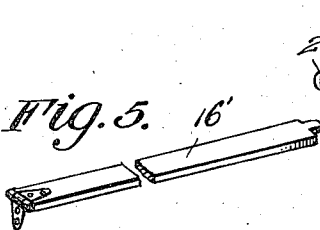
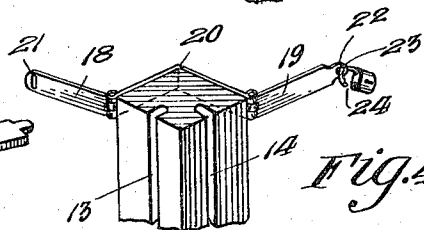


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, MILTON C. RICHARDSON and EUGENE B. COOKE, citizens of the United States of America, and residents of New Philadelphia, in the county of Tuscarawas and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sign-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

10 This invention relates to signs and particularly to a guide post sign to be employed at the intersection of country roads, although other uses may be found for the same.

15 An object of this invention is to provide novel means for retaining two series of signs in place in a sign holder, one series of said signs being adapted to face one of the roads or streets and the other of said series of signs being adapted to face a road or street intersecting the first mentioned road or street, novel means being provided for retaining the said signs in place.

20 A still further object of this invention is to provide a sign post comprising a series of sign holding mediums in such relation as to retain the signs in interchangeable relation to one another, the said signs being readily removable upon releasing the securing means thereof.

25 With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists in the details of construction and in the arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed.

30 In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification wherein like characters denote corresponding parts in the several views, and in which—

35 Figure 1 illustrates a perspective view of the sign holder embodying the invention; Fig. 2 illustrates a perspective view on an enlarged scale of a fragment of the sign holder shown in Fig. 1; Fig. 3 illustrates a perspective view on an enlarged scale showing the parts in a different position of adjustment; Fig. 4 illustrates a perspective view of a fragment of one of the sign hold-
40 ings post with the securing means applied thereto; and Fig. 5 illustrates a perspective view of one of the securing members.

In these drawings 7 denotes a post or up-

right to be hereinafter known as the central post and 8 and 9 denote the end posts, the said central post being preferably higher than the end posts in order that it may contain direction signs 10 and 11 which will be consulted by passers-by for ascertaining the direction of travel or the distance. By employing signs 10 and 11, attention is directed to the sign holding post and signs contained therein and therefore the effectiveness of the advertising signs to be contained and held by the sign post and the value of the advertising medium is increased.

A central post 7 is provided with longitudinally disposed grooves 12 and 13, each of which is in a side of the said post opposite the end posts 8 and 9 respectively, the said end posts 8 and 9 being also provided with longitudinally disposed grooves 14 and 15 respectively extending from the tops thereof a suitable distance where they terminate in shoulders designed to support the sign sections 16 and 17 which are freely slidable in the slots of the posts.

Each end post has a guard 16' connected to it by a hinge 17', the ends of the said guards remote from the hinges being adapted to lie in close proximity to the central post 7. Each of the said guards, as will be apparent from an inspection of the drawing, Figs. 1 and 3, overlies the sign sections and is preferably in engagement with the upper edge of the topmost sign section in that portion of the sign holder to which it is applied, the said sign retaining members being held in position against movement by the hinged arms 18 and 19 which are connected to the metal strap 20 attached to the central post, the said arm 18 being provided with a slot 21 in order that it will receive the reduced end 22 of the arm 19 which reduced end 22 contains an aperture 23 for the reception of a lock-member 24 by which the two arms are prevented from movement with relation to each other while the lock is in place. Thus a person authorized to manipulate the sign section may release the sign securing members and change the signs and after they are properly in position they can be locked in the manner just stated. The invention, therefore, provides for a sign which will be found useful and comparatively inexpensive to manufacture while at the same time having means

to guard against dismantling of the signs in any way by an unauthorized person; furthermore, the said sign and the parts accompanying it will be found comparatively inexpensive as well as efficient.

We claim—

1. A sign comprising a central post and end posts, each of which has slots therein for the reception of sign sections, sign sections slidable in the slots, guards movably connected to the end posts and overlying the sign sections, and retaining devices for the sign guards connected to the central post, and means for holding the retaining devices against movement.

2. In a sign holder, a central post and end posts, the said posts having slots extending

longitudinally thereof, sign sections slidable in the slots of the central post and one of the end posts, sign guards pivotally connected to each of the end posts and having their ends in proximity to the central post, a metal strap secured to the central post and arms hinged to the strap and extending across the slotted surfaces of the central post, and means for securing the ends of the arms together.

In testimony whereof, we affix our signatures in the presence of two witnesses.

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