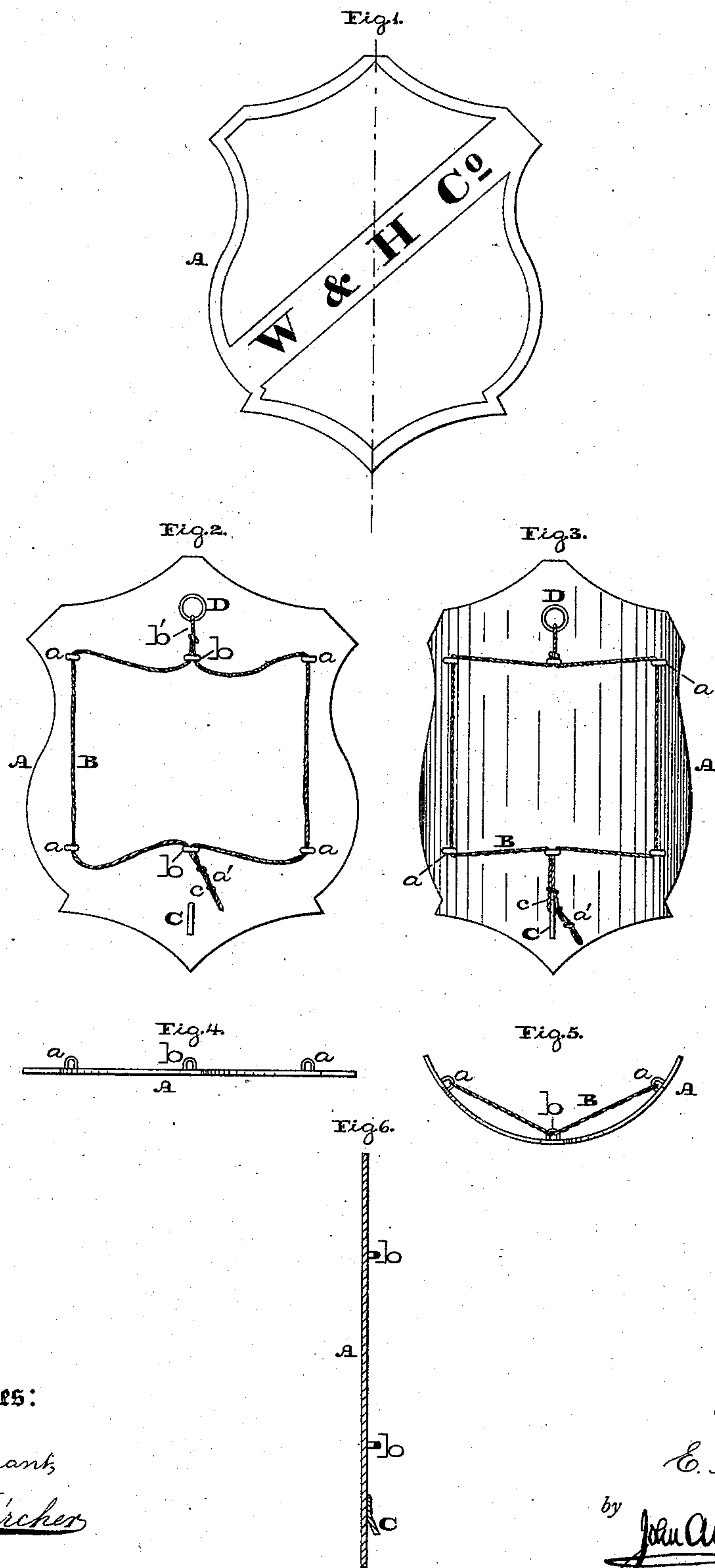


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## IMPROVEMENT IN SIGNS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EBENEZER A. GOODES, of the city and county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Signs, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of the sign embodying my invention. Figs. 2 and 3 are rear views thereof. Fig. 4 is a top-edge view of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a top-edge view of Fig. 3. Fig. 6 is a central vertical section thereof.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

My invention consists of a flexible sign adapted to be bent in convex form in order to be properly and conveniently attached to posts, pillars, corners, and other curved or angular shapes, and provision is made for retaining the sign at any degree of curvature imparted to it.

It also consists in providing the sign with means for hanging it, said means being continuous of those adapted for retaining the sign in its curved form.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a sign formed of a piece of sheet metal or other suitable flexible material, and having painted or otherwise produced on its face the indicating matter, as desired. To the back of the sign are secured eyes *a b*, the eyes *a* being at or near the sides of the sign, and eyes *b* at the center thereof.

B represents a cord, which is laced continuously through said eyes *a b*, and its ends *a'* are passed through the lower central eye *b*, below which they are knotted, or may be provided with rings or other fastenings *c*, for engagement with a pin, stud, knob, button, or hook, C, at the bottom of the sign.

The operation is as follows: The sign may be bent either directly by hand or drawing taut the cord B at the ends *a'*, and when the required convexity of the face is attained the proper knot or fastening on the ends *a'* of the cord is slipped on the hook C, and thus the curved shape of the sign is retained.

It will be noticed that the cord and eyes do not materially project from the back of the convex sign. Consequently the latter may be

fitted close to a post, pillar, corner of a building, or other curved or angular shape.

D represents a ring or hook, which is connected to the top of the cord B by means of a length or lengths, *b'*, of said cord continued or passed through the upper center eye *b*, for the purpose of conveniently suspending or hanging the sign.

In order to prevent the improper withdrawal of said top length, *b'*, through the eye *b*, a knot may be made in a suitable portion of the former, this provision also leaving a sufficiently long piece of the cord available for the connection of the ring D and suspension purposes.

The entire cord B may be a single piece or two pieces, the ends whereof are respectively passed through the upper and lower center eyes *b* and knotted or otherwise connected.

When the sign is to be transported, stowed, &c., the length *a'* of the cord is disconnected from the hook C, and the sign may then be straightened out or flattened, or straighten itself out, and conveniently be packed or piled, as desired, the cord remaining a fixture, and ready for subsequent service.

By means of the knots or fastenings *c* of the ends *a'* of the cord B, and proper application of the same to the hook C, the sign may be made to retain any degree of curvature imparted to it.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The flexible sign A, provided with eyes *a b*, and the lacing-cord B, combined and operating substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The sign A, with eyes *a b* and hook C, in combination with the lacing-cord B, having the connecting ends *a'*, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The sign A, with eyes *a b*, and the cord B, with continuous upper length, *b'*, and the ring D, combined and operating substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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