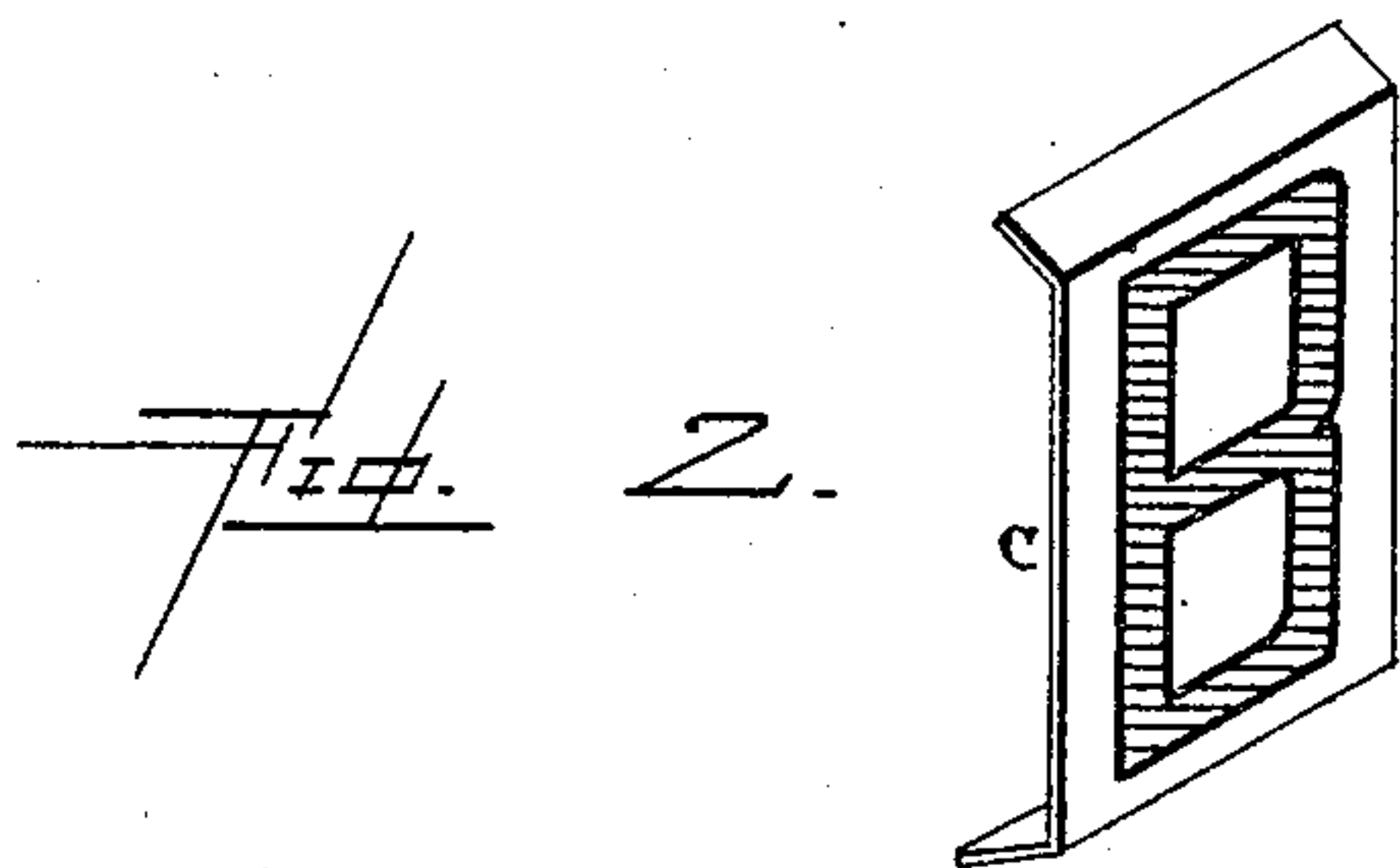
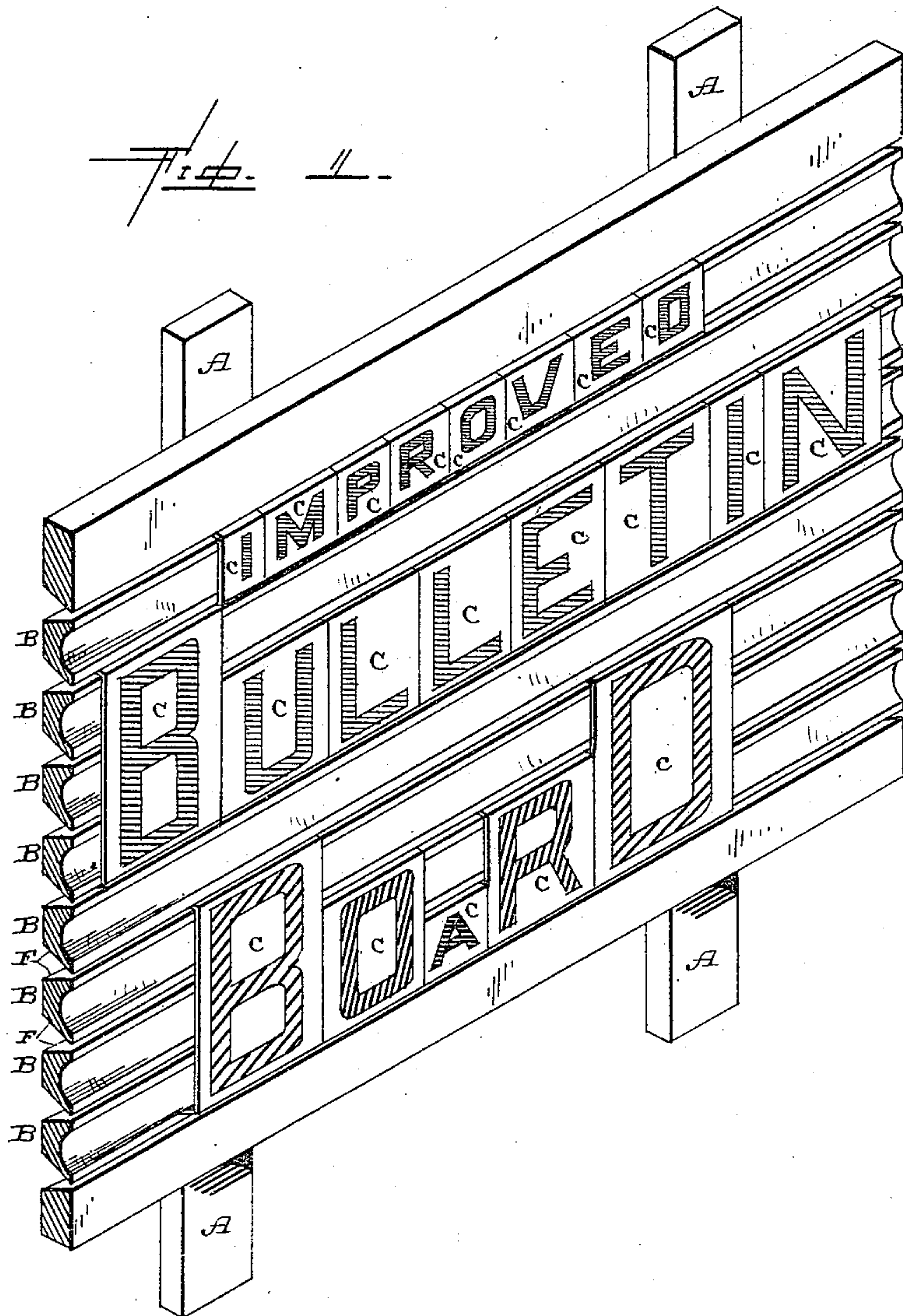


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM S. EVANS, of Clyde, in the county of Sandusky and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful
5 Improvements in Bulletin-Boards; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being
10 had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in bulletin-boards; and it consists in a bulletin-board which is composed of a series of par-
15 allel narrow strips, which are recessed on their front sides, so as to allow the letters to be pushed into place with ease, and which have their rear edges beveled away, so as to correspond to the inclination of the ends of the
20 pieces of sheet metal upon which the letters are painted, as will be more fully described hereinafter.

The object of my invention is to provide a bulletin-board in which letters of different
25 sizes can be quickly and readily placed in position, side by side, so as to form any desired word, and which board can be used in any convenient position for displaying the words formed upon it.

30 Figure 1 represents a perspective of a bulletin-board embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective of one of the pieces of sheet metal upon which a letter is painted.

A represents two uprights of any kind, to
35 which the parallel narrow strips B are nailed or fastened in any suitable manner. These strips will be of any desired width, and are grooved upon their front surfaces, as shown, so as to allow the fingers to be readily applied
40 to the pieces of metal C, upon which the letters are painted, to force them into position. The ends of the pieces of metal C are bent at an angle and extend outward, as shown in Fig. 2, and these bent ends catch behind the
45 strips which come just above or below the strip to which the pieces C are applied. Where the surfaces of the strips are not recessed as here shown, only the finger-nails can be ap-

plied to the strips of sheet metal, and if these strips should happen to stick the finger-nails 50 are liable to be broken or hurt in pushing the sheets into position. By recessing the strips less frictional surface is also presented to the sheets, and hence they can be moved more easily into position than could be done if the 55 strips were flat upon their outer sides. The rear edges of these strips are beveled away, as shown at F, so as to correspond to the inclination which is given to the ends of the sheets, as shown. If the edges were not bev- 60 eled away, but were made perfectly straight, the strips of metal would have little or nothing to hold them in position, and hence would be constantly becoming displaced. The ends of the sheets of metal being bent, as shown, 65 they catch behind the beveled edges of the strips, and are thus held in position in such a manner that they can only be removed by pushing them sidewise beyond the ends of the strips. 70

Heretofore bulletin-boards have been made and provided with guides or ways upon their front sides, into which flat pieces or strips of metal or card-board have been pushed, and this I disclaim. My invention differs from 75 these, both in forming the board of parallel separated strips having beveled edges, and in using sheets of metal of suitable sizes upon which the letter is painted, and which sheets have beveled ends, so as to correspond with 80 the beveled edges of the strips.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. In a bulletin-board, the combination of the uprights A, which support the board in 85 position, the pieces of sheet metal C, and the parallel strips B, which are secured to their front sides, the strips being grooved or recessed upon their outer sides, substantially as shown. 90

2. In a bulletin-board, the combination of the uprights A, which support the board in position, the parallel strips B, secured thereto and having their rear edges beveled away, with the pieces of sheet metal upon which 95 the letters are made, and having their ends

bent so as to correspond to the inclination of the beveled edges of the strips, substantially as described.

3. The combination of the uprights A, which support the board in position, the parallel strips B, secured thereto, grooved upon their front sides and having their rear edges beveled away, with the pieces of sheet metal

upon which the letters are made, having bent ends, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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