

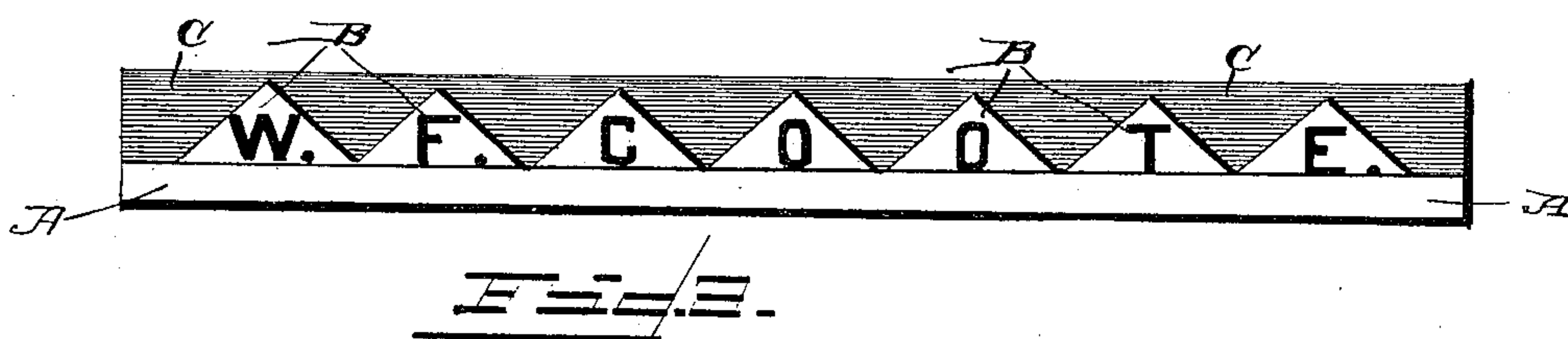
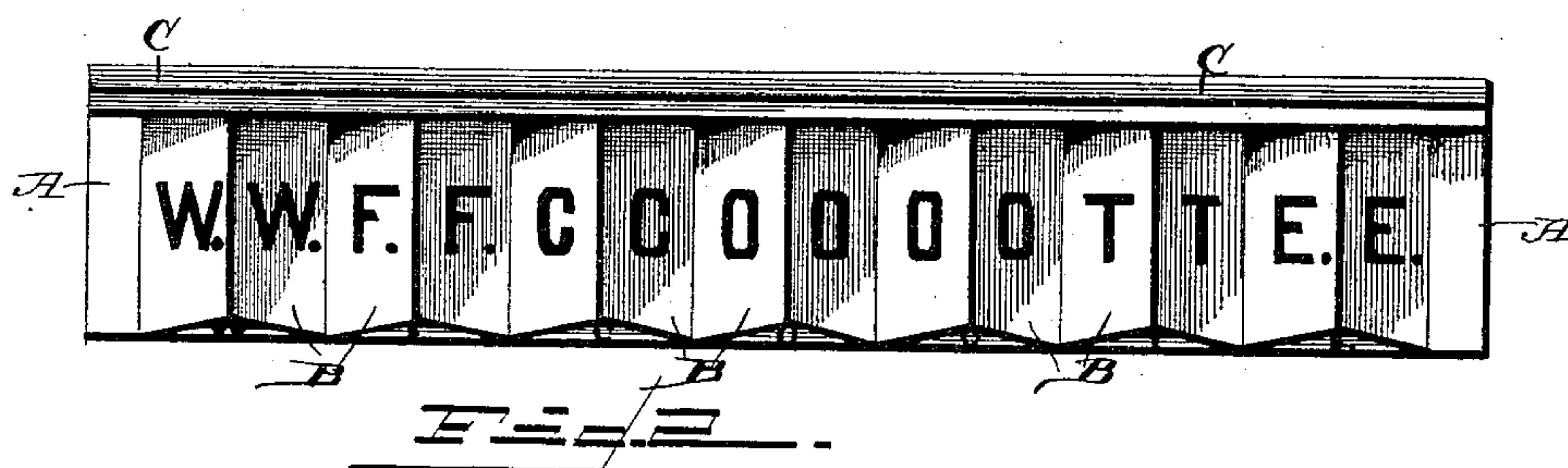
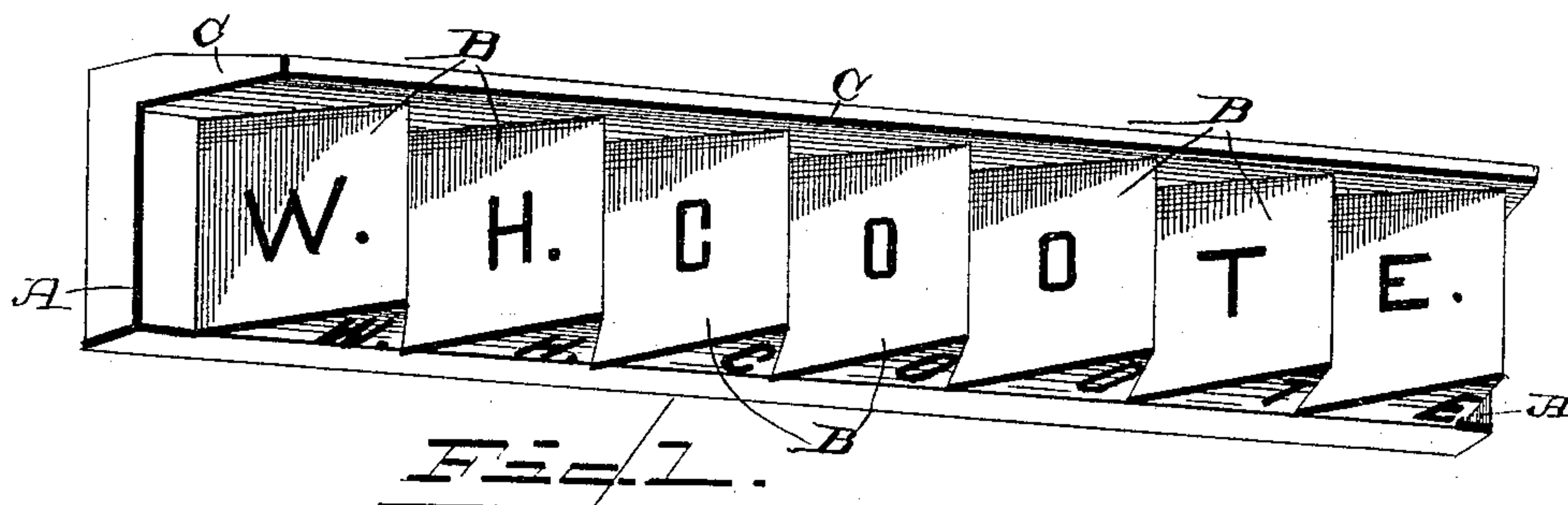
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## SIGN.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM HENRY COOTE, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at Marion, in the county of Crittenden and State of Arkansas, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Sign-Boards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in sign-boards; and it consists in a certain novel construction and arrangement of parts, fully set forth hereinafter, and specifically pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view looking slightly at the under side of the board. Fig. 2 is a front view of the device. Fig. 3 is a bottom plan view.

Referring by letter to the drawings, A designates the base or rear board of the sign, to the front side of which are attached the triangular blocks B B, and the lower sides of the said blocks are inclined slightly upwardly, as shown in the drawings, for a purpose hereinafter explained.

C designates a cap or cover over the blocks B, to protect the same from the weather.

There is necessarily a block for each letter of the sign, and the successive letters of the name are placed on corresponding sides of the successive blocks—that is, suppose it is desired to place the name “W. H. Coote” on the sign. There are seven letters in this name, and therefore there must be seven blocks provided. Two sides of each block are exposed to view, and both sides of each block are provided with the same letter, namely: “W” is placed on both sides of the first block, “H” is placed on both sides of the second block, and so on. Thus, when held at an angle so that one side of the series of blocks cannot be seen, the name is seen clearly, as shown in Fig. 1 of

the drawings. Therefore, if a person is standing on the sidewalk a short distance down the street, he cannot see both sides of the blocks, but only the near side, and thus the name is clearly visible to him. If he stands on the other side of the sign he will see it just as clearly, but he will not see the same letters as before, as he is then looking at the other side of the blocks.

The under sides of the triangular blocks are provided with letters similar to those on the beveled sides, and thus the name may be read from the door or sidewalk directly under or a short distance from the sign in front. The under sides of the blocks are beveled slightly, so as to render it possible to read it in front.

This sign is clearly very simple, and by its use the name thereon may be read from the sidewalk by a person looking either up or down the street, thus rendering unnecessary the use of the sign-boards arranged across the sidewalk.

The triangular blocks B may be made of any suitable material.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

A sign provided with angular blocks B, attached to a base-board and arranged in alignment thereon, each block being inclined on two opposite vertical sides and upwardly inclined on the bottom face, whereby said blocks may be lettered, as and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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