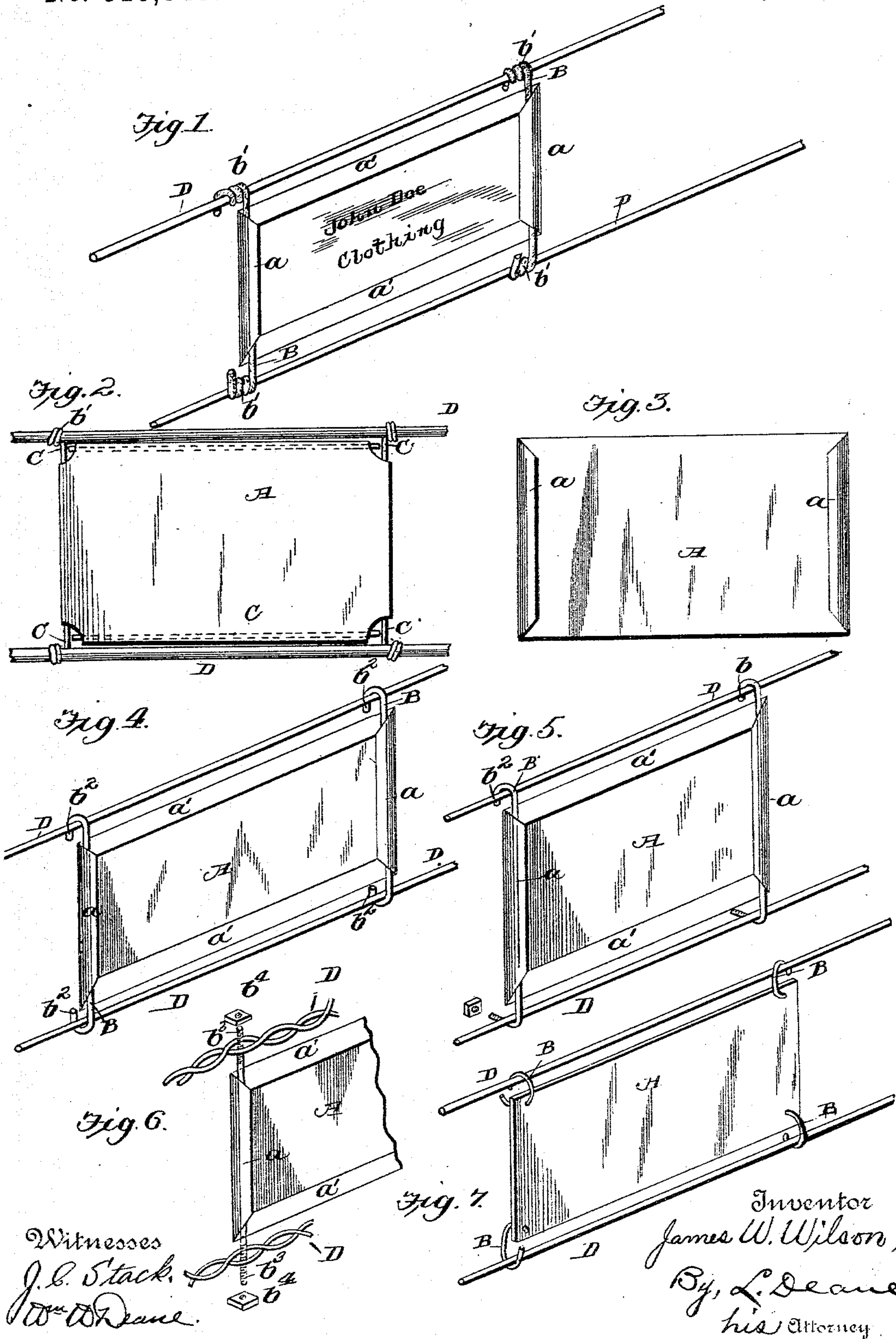


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES WILLIAM WILSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Signs; 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 appertains to make and use the same.

Figure 1, is a perspective view of this device as in use. Fig. 2, is an elevation of the reverse side of the sign. Fig. 3, is a like view of a modified form of structure. Fig. 4, is a perspective view showing a modification of means for attaching the sign to the wires; Fig. 5, a like view of another modification of same. Fig. 6, shows how the sign may be secured to a double wire strand. Fig. 7, is a detail of still another modification of means for securing the sign on the fence.

This invention relates to improvements in signs, and the particular novelty in the present instance consists in the structure of the sign; its combination with the wires by which it is supported on the strands of a wire fence; and its combination with said fence wires, all as will be hereinafter more fully explained, as well as pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings A, denotes a sign board made of sheet metal, its ends *a* and sides *a'*, respectively slightly bent over the vertical end wires B, and the top and bottom wires C.

It is intended that this sign board shall be of the width of the usual space between the fence strands D; but it may be made narrower or wider if desired: it may be of any desired length.

The sign is secured upon the fence strands D, by its end or side wires B. The method or means of attachment may be the coiling of said wires at their ends upon the upper and lower fence wire strands, as shown at *b'*; or it may be done by making the ends of said wires springs as shown at *b''*, Fig. 4; or one end may be a spring and the other bent and threaded as at *b'''*, Fig. 6, and on this end will fit the nut *b''''*, which by its engagement upon the fence strand can be made to draw the wire B, tightly into engagement upon the strands of the fence wire; or, if the sign is applied to a fence where the strand is made

up of double or twisted wires a nut may be put on the upper screw threaded end of the side wire B, where it passes above the strand wires and another at the lower end where it passes below as in Fig. 6.

Under some circumstances it may be desirable to have the sign permanently attached to the fence strands as shown in Fig. 1, but it may be found in many cases more desirable to have the means of attachment such that the sign can be easily attached to or removed from the strand wires, as is generally indicated in Figs. 4, 5, and 6.

The lettering or other designation may be placed on one or both sides of the sign.

It is evident that wood, or any other material, instead of metal may be used for making the body of the sign: also, that the detail of fastening the sign to the wires by which it is secured to the supporting wires, and also in attaching said wires to the fence strands, may be varied in a great many ways involving only mechanical changes in the methods and means above suggested, and so constituting no real difference over what has been shown and described. It will also be noted that the sign thus attached will also constitute, in case of barbed fencing wires, a cattle warning or signal and thus prevent the stock approaching too near to the barbing, and so prevent casualties which might otherwise arise.

What I claim is—

1. A sign combined with and secured by its bent edges upon the side wires by which it is attached to and combined with the fence wires, substantially as set forth.

2. In combination with the strands of a wire fence the wires B, and the sign A, bent at its edges upon said wires, the wires B, having bent spring ends by which it is readily attached to or detached from said fence wires.

3. In combination with the strands of a wire fence a sign detachably secured thereto, substantially in the manner and for the purposes set forth.

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

JAMES WILLIAM WILSON.

Witnesses:

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