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Fig. 1.

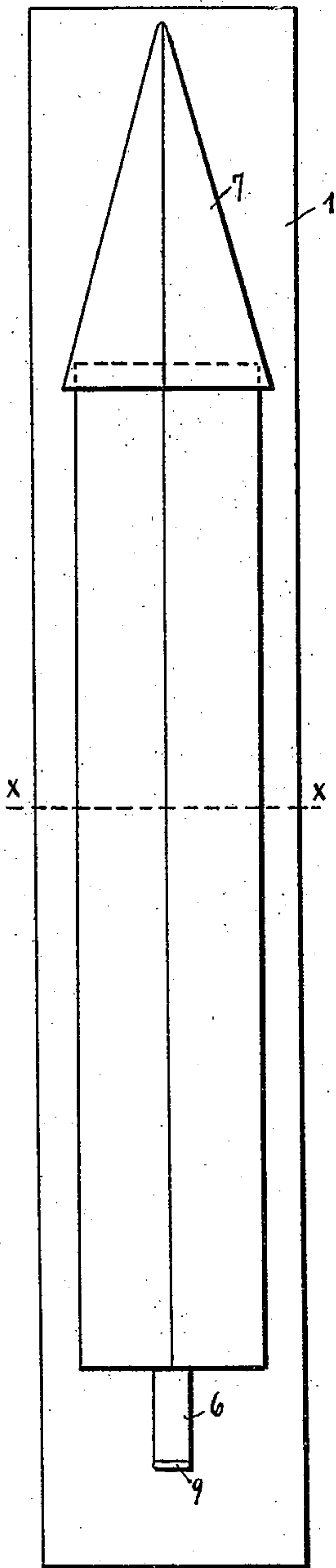


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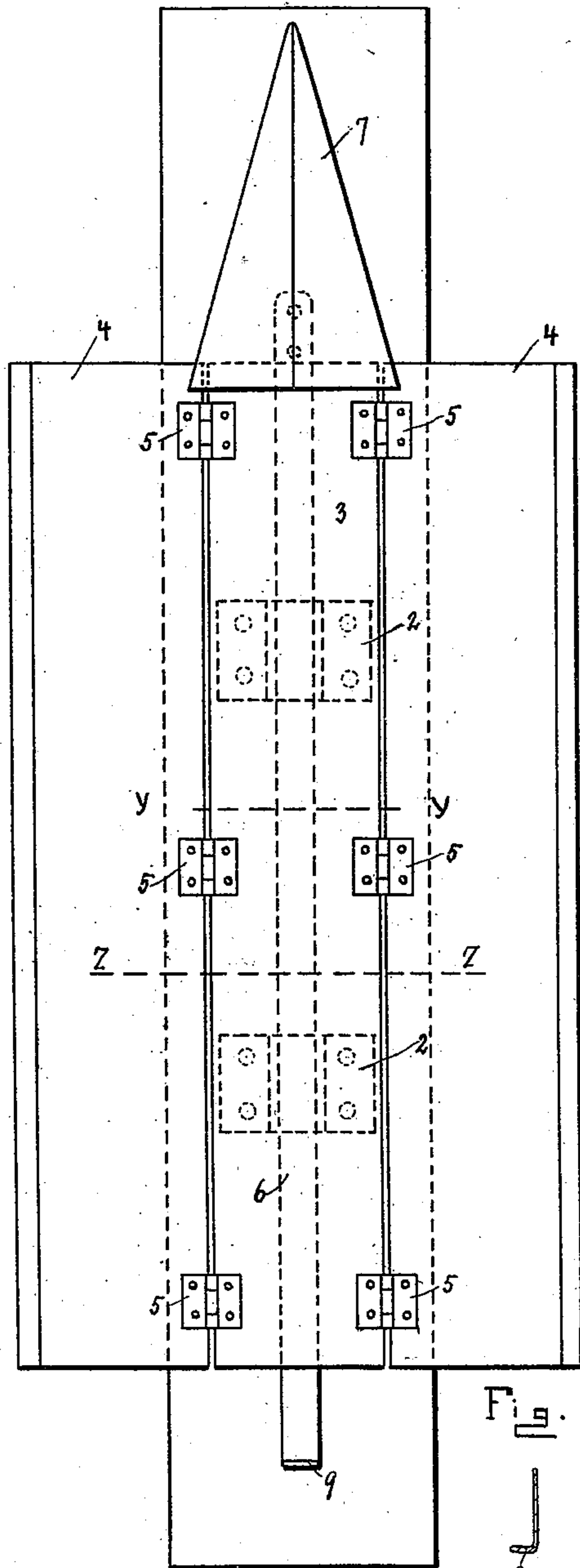


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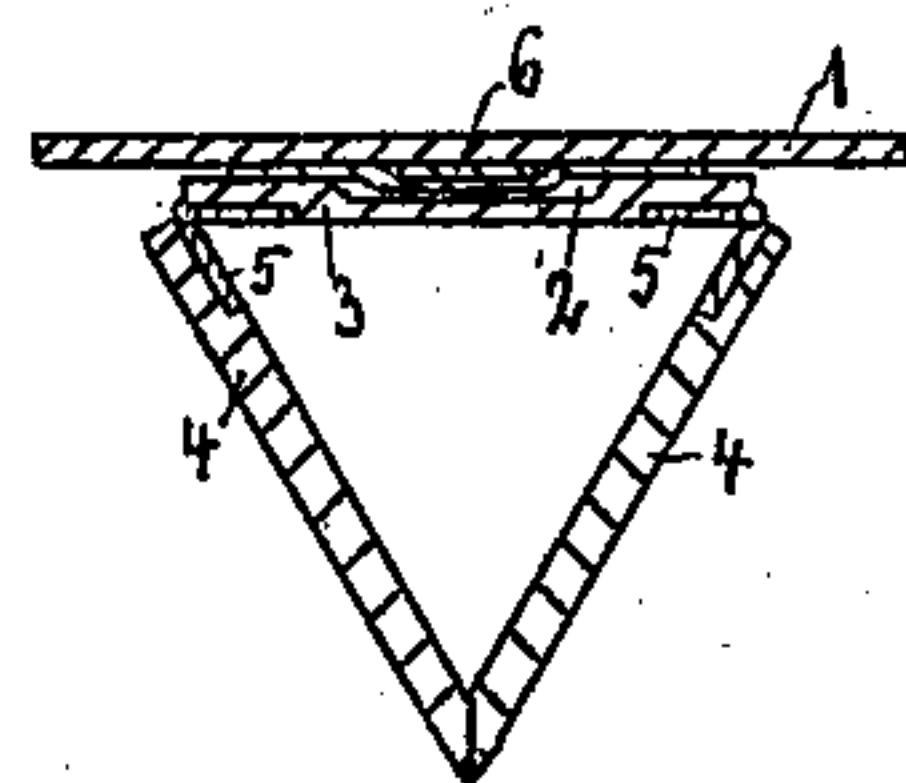


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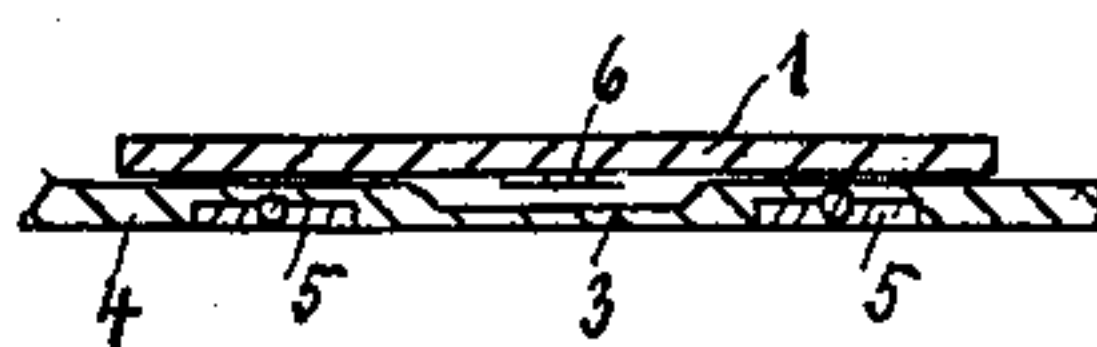


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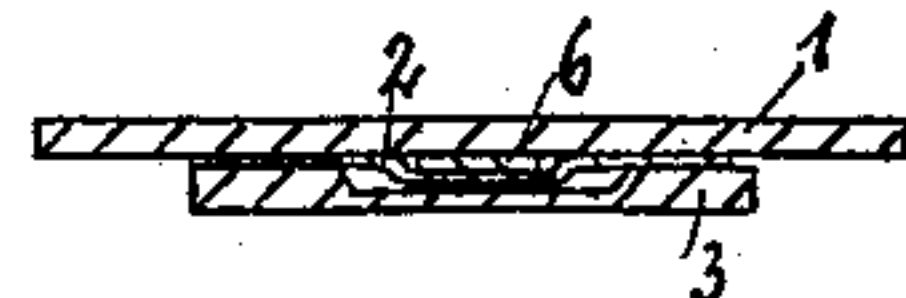


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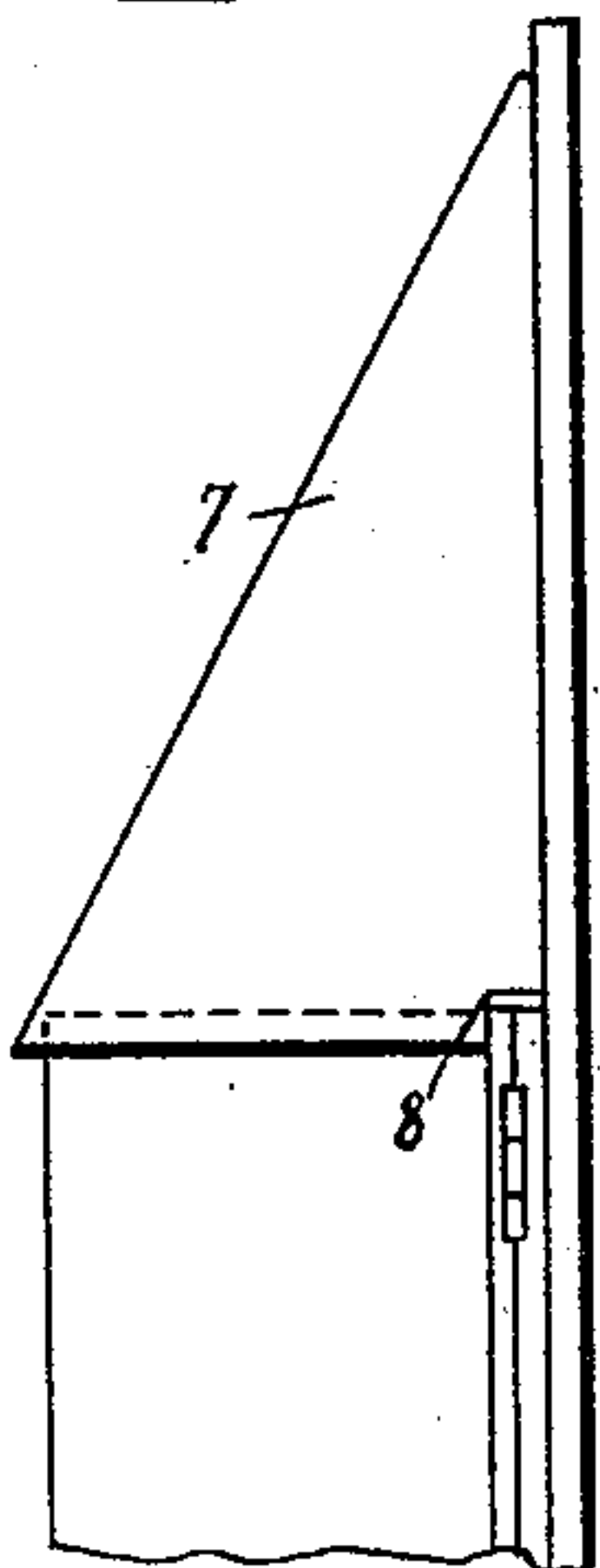


Fig. 7.



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DISPLAY-SIGN.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR PALMER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-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 pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in devices for advertising or placards for display-signs.

The invention has for its object the provision of novel means whereby a large amount of advertising space is obtained in a device that will be highly ornamental in its appearance and may be readily changed from one position to another when desired.

The invention has for its further object to construct a device of the above-referred-to class that will be strong, durable, and comparatively inexpensive to manufacture.

With the above and other objects in view the invention finally consists in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more particularly described, and specifically pointed out in the claims.

In describing the invention in detail, reference is had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and wherein like numerals of reference indicate similar parts throughout the several views of the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved advertising device or placard, showing the same in a closed position. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the device in an open position. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view on the line X X of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a horizontal sectional view on the line Y Y of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a horizontal sectional view on the line Z Z of Fig. 2. Fig. 6 is a side view of the top portion of the device. Fig. 7 is a detail view of the operating-handle.

In the drawings, 1 indicates the base-plate upon which the device is mounted. The said

base-plate may be attached to a wall in any suitable manner.

2 2 represent guides attached on the face of the base-plate 1, upon which is mounted a placard 3, having outwardly-extending wings 4 4 hinged together, as shown at 5 5, and forming a triangular placard when closed.

6 represents an operating-rod adapted to slide in the guides 2 2. Said operating-rod carries on its upper extremity a triangular hood 7, the lower portion of said hood being provided with shoulders 8 8. The lower extremity of the said operating-rod 6 carries a handle 9.

The operation of the device is as follows: For the purpose of illustrating, let us assume that the device is in a position as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, the wings being closed and in a position approximately of forty-five degrees. If it is desired to open the placard, the handle 9 of the operating-rod 6 is moved upwardly, thereby detaching the hood from engagement with the wings and allowing the latter to be opened when the handle is operated downwardly, and thereby forcing the shoulders of the hood over the top of the placard and retaining the latter in the desired position. Then in order to change the placard again to its normal position the operating-rod is forced upwardly by the handle, thereby disengaging the shoulders of the hood from the placard and allowing the wings to be folded inwardly. The hood is then drawn downwardly until the latter incloses the top of the wings and retains the same in position.

It will be readily seen that the hood serves a dual purpose—namely, it serves to retain the wings of the placard in position whether the latter are open or closed, and at the same time protects and shields the placard from the elements of the weather.

It will be noted that various changes may be made in the details of construction of the above-described device without departing from the general spirit of my invention, and I therefore do not wish to limit myself to this specific construction.

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

1. An advertising device consisting of a

base-plate, a placard provided with wings, a hood having shoulders in combination with operating-rod and suitable guides for said rod substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

2. An advertising device consisting of a base-plate provided with hinged wings, an operating-rod carrying a retaining-hood at its upper extremity said hood being provided
10 with shoulders, and suitable means whereby

said rod may be operated, all parts being arranged substantially as described and shown.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I hereunto affix my signature this 21st day of March, A. D. 1895.

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