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Fig. 1.

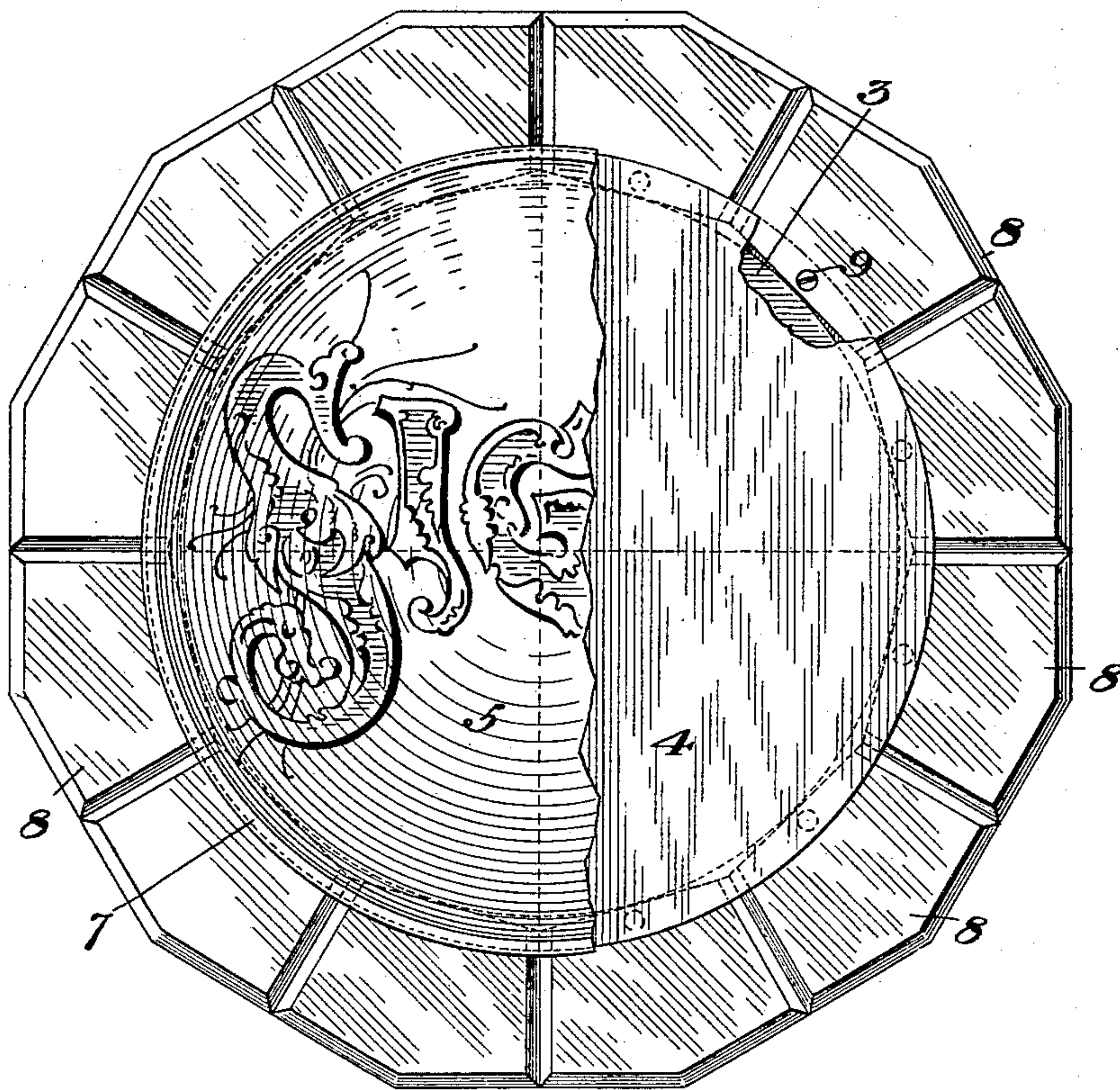
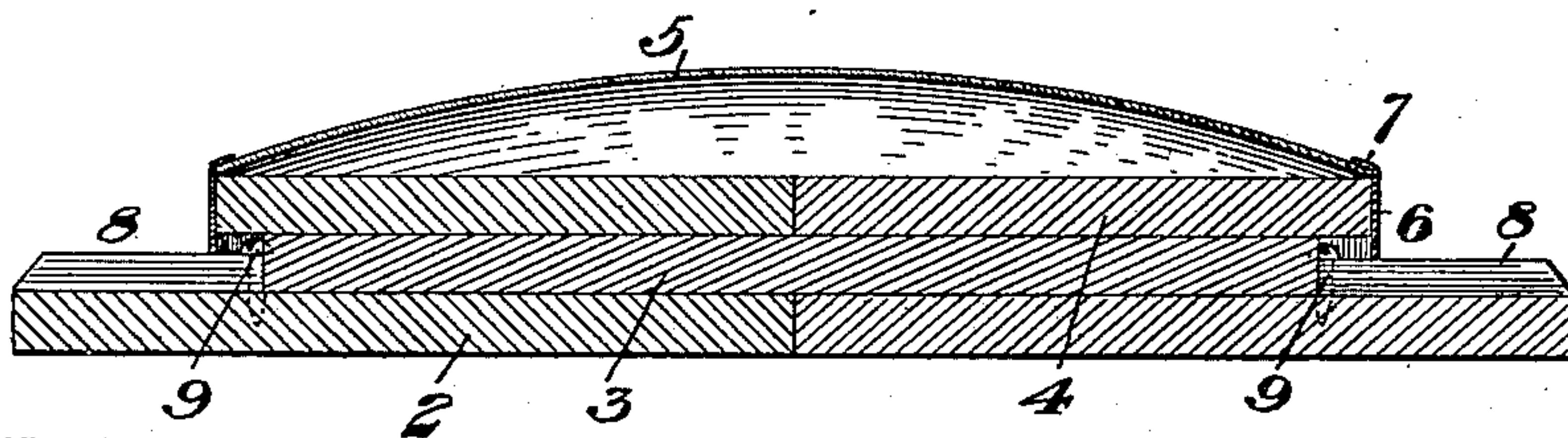


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN L. DAWES, of Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Signs, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation, partly broken away, of a sign constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view of the same.

My invention relates to advertising-signs, and is designed to provide an attractive sign which can be made at comparatively low cost.

In the drawings, 2 represents a base-plate, which may be of any desired contour and is preferably made of wood in two or more parts. Centrally secured to this base-plate is an intermediate plate or block 3, which is also preferably built up of two or more pieces of wood. Above or in front of the intermediate plate is secured the front plate 4, which is of larger diameter than the intermediate plate so as to overhang it at the edges and is also preferably composed of two or more pieces of wood. The wooden pieces or blocks may all be nailed together, and I preferably arrange them so that the joint between the pieces comprising one plate extends across the joint of the adjacent plate. Thus, as shown in Fig. 2, and indicated in the dotted lines in Fig. 1, the joint of the intermediate plate extends at right angles to the joints of the front and base plates, respectively.

The central portion of the sign or the sign proper consists, preferably, of a bent or oval-shaped piece of glass 5, which is secured to the front plate 4 by a metal band 6, having a flange 7, which overlaps the edge of the sign, this band being forced down over the front plate and fitting snugly around it. The center plate of the sign may of course be of any desired shape and may be flat or curved, as desired.

The outer annular rim portion of the sign consists of plates 8, which are secured to the base 2 by screws or nails 9, passing through their inner portions beneath the overhanging outer portions of the front plate and the central part of the sign proper. The plates 8 may consist of mirrors or glass plates or other

suitable material, and their shape, size, and securing means may be varied as desired. The plates 8 are preferably secured in place before the central part of the sign is secured to the back portion.

The advantages of my invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art, since a cheap and simple construction is afforded, while the concavo-convex shape of the sign or a portion thereof gives a beautiful and attractive appearance. The edges of the central sign portion overhang the inner ends of the surrounding ornamental portions, and thus gives a neat joint without the necessity of carefully fitting or cutting their inner ends.

The securing-screws for the plates 8 may be located in their central portion outside the central sign portion, and many variations may be made in the shape, size, and arrangement of the various parts without departing from my invention.

I claim—

1. A sign having a central sign portion of concavo-convex form, with overhanging edges, and surrounding ornamental portions having their inner ends extending under and concealed by the edges of the central portion; substantially as described.

2. A sign, having a base, a central sign portion secured thereto and having overhanging edges, outer radial ornamental portions having their inner ends extending under and concealed by the overhanging edges of the central portion, and means for securing these outer portions to the base; substantially as described.

3. A sign, having a base, an intermediate plate, a front plate larger than the intermediate plate and overhanging the same at its edges, a central sign portion secured to the front plate by a surrounding band, and a series of radial ornamental plates secured to the base and having their inner ends extending under and concealed by the overhanging edges of the central portion; substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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