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Fig. 1.

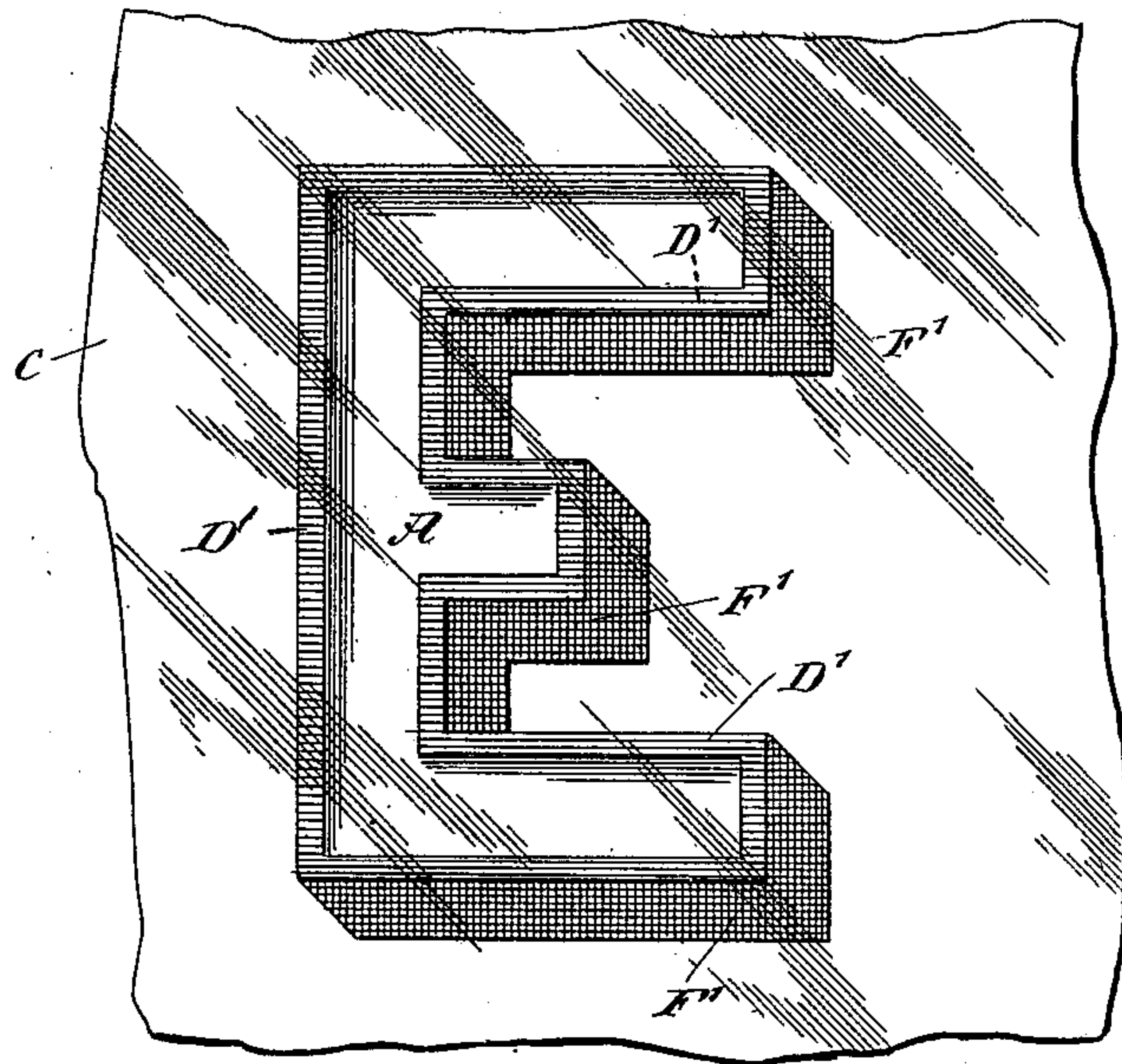
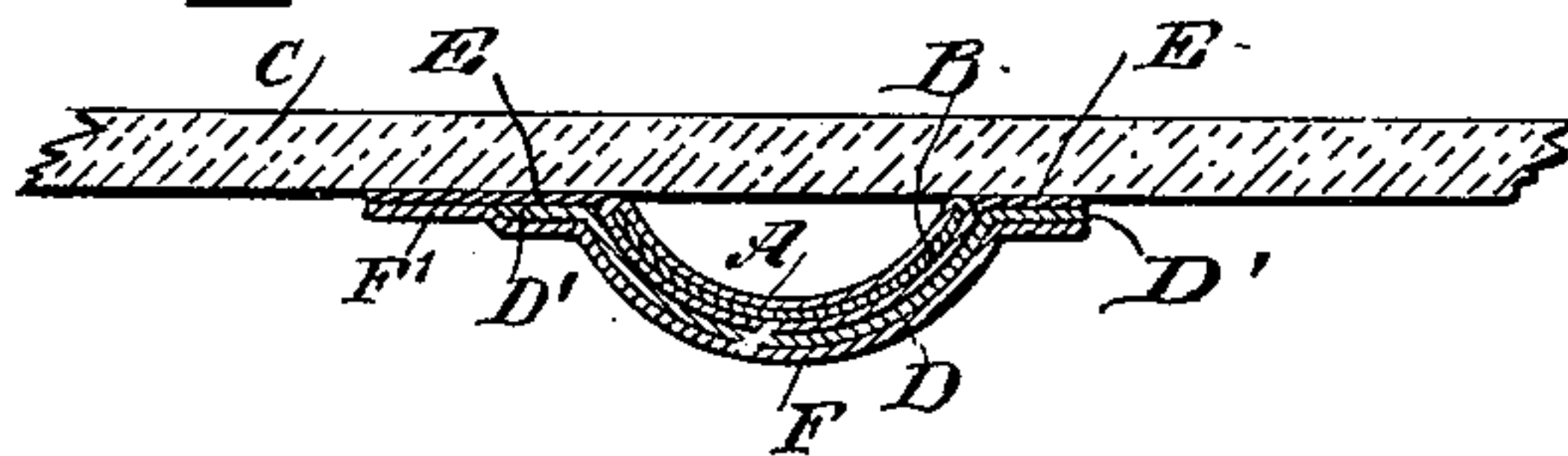


Fig. 2.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, OTTO CAESAR, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Sign, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to letters, designs, and other characters and ornaments attached to windows or other supports for forming signs; and the object of the invention is to provide a new and improved sign more especially designed for attachment to the inside of a pane of glass and arranged to give a highly-ornamental effect.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, as will be fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claims.

A practical embodiment of my invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both views.

Figure 1 is a front view of the improvement, and Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the same.

Each of the letters or other characters, designs, or ornaments employed for forming the sign on a glass panel or other support is preferably of the usual construction—that is, it is provided with an enameled or other covering A all over a metallic body B, the latter appearing concaved at the face, the edges thereof being in a plane to readily fit against the rear face of the support C. The concaved portion of the letter, character, design, or other ornament appears at the front to heighten the attractiveness of the sign when a letter is applied to the glass pane, as will be readily understood by reference to Fig. 1.

The back or convex portion of the letter, design, character, or ornament is covered by a covering D, made of flexible material, such as tin-foil or the like, the covering being extended beyond the edges of the letter to form attaching-flanges D', adapted to receive at their front faces a suitable transparent cement or other adhesive substance E for fastening the flanges to the support C and thereby secure the letter, character, or other ornament in position on the support. By the arrangement described the edges of the letter,

ornament, or the like fit upon the face of the support, and by the flanges D' being extended beyond said edges and secured to the support by the binding substance it is evident that the letter itself is hermetically sealed on the glass support, the inner or concaved enameled portion appearing as the front of the sign, so that the attractiveness of the letter is greatly enhanced. The face of the flange engaged by the binding substance may be suitably colored in contradistinction to the color of the enamel, so that the broad flange forms a border and appears in high contrast to the enameled concaved portion of the letter, especially as such colored flange is visible from the outside through the adhesive material, and the effect of the sign is thus greatly enhanced. To form a shading for the letter, design, character, or ornament, a second covering F, of tin-foil or other flexible material, is employed, having a flange F' extending beyond the flange D' of the other covering, as is plainly indicated in the drawings, at such portions of the letter at which the shading is desired. This flange F' is engaged by the binding substance E, which is thus extended over both flanges D' F' to securely hold the covering to the support C, so as to secure the latter in place and at the same time give the desired ornamentation to the letter. As indicated in the drawings, for instance, the enamel A on the letter may be white, the border or flange D' may be gold, and the shading-flange F' may be black, so that a very high ornamental effect is produced.

It is understood that the coverings D and F are secured to the back or convex portion of the letter, character, or ornament by suitable adhesive substance or other means. By the construction described the letters can be readily fastened to the inside of the glass pane or other support instead of to the outside thereof and without destroying the concave appearance of the letter, at the same time permitting cleaning of the window both on the inside and outside without danger of the letters becoming detached or otherwise injured. It will further be seen that by having a flexible covering for securing the letter proper in position on the panel said letter may readily expand or contract without danger of destroying the covering, which serves principally to hold the letter in place and also has the

function of heightening the ornamental effect of the lettering.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters  
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1. A sign-letter, comprising a letter proper, a rear covering of flexible material for the letter and extending beyond the edges thereof to form attaching-flanges for securing the letter  
10 to the sign-support and forming a border for the letter, and a shading-flange for said letter extending beyond the attaching-flanges at the desired points, substantially as described.

2. A sign-letter, comprising a letter, and a  
15 plurality of rear coverings of flexible material superimposed one upon the other, the in-

nermost covering extending beyond the edges of the letter to form attaching-flanges for securing the letter to the sign-support and forming a border for the same, the outermost covering having its flange extending beyond the flange of the innermost covering at certain portions of the letter, thereby forming a shading-flange for the letter substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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