

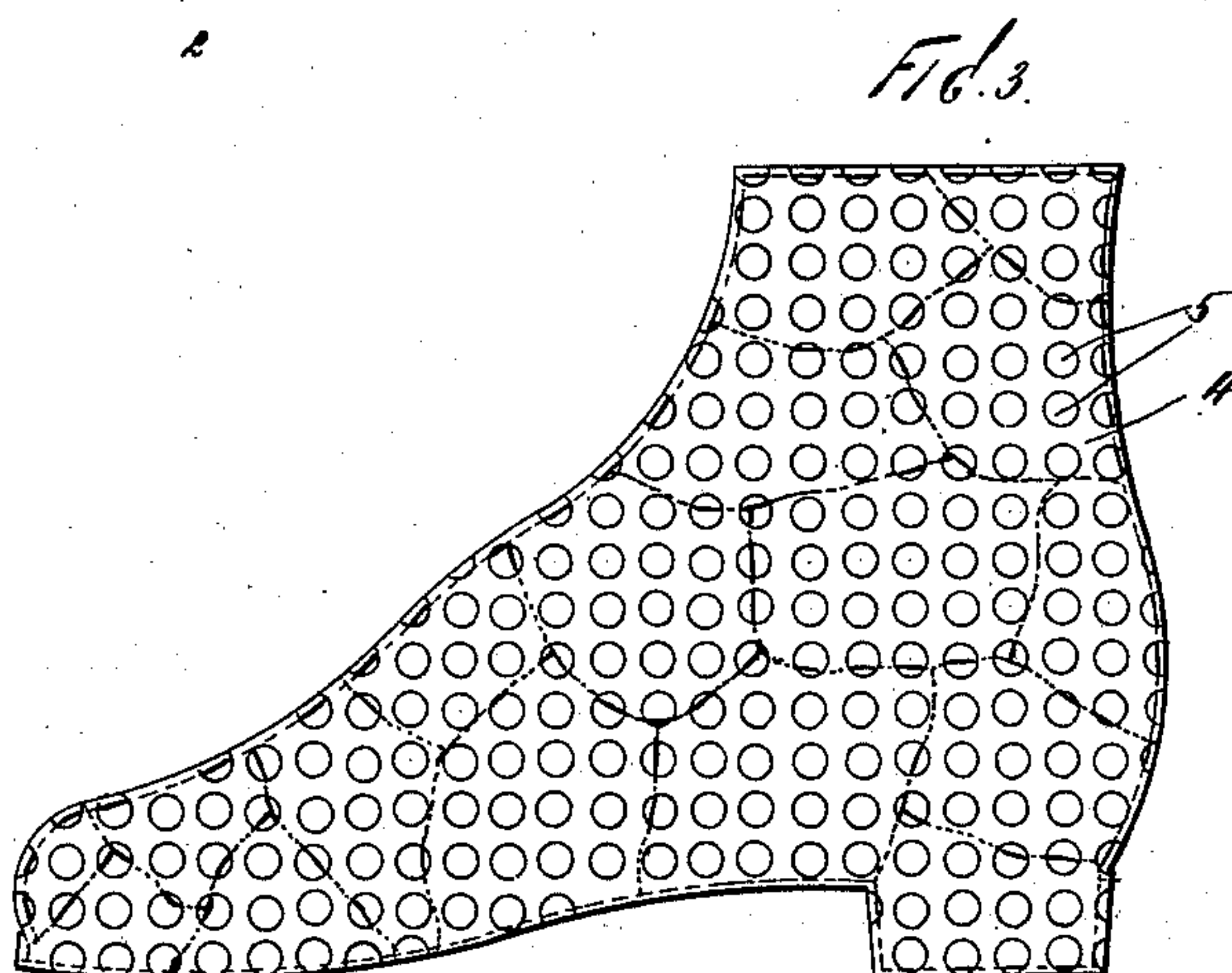
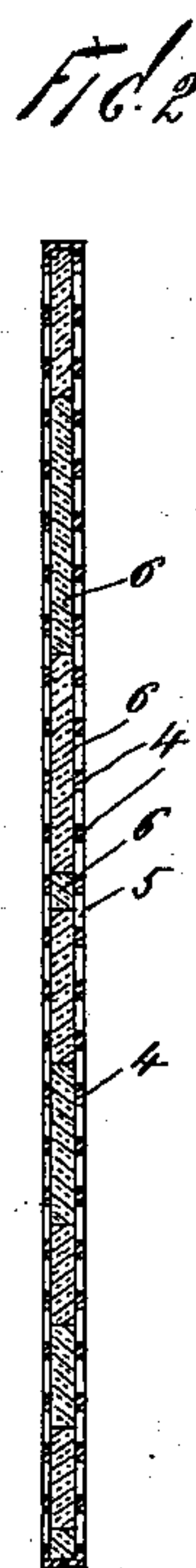
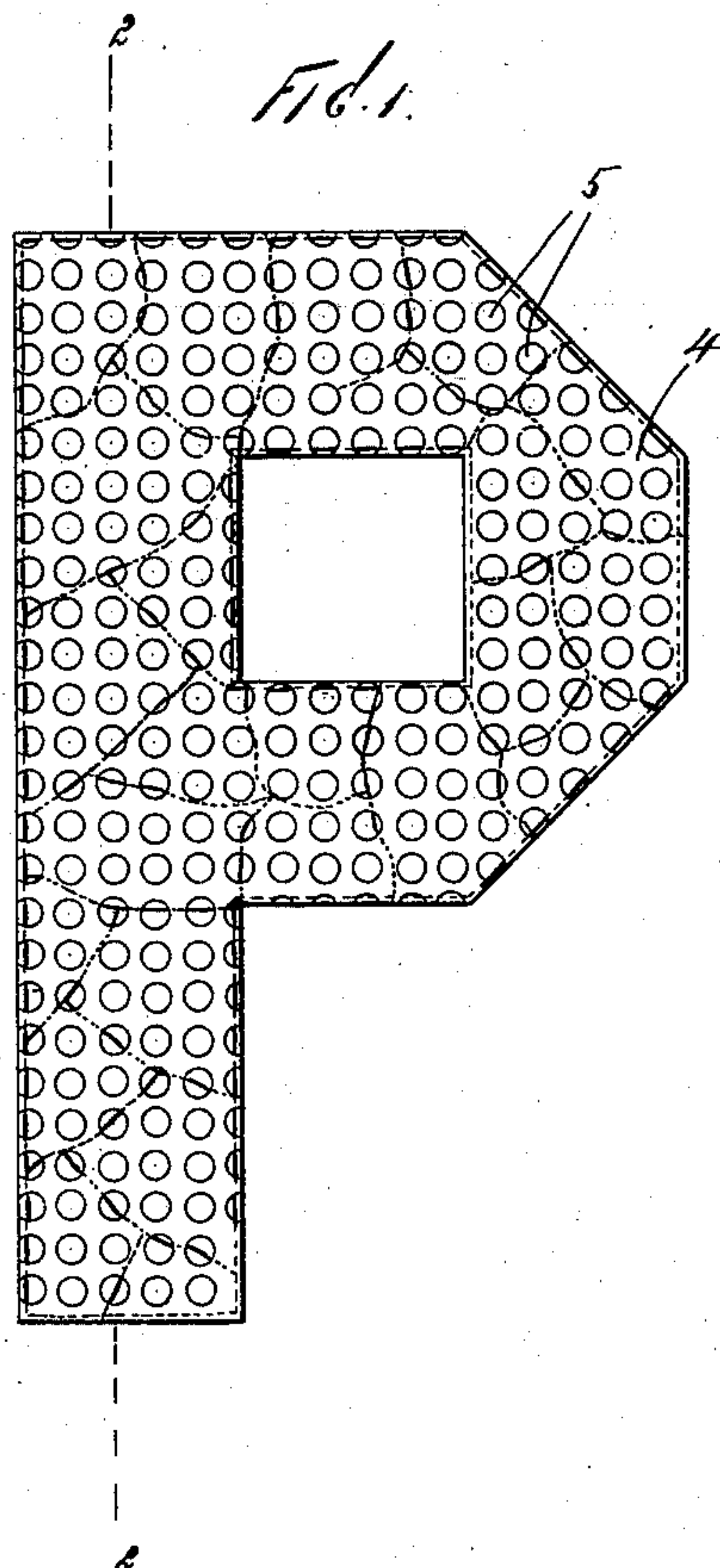
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MORRIS H. LEVETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display Devices, of which the following is a full and complete specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to display devices; and the object thereof is to provide an artistic construction suitable for adaptation to display letters and other symbols and capable of incorporation in bric-à-brac and other decorative constructions.

The invention consists in the construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which like reference characters denote like parts in the several views, Figure 1 is an elevation of a display device embodying my invention and constructed in conformity with a letter of the alphabet; Fig. 2, a section thereof upon the line 2 2 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is an elevation of a still further display device embodying my invention constructed in conformity with the form of a shoe.

In the practice of my invention I provide a shell or casing 4, which is preferably rigid and of sheet metal or other opaque substance and is provided with a plurality of preferably circular perforations 5, whereby the entire shell is foraminous in construction, the perforations 5 being preferably arranged in rows or series or otherwise in accordance with a predetermined design scheme.

Within the shell or casing 4 are arranged a plurality of preferably transparent or translucent bodies 6, which may be bits of glass, stone, mica, celluloid, or of other suitable material, and said bodies 6 are preferably of irregular-edge formation and are fitted together to completely fill the shell or casing 4. The bodies 6 are also preferably colored, so that a variegated total-color effect is produced thereby; but I may form the bodies 6 within a wide range of variety with reference to shape, size, color, and light-transmitting or light-reflecting nature.

In Figs. 1 and 2 I have shown the casing 4

shaped to simulate the contour of the capital letter "P" of the alphabet, and this embodiment of my invention constitutes a new, attractive, and durable form of sign-letter applicable to shop-windows and for various advertising purposes.

In Fig. 3 I have shown the casing 4 formed to simulate a shoe, whereby the entire device shown in said figure may serve as a symbol or emblem for advertising purposes or otherwise, and it is manifest that the range or adaptation of the casing 4 and bodies 5 as to shape, color, and material is great within the spirit of my invention.

A particularly-efficacious manner of employing and utilizing display devices constructed according to my invention is to so arrange the same with relation to a source or sources of light that the latter may pass through the bodies 6 and the perforations 5 in the casing 4, thus presenting to the eye an illuminated and highly-attractive image. The casing 3 serves at all times to contain the body portion and maintain the same in permanent form.

I do not limit myself to the particular form, construction, and character of display devices herein particularly described as embodying my invention, but reserve the right to vary the same within the scope of my invention.

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

1. As an improved article of manufacture, a display device comprising a foraminous opaque casing or shell, and a plurality of edge-to-edge-fitting bodies contained therein, substantially as shown and described.

2. As an improved article of manufacture, a display device, comprising a foraminous opaque casing or shell formed to simulate a letter of the alphabet, and a translucent body portion contained therein, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 7th day of March, 1900.

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