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Fig. 2.



Fig. 1.

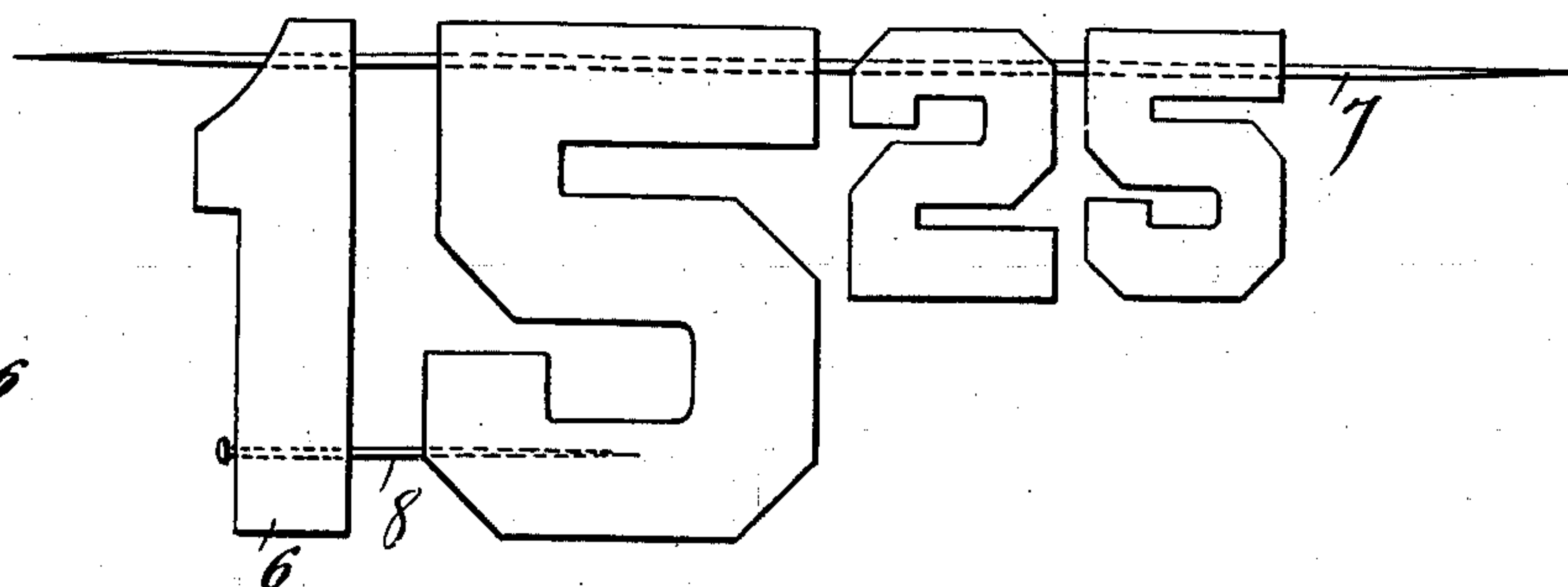


Fig. 3.

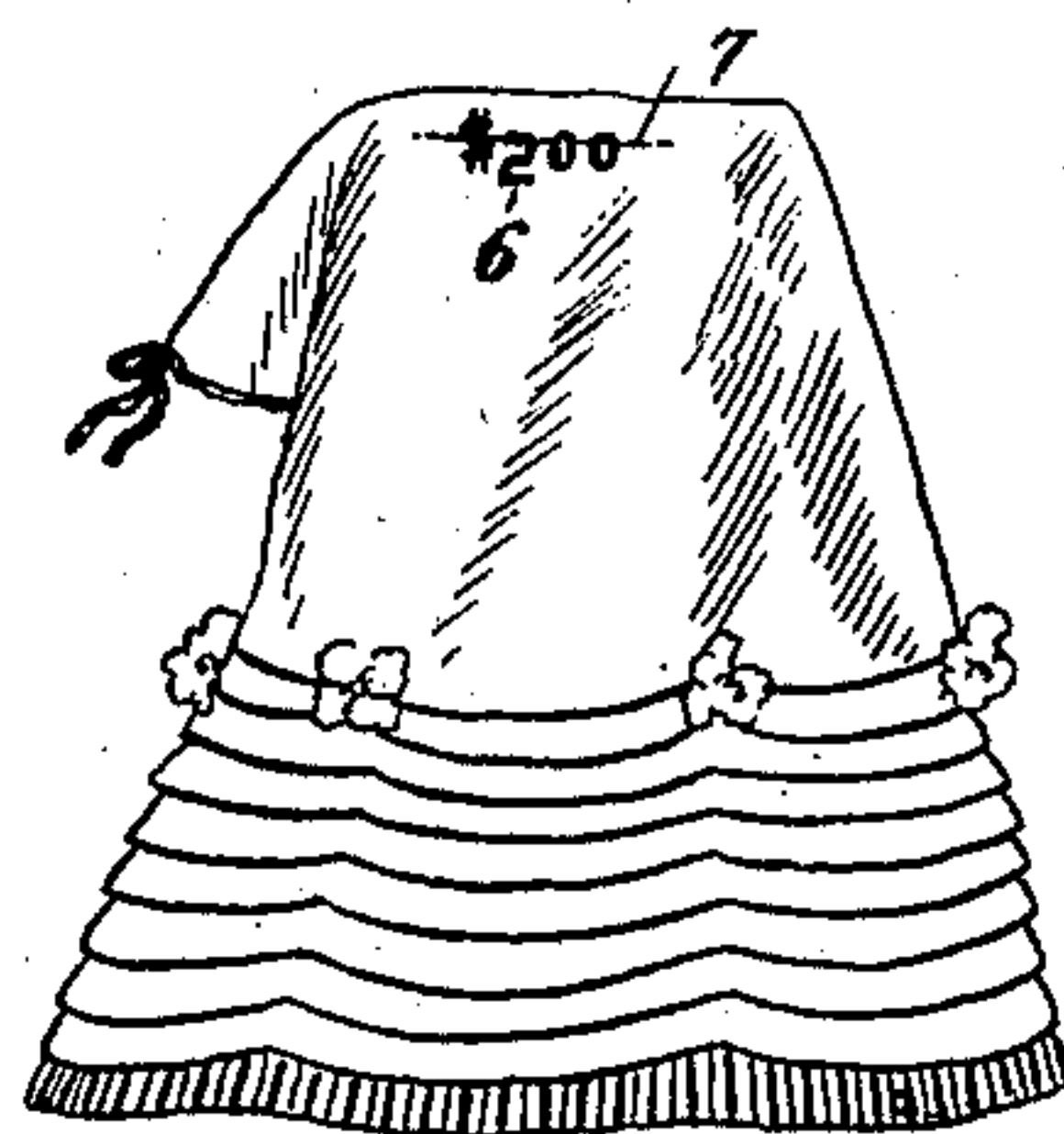


Fig. 4.

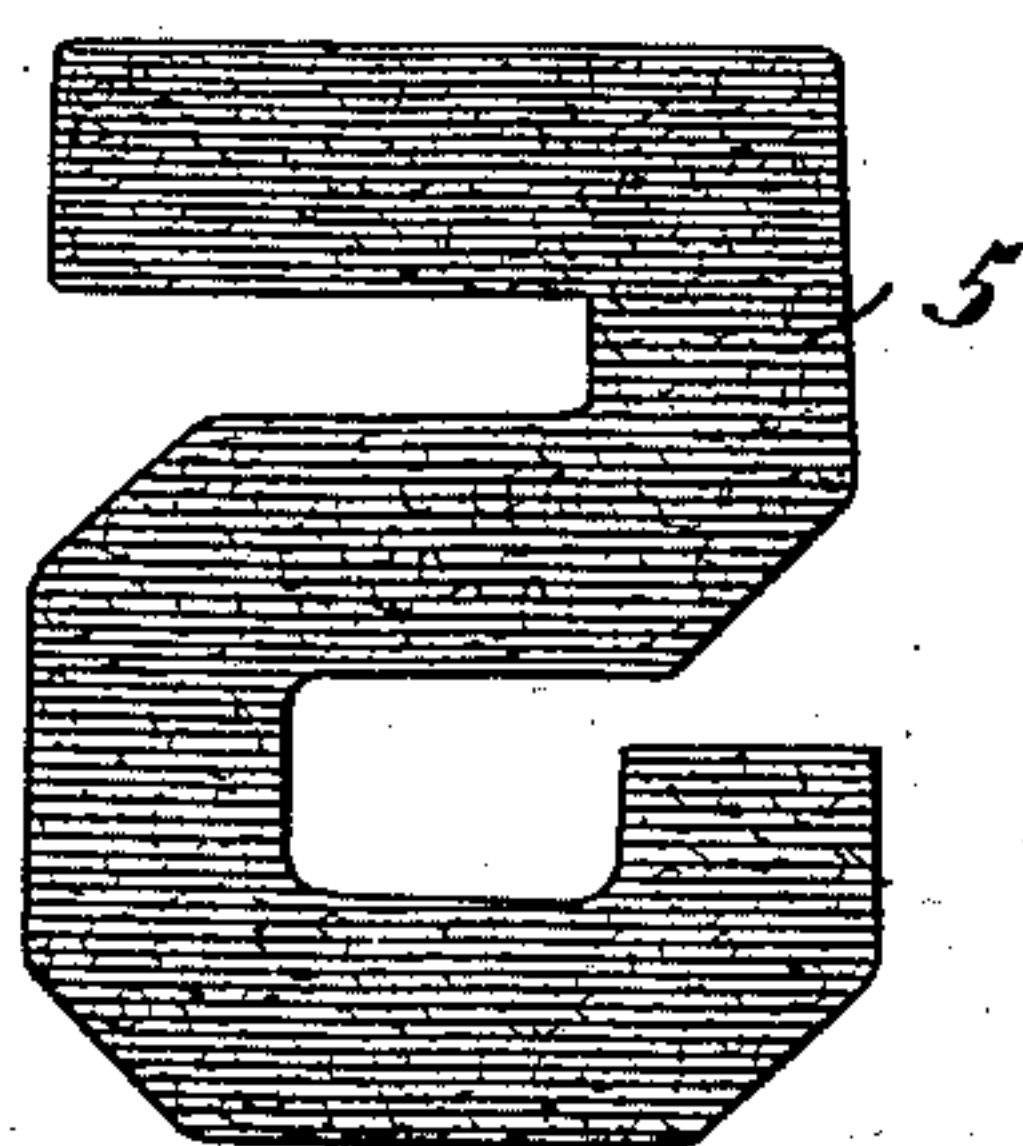
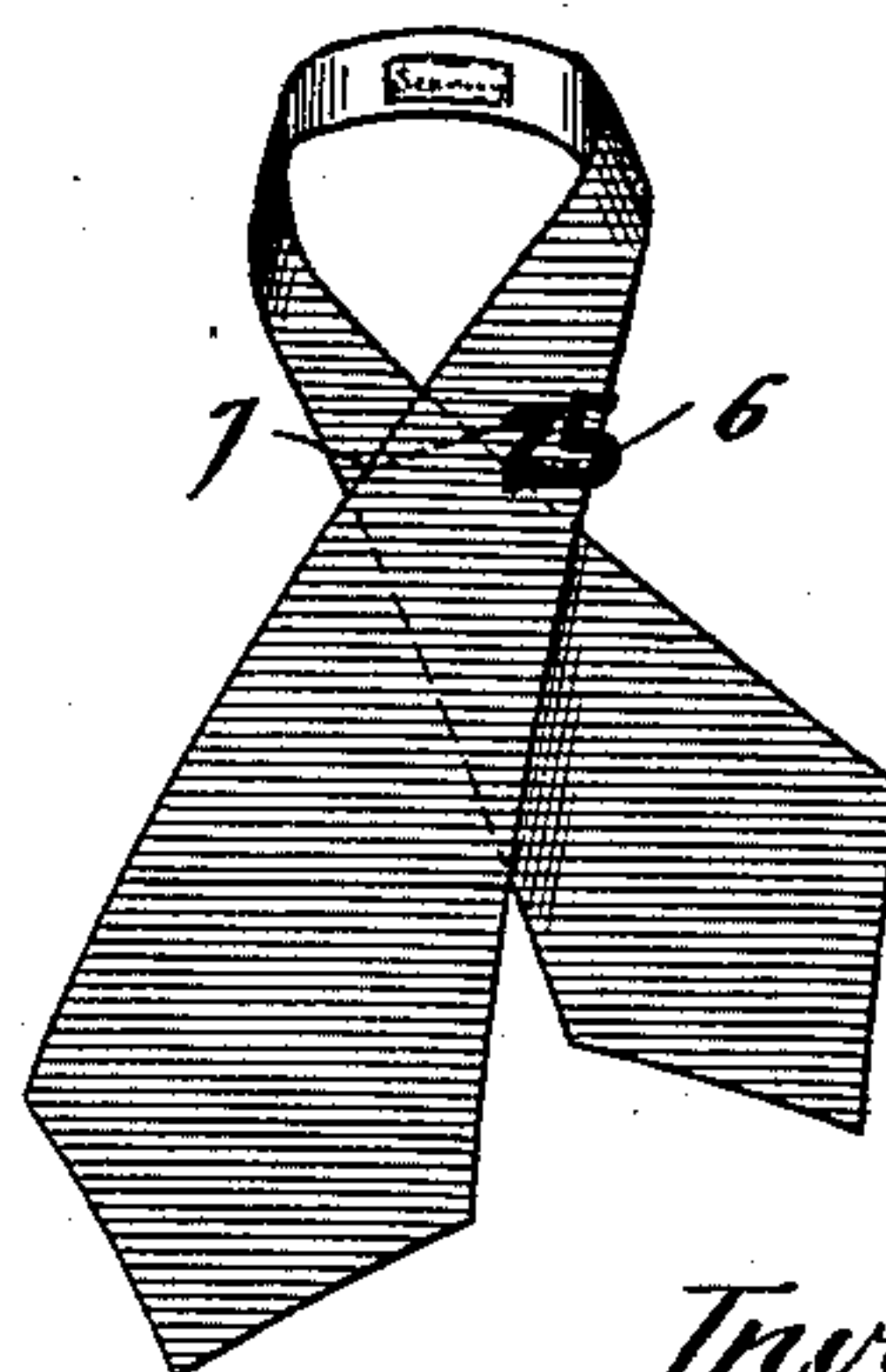


Fig. 5.



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SIGN-LETTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY WILLSON, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sign-Letters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to sign-letters, and has for its object to provide a construction whereby such letters and figures may be readily assembled for the purpose of indicating prices or forming words or signs which may be readily applied to goods or articles offered for sale.

To these ends the invention consists in certain novel features, which I will now proceed to describe and will then particularly point out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a face view of a group of letters embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same. Fig. 3 is a view illustrating one mode of application of the invention. Fig. 4 is a rear view of one of the letters, and Fig. 5 is a view illustrating another mode of application of the invention.

In constructing a sign-letter in accordance with my invention I form the body of the letter of a backing 5, of felt or other similar fibrous material, which is readily perforated by a pin or like instrument and which is of sufficient thickness to properly support the letter when thus perforated, and a facing 6, of comparatively-stiff paper or other like material, which may be suitably colored, if desired. A plurality of such letters or figures may be secured together in a group by forcing through their felt bodies a pin 7, which may be pointed at each end, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 3, and of sufficient length to accommodate any desired number of letters. Ordinary pins may be employed, as shown at

8 in Fig. 1, for securing the letters together, although I prefer to employ a single long double-pointed pin for this purpose. When such a double-pointed pin is used and the letters, figures, or signs have been grouped thereon, as desired, the entire group forming a sign or price mark may then be secured to the article in the manner shown in Fig. 3 by inserting the pointed ends of the pin into the fabric or material of which the article is composed. However, a pin pointed at one end only may be employed, as indicated in Fig. 5, the characters being placed thereon in such a manner that the pointed end of said pin projects to an extent sufficient to enable the sign to be secured to the article to which it is to be applied.

I claim—

1. The combination, with a plurality of sign-letters, each having a body comprising a backing of a substantial thickness of felt or other fibrous material, and a comparatively-stiff facing of paper or paper-board, of a supporting-pin passing through said felt in the plane of the body of the letter and having a pointed end projecting freely therefrom, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with a plurality of sign-letters, each having a body comprising a backing of a substantial thickness of felt or other fibrous material, and a comparatively-stiff facing of paper or paper-board, of a supporting-pin passing through said felt in the plane of the body of the letter to unite the several letters and having each of its ends pointed to engage the article to which the sign is to be attached, substantially as described.

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