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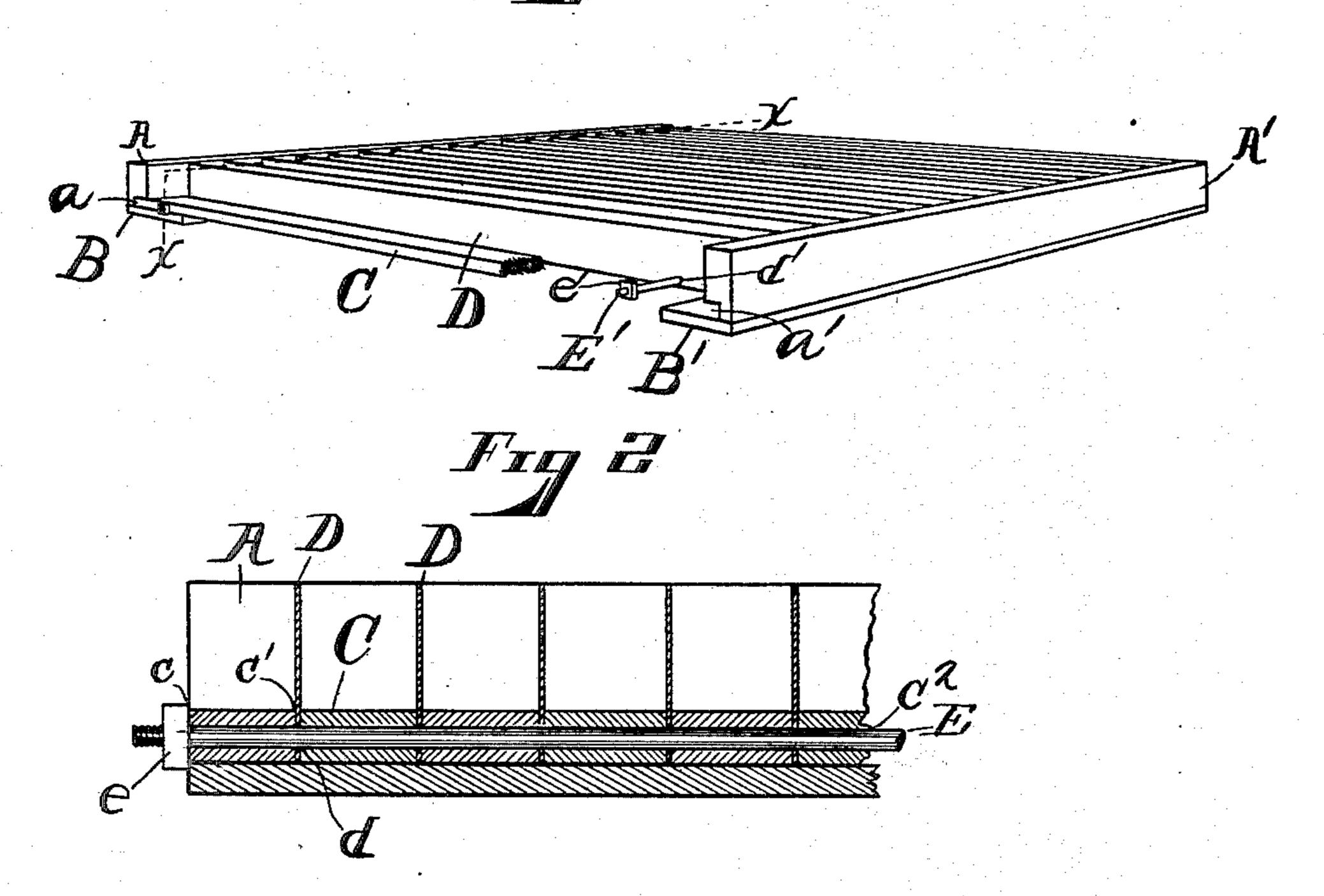
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## TRIPLE SIGN.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODORE P. HEINE-MANN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Connersville, in the county of Fayette and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Triple Signs, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in triple signs. Its object is a sign of the class used for advertising purposes that presents a different sign to the eye of the observer when looked at either from the left side or from the right or from the front, which is composed of individual parts or pieces of such a shape that they can be done up in a package that occupies little space, for convenience in shipping and handling, and which can be easily put together by the recipient to form a compact and strong sign. This object is attained by the means described in the annexed specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a triple sign embodying my invention, one of the back pieces being shown broken off in order to expose the parts lying back of it. Fig. 2 is a sectional view, upon an enlarged scale, taken upon line x x of Fig. 1.

Referring to the parts, the grooved end pieces A A' have secured to them boards or strips B B', which form, with the grooves in said end pieces, ways a a', which are to receive the back pieces C, which have parallel 35 edges c c' and together make up the back of the sign. Between the back pieces C transverse strips D, made preferably of metal, are placed. The back pieces have two sets of perforations  $c^2$  in them, formed so as to come 40 in alinement with perforations d and d', respectively, in the strips D when the sign is put together. Through the perforations  $c^2$ and d a bolt E, and through perforations  $c^2$ and d' a bolt E', is passed. By tightening up 45 nuts e and e' the back pieces and the strips

are drawn up tightly together to form a compact sign.

Both sides of the strips D, as well as the front of the back pieces C, contain letters or characters, so that when placed together to 50 form the triple sign, as shown in the figures, it presents a different sign to the eye of an observer when looked at from either side or from the front. When separated, it is seen that the pieces can be done up together in a 55 package for ease in handling and shipping and that they are put together readily by placing the back pieces C in the grooves a a', alternating them with the strips D, pushing the bolts E E' through the perforations in the 60 strips and back pieces, and then tightening up the nuts.

What I claim is—

1. In a triple sign the combination of pieces with parallel edges forming the back of the 65 sign, transverse strips between the pieces said pieces and strips having perforations to come in alinement and a bolt or bolts passing through the perforations to hold the strips between the pieces and to tighten them to-70 gether, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a triple sign the combination of end pieces having ways in them to receive the pieces composing the back of the sign said back pieces and transverse strips to be held 75 between the back pieces, substantially as shown and described.

3. In a triple sign the combination of end pieces having ways in them to receive the pieces composing the back of the sign, said 80 back pieces, transverse strips between the back pieces and a bolt passing through the back pieces and the transverse strips to hold and tighten them together, substantially as shown and described.

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