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Fig. 1.

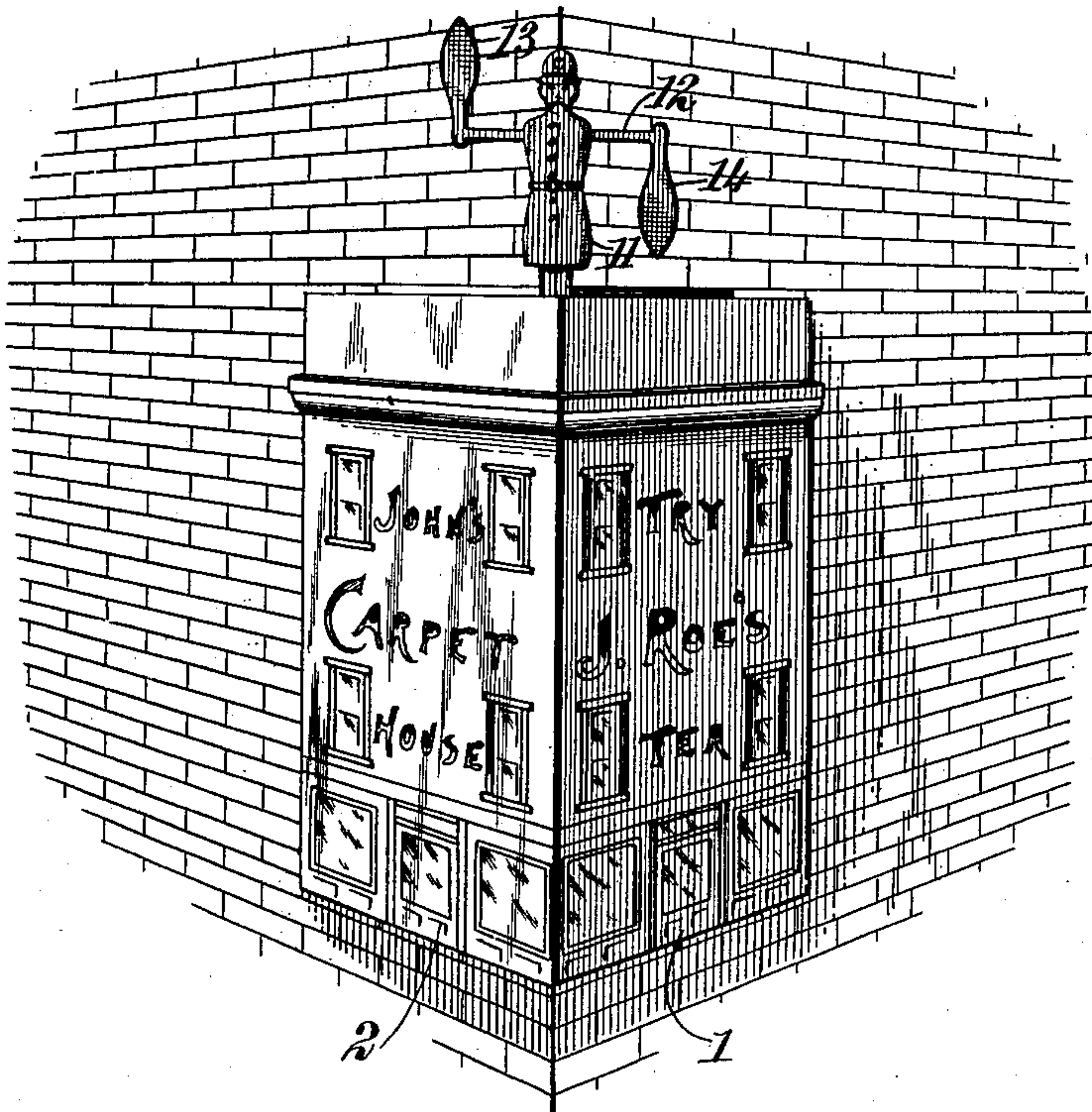
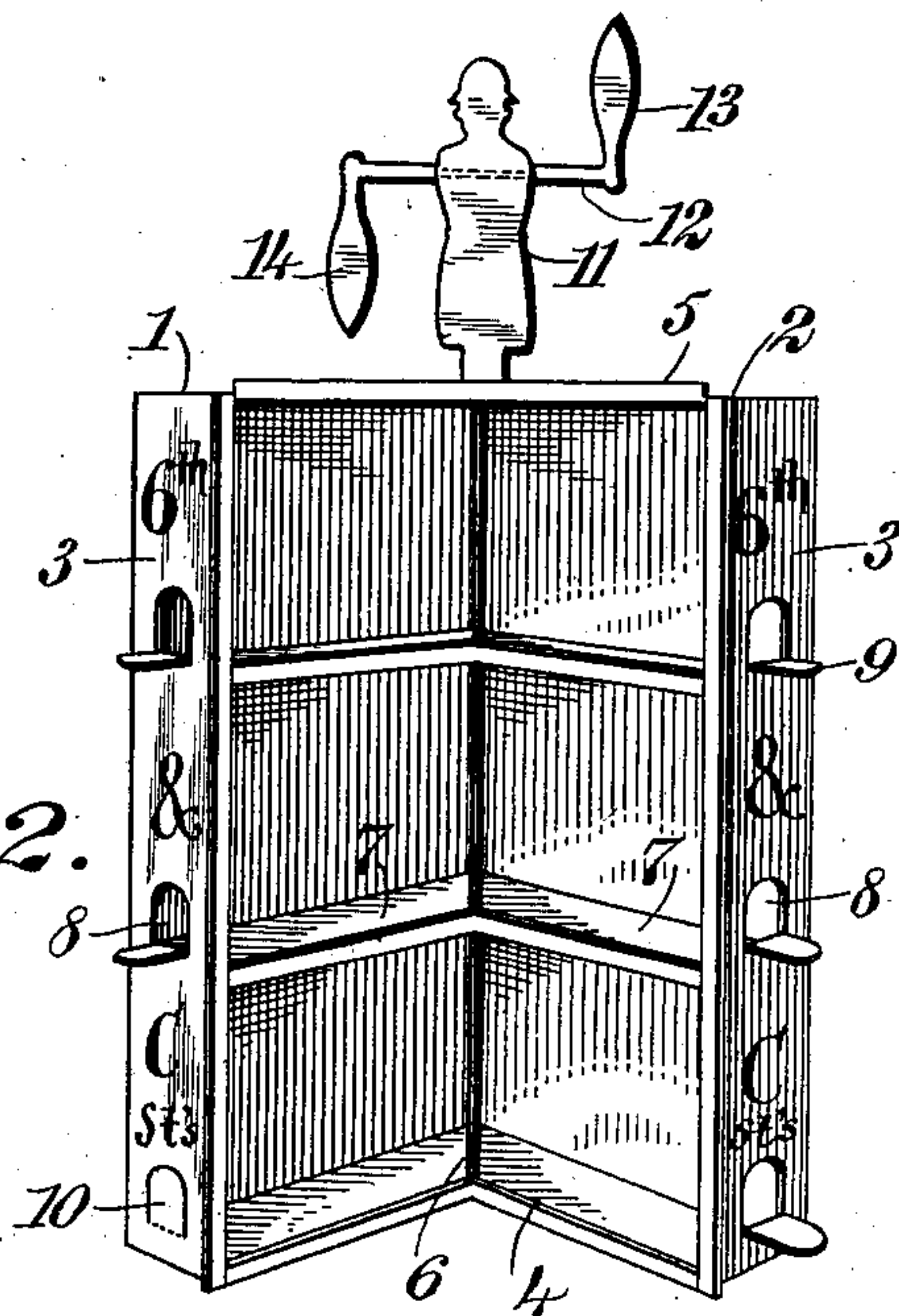


Fig. 2.



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## COMBINED SIGN AND BIRD-HOUSE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ISAAC MASON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Brooklyn, in the  
5 county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Combined Sign and Bird-House, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in  
10 combined signs and bird-houses, the object being to provide a device of this character designed to be attached to a building or similar support and to so construct it as to not only display advertising matter to good advantage,  
15 but to provide a housing in which birds may build their nests, and thus the birds by their flights to and from their nests will serve as an agency to draw attention to the signs.

I will describe a combined sign and bird-  
20 house embodying my invention and then point out the novel features in the appended claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification,  
25 in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a combined sign and bird-house embodying my invention, and Fig. 2 is an inside view thereof.

30 The combined sign and bird-house comprises a box-like structure having its sides arranged at right angles to each other. These two sides or the outer sides of the sign are indicated at 1 2, and at the edges are inwardly-  
35 turned portions or walls 3. These walls and sides are made integral and consist of metal that may be readily bent. This metal portion is mounted on a frame consisting of a bottom board 4, a top board 5, and a vertical central  
40 partition 6. Between the partition 6 and the side walls 3 are shelves 7, which are in line with openings 8, formed in the side walls 3, these openings being designed for the ingress and egress of birds to and from the shelvings on  
45 which the nests are to be built. The bottom portion 4 also serves as a shelf upon which

nests may be built. The openings 8 are formed by cutting through the metal at the sides and top, permitting the inner portion to be turned downward, as at 9, to form a land-  
50 ing-platform; but when it is not desired that birds shall build their nests in the device the openings may be closed by turning the portions 9 upward and into the openings, as indicated at 10.

The outer side of the structure may be or-  
55 namented in any desired manner. I have here indicated it as representing the corner of a store or the like, and on this outer surface, of course, the sign is to be painted.

As a further means for attracting attention  
60 to the sign I may place on the top thereof a figure 11, the arms of which are formed by a shaft 12, mounted to rotate on the figure and having oppositely-extended vanes 13 14 at the  
65 ends, so that the arms will be rotated under the action of the wind. These vanes of course are arranged at a slight transverse angle.

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

1. In a device for the purpose specified, a box-like structure adapted for advertising  
75 matter on its outer side and having openings for the passage of birds, parts at the lower portions of the openings serving as landing-platforms and also as closures for the openings, and shelving in the structure.

2. In a device for the purpose specified, a  
80 box-like structure having its walls arranged at right angles to each other and having inwardly-turned portions at the outer edges of the walls, the said inwardly-turned portions being provided with openings, parts integral with  
85 said inwardly-turned portions and adapted to form landings at the lower portions of the openings and also adapted for closing the openings, and shelving in the structure opposite said openings.

3. In a device for the purpose specified, a  
90 box-like structure having its outer walls arranged at right angles to each other, the outer

edges of said side walls being turned inward, the said walls and inwardly-turned portions consisting of sheet metal, and the said inwardly-turned portions being provided with 5 openings, and parts at the lower portions of the openings adapted to be turned to form landings, or turned to form closures.

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

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