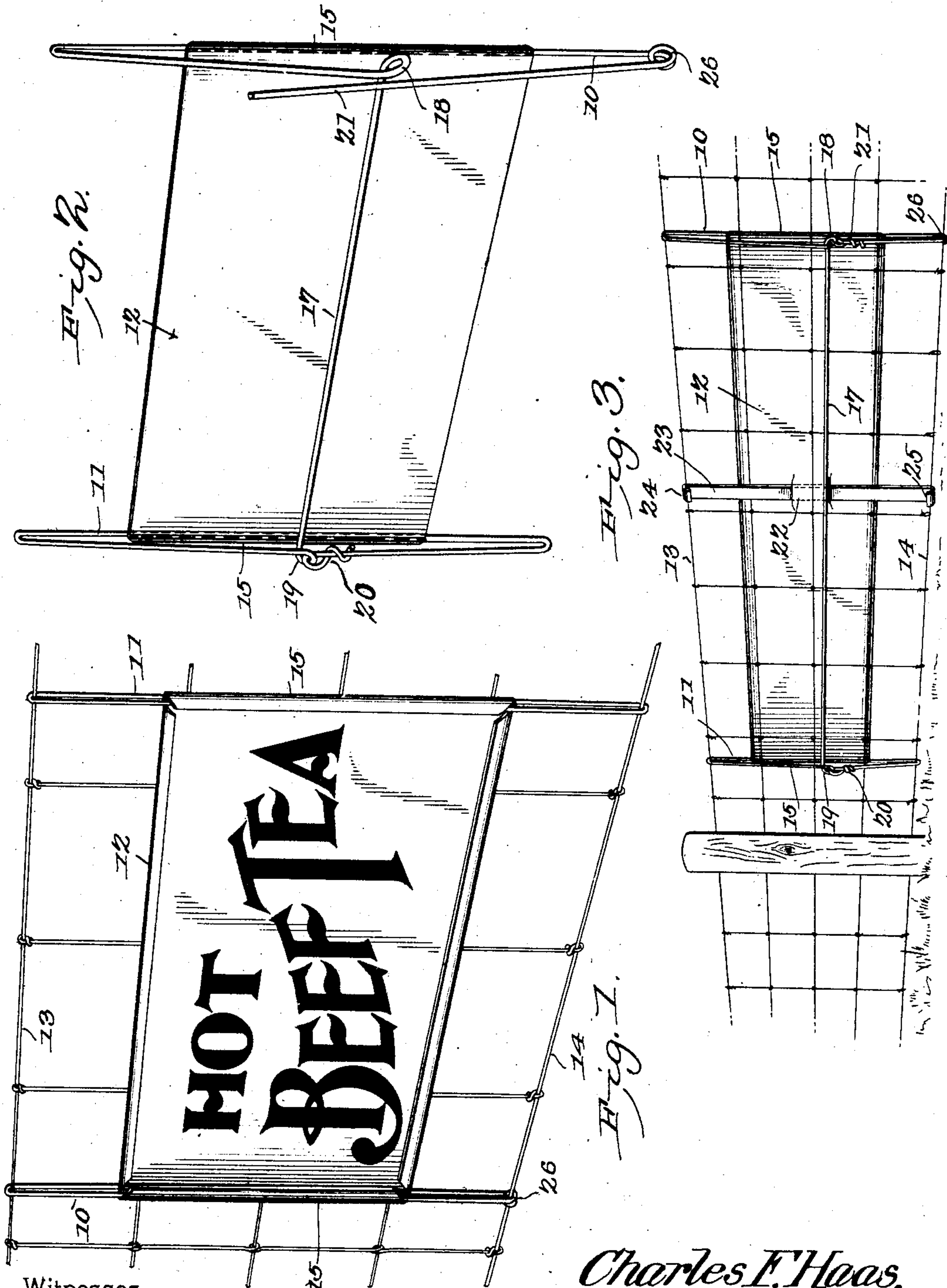


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES FREDERICK HAAS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Orwell, in the county of Ashtabula and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Fence-Sign, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices for attaching signs and the like to wire fences, and has for its object to simplify and improve the connecting means and produce a device of this character which will be strong and durable, inexpensive to manufacture, and which may be readily adapted to all shapes and sizes of signs.

With these and other objects in view, which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in certain novel features of construction, as hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which corresponding parts are denoted by like designating characters, is illustrated the preferred form of the embodiment of the invention capable of carrying the same into practical operation, it being understood that the invention is not necessarily limited thereto, as various changes in the shape, proportions, and general assemblage of the parts may be resorted to without departing from the principle of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages, and the right is therefore reserved of making all the changes and modifications which fairly fall within the scope of the invention and the claims made therefor.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a wire fence with the improved sign-supporting means applied thereto and viewed from the "face" or front side. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the supporting device detached and viewed from the rear. Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 1, illustrating a modification in the construction to be employed when large signs are to be suspended.

The improved device is preferably formed from a single piece of wire bent into the required shape and comprises two endless elongated loops 10 11, spaced apart a distance equal to the length of the sign to be support-

ed (indicated as a whole at 12) and engaged with a pair of the strand-wires 13 14 of a fence.

The sign is formed from a sheet of metal having its edges 15 bent over to form a frame to the matter to be displayed and connected to one of the sides of the loops 10 11 by bending the bent-over edges at the ends of the plate around the wire of the loops, as shown. At the rear the other loop sides are connected by a transverse stay 17, being formed into eyes 18 19 where it unites with the loop members 10 11 to receive the ends of the wire and into which they are entwisted, as at 20 21. If preferred, one or more of the ends of the loops 10 11 may be coiled around the strand-wires, as at 26, to increase the "grip" thereon and prevent movement longitudinally of the loops.

For the purpose of illustration the end of the loop member 10 is left "untwisted" in Fig. 2 to show the construction more fully. By this means it will be noted that a simply-constructed and easily-applied device is produced capable of adaptation to any size of sign or fence and which will effectually resist the wind or the pressure of animals or pressure from other sources.

When signs of greater length are to be displayed, one or more pairs of clefts, as at 22, will be formed through the metal plate at suitable intermediate points, and through these clefts stay members 23 are threaded and connected to the strand-wires by bending their ends around the same, as at 24 25. This forms an efficient support to the signs intermediately when they require it and prevents displacement or "buckling" by the pressure of the wind or from other sources.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A sign-suspension device formed from a single piece of wire having spaced elongated loops for engaging the strand-wires of a fence and adapted to have a display-sign connected to said loops at one side and provided with a transverse stay extending intermediately between the loops at the other side, the extremities of the wire being entwisted into the loops at the juncture of the same with the stay-wire.

2. A sign-suspension device comprising spaced elongated loops for engaging the strand-wires of a fence and adapted to have a display-sign connected to said loops at one side, and a stay-wire connected intermediately to the other sides of said loops.

3. A device of the class described comprising spaced elongated loops with coils at the ends for inclosing the strand-wires of a fence and with a transverse stay intermediately connecting the loops on one side and a display-sign connecting the loops at the other side.

4. A device of the class described comprising spaced elongated loops for engaging the strand-wires of a fence with a transverse stay connecting the loops intermediately at one side and a display-sign connected to the loops at the other side.

5. A sign-suspension device comprising spaced loops for engaging the strand-wires of a fence and adapted to have a display-sign connected to said loops and an intermediate stay for connection to the display-sign and attached by its ends to said strand-wires.

6. A device of the class described comprising spaced loops for engaging the strand-wires of

a fence, a display-sign connected to said loops and provided with spaced intermediate clefts, and a stay member passed through said clefts and connected by its ends to said strand-wires.

7. A device of the class described comprising spaced loops for engaging the strand-wires of a fence, a display-sign connected to said loops by bending the ends around the same and provided with spaced intermediate clefts therethrough, and a stay member threaded through said clefts and connected by its ends to said strand-wires.

8. A device of the class described comprising spaced elongated loops with coils at their ends for engaging the strand-wires of a fence, a display-sign connected to said loops at one side and a stay-wire connected intermediately to the other sides of said loops.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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