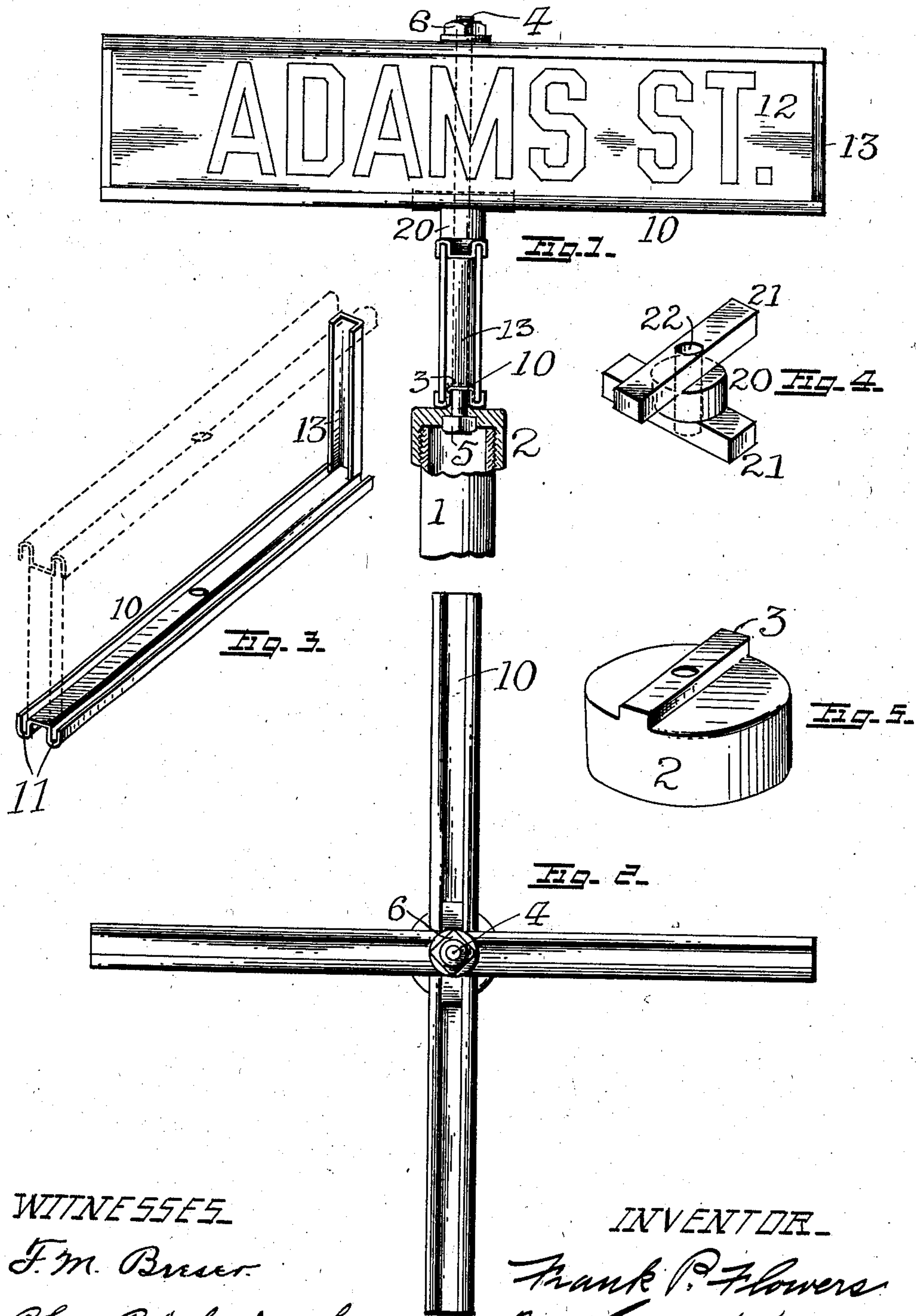


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK P. FLOWERS, of Toledo, county of Lucas, and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders for Street-Signs; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification.

This invention relates to signs, and more especially of that class which are adapted to be supported on posts, as at street-crossings and the like; and the object of the same is to simplify and cheapen the construction while maintaining the detachability of parts and excluding the elements from within the sign, where they might produce rust.

To this end the invention consists in the details described below and shown in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is an elevation of this sign with its post and cap in section. Fig. 2 is a plan view. Fig. 3 is a detail showing one channel-bar and one end bar. Fig. 4 is a detail of the spacing-block between the two signs proper. Fig. 5 is a detail of the cap.

The numeral 1 designates the post, on whose upper end is screwed a cap 2, which preferably has a transverse rib 3 and is centrally pierced for the body of a bolt 4. Its head 5 is countersunk at the inside of a top plate of the cap, while its nut 6 is at the top of the entire device, thereby permitting its removal, so that the parts can be separated for change and repair.

As shown herein, there are two signs proper standing at angles to each other, and as they are alike in construction a description of one will suffice.

10 10 are channel-bars each having two inwardly-opening channels 11 along its edges, in which are clamped the signs proper, 12, and an intermediate channel opening outwardly. The signs are preferably enameled metal, although glass or embossed metal could be employed.

13 represents the end bars, which are preferably of U-shape metal, and they may be soldered at top and bottom between the channel-bars if permanency is desired, or they may be clamped between these bars when the

bolt is tightened, as described below. These end bars are for the purpose of excluding snow and rain from between the twin signs 12, which, it will be understood, may be duplicates on their reverse faces.

In Fig. 4 is shown a spacing-block, which here consists of a central portion or hub 20 and top and bottom ribs 21 cast thereon or secured thereto at the proper angle to each other, the whole being pierced with a central hole 22 for the passage of the bolt. In assembling the parts the cap, with its bolt, is placed upon the post. The lowermost sign within its channel-bars is passed over the bolt (the top and bottom bars 10 being pierced centrally for that purpose) and the intermediate channel of the lower bar engaged with the rib 3 on the cap. The spacing-block is then passed over the bolt with its lower rib in the intermediate channel of the uppermost bar of the lower sign. The upper sign is then similarly passed over the bolt and turned at an angle to the lower sign, so that the upper rib of the spacing-block will engage its lower channel, and finally a washer and nut are applied to the upper end of the bolt, the washer being sufficiently large to span the intermediate channel in the upper bar.

What is claimed as new is—

1. In a sign, the combination with two parallel separated signs; of a support therefor comprising upper and lower channel-bars, each having channels along its two edges to receive the edges of said signs, end channel-bars interposed vertically between said top and bottom bars and interposed laterally between said signs, and means between said signs for clamping the parts tightly together to exclude rain from between the signs.

2. The herein-described sign, the same comprising a post, a cap thereon having a rib and pierced with a central hole, a plurality of pairs of spaced sign-boards, channel-bars having side channels engaging their upper and lower edges and also having intermediate channels, a spacing-block separating the different signs and having ribs engaging the intermediate channels of their adjacent bars, and an upright bolt passing through said cap with its body passing through said channel-bars between the sign-boards and through said spacing-block.

3. The herein-described sign, the same comprising a supporting-cap having a rib and pierced with a central hole, two parallel sepa-

rated signs, top and bottom channel-bars  
having inwardly-opened channels near their  
edges for the edges of the signs and out-  
wardly-opening channels intermediate said  
5 side channels, the intermediate channels be-  
ing pierced with holes and the lower inter-  
mediate channel receiving said rib, end bars  
of U shape interposed between the top and  
bottom bars and filling the space between  
10 said signs, a bolt passing through said holes

and between the signs, and a washer and nut  
on its upper end.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as  
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