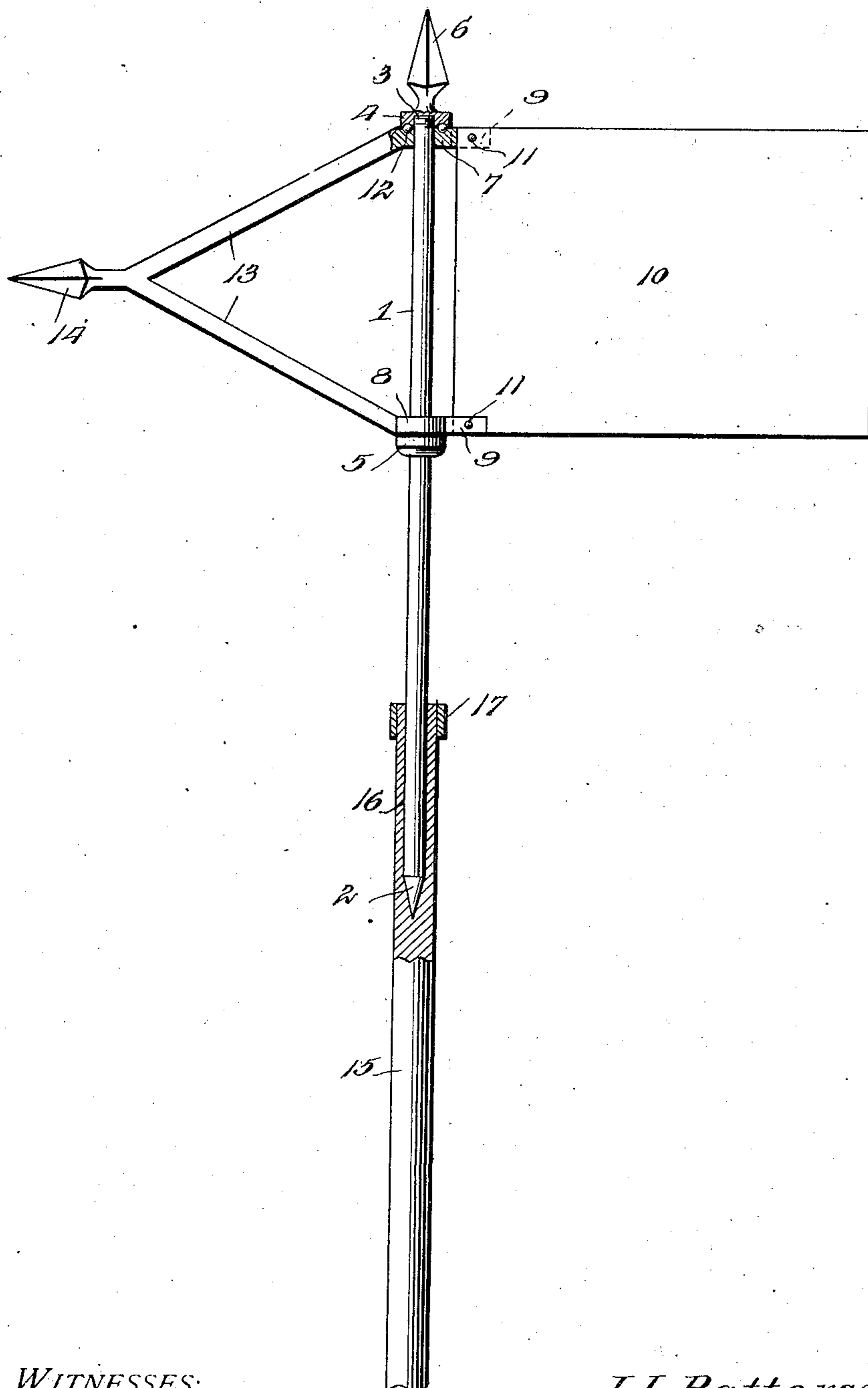


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN J. PATTERSON, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Bellingham, in the county of Whatcom and State of Washington, have invented new and useful Improvements in Advertising-Signs, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in advertising signs or banners, the object of the invention being to provide a simple, inexpensive, and ornamental device of this nature which may be carried in the hand for street advertising, suitably supported in front of a store or place of business, or mounted upon a pole or staff to serve the dual function of a combined sign and weather-vane.

Another object is to provide a sign which may be stuck or driven into the ground, post, or stump, and which is adapted to permit free revolution of the sign-banner to adapt it to be conveniently carried.

The figure of the drawing is a side elevation, partly in section, of a sign embodying my invention and adapted to serve the additional function of a weather-vane.

Referring to the drawing, 1 designates the staff of the device, which consists of a rod having a lower conical or pointed end 2 and an upper threaded end 3. On this staff are upper and lower stationary collars 4 and 5, the lower collar being fixed to the staff in any preferred manner, while the upper collar 4 is formed with a socket to engage the threaded end 3 and carries a spear-head or suitable crown ornament 6.

Bearings 7 and 8 are revolvably mounted upon the rod, respectively, below the collar 4 and above the collar 5 and are provided at one side with short slotted or bifurcated arms 9, which receive the upper and lower inner corner edges of the sign board or banner 10, which may be made of wood, sheet metal, or other suitable material, said banner being rigidly fastened to the arms by bolts or rivets 11. The sides of the banner may be suitably ornamented and carry any desired advertising or other sign matter for display.

The meeting faces of the collars and bearings are provided with mating grooves to form raceways, in which travel antifriction

bearing-balls 12, which permit the banner to have free and easy rotary motion on the staff under the action of the wind. Projecting rearwardly from the bearings 7 and 8 are converging arms 13, which are connected at their outer ends and carry a spear-head or other suitable ornament 14. These arms, with the ornament 14, form the tail portion of a combined sign board or banner and weather-vane which the construction is designed to provide. As the banner 10 swings in one direction or the other under the action of the wind, the sign matter upon the reverse sides thereof will be effectively displayed, as will be readily understood.

The drawing also shows a preferred mode of mounting the sign upon a supporting pole or mast, the upper end of the pole or mast being provided with a socket 16 to receive the lower end of the staff 1, the lower end of the socket being of conical form to conform to the shape of the lower end of the staff. A clamping-band 17 embraces the upper end of the pole and is adapted to contract the same to a sufficient extent to hold the staff clamped firmly within the socket.

The pointed end 2 not only permits the sign to be conveniently inserted in a socketed pole, but also adapts the sign to be stuck or driven into the earth or into stumps, logs, and other similar supports, thus adapting the sign to be conveniently mounted along country highways.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

A sign comprising a staff having a lower pointed end and an upper threaded end, stationary bearing members on the staff, one above the other, the upper bearing member being formed with a threaded socket engaging the upper threaded end of the staff and having a crown ornament, upper and lower revoluble bearing members on the staff arranged respectively below and above said upper and lower stationary bearing members, bearing-balls between the opposing faces of the upper and the lower bearing members, said revoluble bearing members being provided with slotted supporting-arms projecting from one side thereof, a sign-banner having its upper and lower rear corners



fastened in said slotted arms, and converging  
arms integral with and projecting from the  
opposite side of the revoluble bearing mem-  
bers, said arms being connected at their outer  
5 ends and having an ornamented terminal and  
forming a Y-shaped vane, substantially as  
described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature  
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