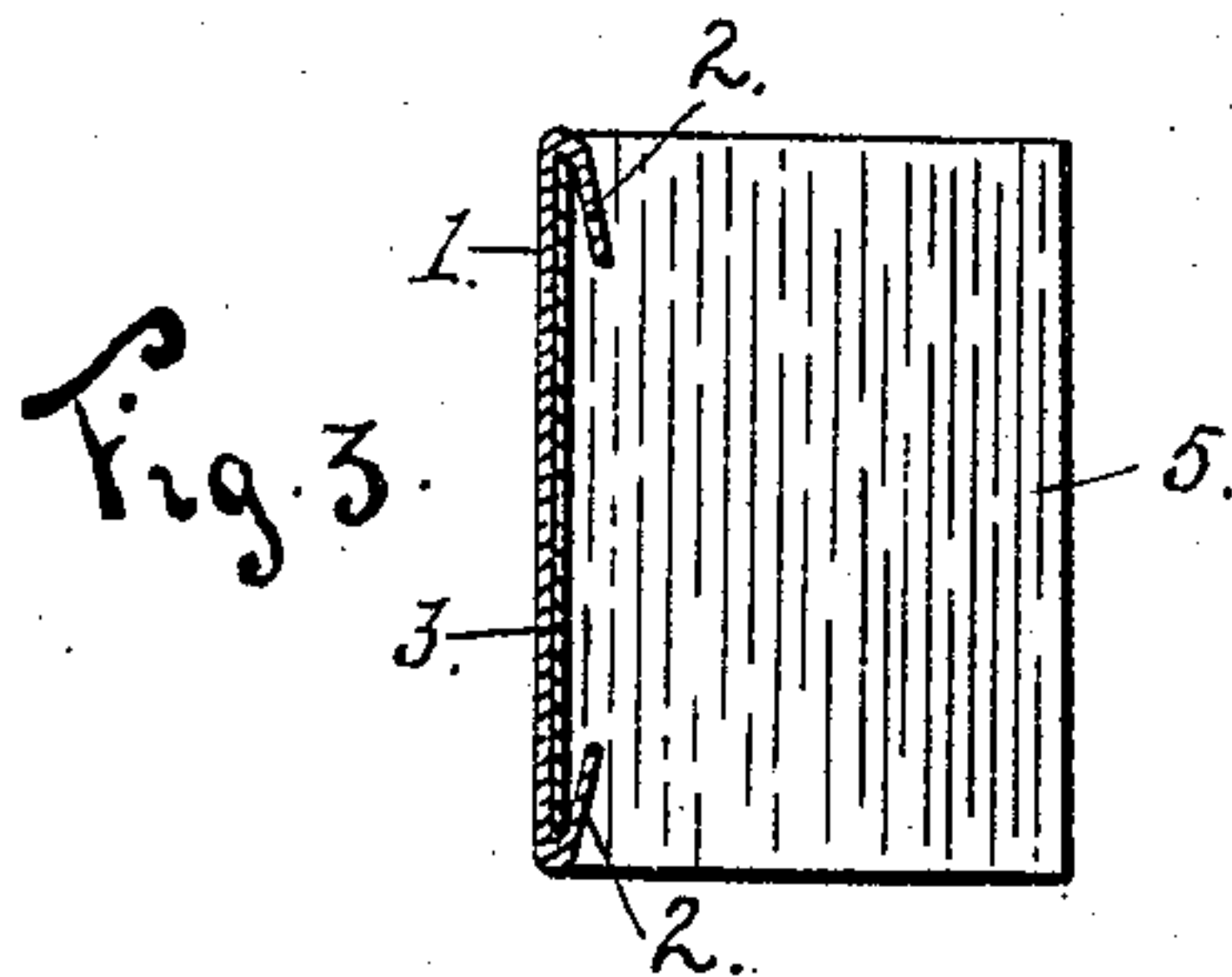
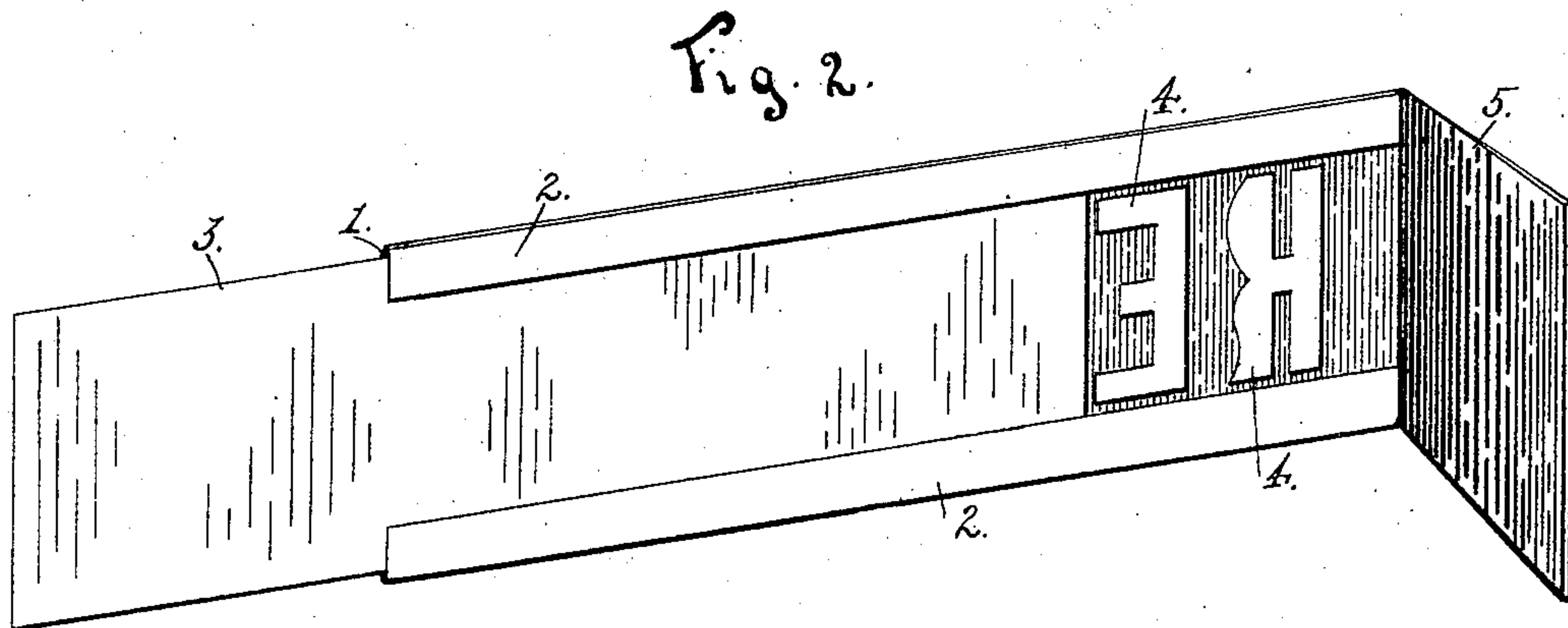
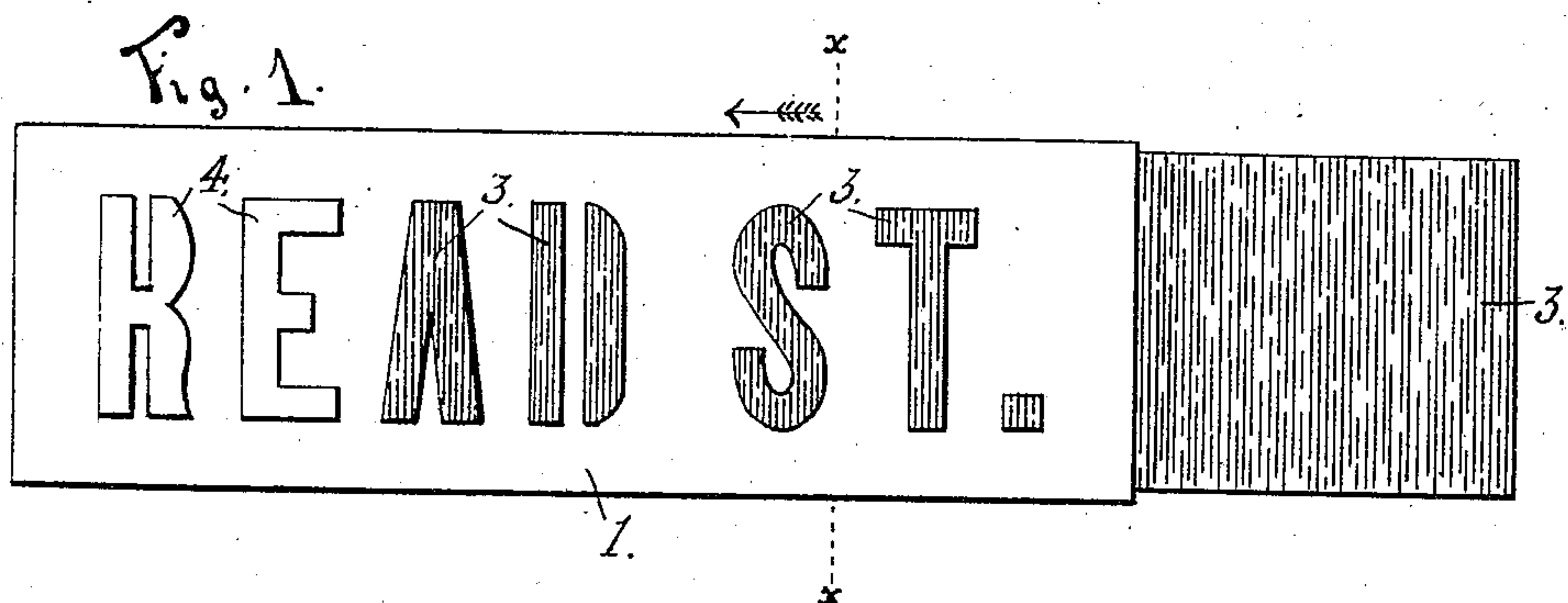


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN KRAUS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oakland, in the county of Alameda and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Street-Display Signs, of which the following is a specification.

The hereinafter-described invention relates to an improved display-sign for use in designating the names of streets in cities, the object being the production of a simple, ornamental, inexpensive, effective, and conspicuous sign for the display of street-names.

The sign is so constructed that the backing thereof, which forms a contrasting ground for the outlined lettering of the face-plate, may be readily removed for the purpose of being cleaned, thereby insuring against the sign becoming illegible by reason of its exposure to the weather.

To comprehend the invention, reference should be had to the accompanying sheet of drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a front elevation, the back-plate being partially withdrawn. Fig. 2 is a rear perspective view of the sign, the back-plate being partially withdrawn; and Fig. 3 is a cross-section taken on line $x x$ viewed in the direction of the arrow.

In the drawings the numeral 1 is used to designate an enameled face-plate the upper and bottom edges of which are flanged to form guideways 2 for the reception of an enameled back-plate 3. Preferably the coloring of the back-plate is such as to form a contrast to the color of the face-plate, in which said face-plate the letters or figures 4, indicative of the names, are cut, so that when the back or slide plate 3, which forms a contrasting ground for the letters, is removed the letters or figures 4 appear on the face-plate in stencil form.

By forming the back or slide plate 3 of a color contrasting to the color of the face-plate 1 the outlined letters or figures 4 will appear when the plate 3 is placed back of the face-plate 1 in solid, thus giving the appearance of heavy lettering, and as the body of

the lettering will be in contrast to that of its outline the same will be materially enhanced in appearance.

Inasmuch as the back-plate 3 is slidable in and out of the guideways of the face-plate, the same may be readily removed and cleaned, thus providing against the street-lettering being rendered useless by becoming affected by the weather or by reason of the accumulation of dirt. It will thus be seen that the life of the sign is materially prolonged over the usual printed signs. Again, as there are no raised letters on the sign the name appearing thereon is not in danger of being chipped or otherwise injured during handling.

One end of the face-plate 1 is turned rearwardly at a right angle, so as to provide an inwardly-securing flange 5 for embracing the corner of a building, where the sign is secured to such a structure. The described sign may be secured and held in position by any suitable fastening means.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, and desired to be protected by Letters Patent, is—

In a street-display sign, the combination with an enameled face-plate having its upper and bottom edges rearwardly flanged to form longitudinally-extending guideways, of a series of outlined letters or figures indicative of the street to be designated cut through the face-plate, of a back-plate slidable in the guideways of the face-plate, said back-plate being of a color contrasting to the color of the face-plate to form a solid background for the outlined letters or figures of the face-plate, and an end flange rearwardly projecting from the face-plate at a right angle thereto, said projecting flange being to embrace the corner of a building.

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

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