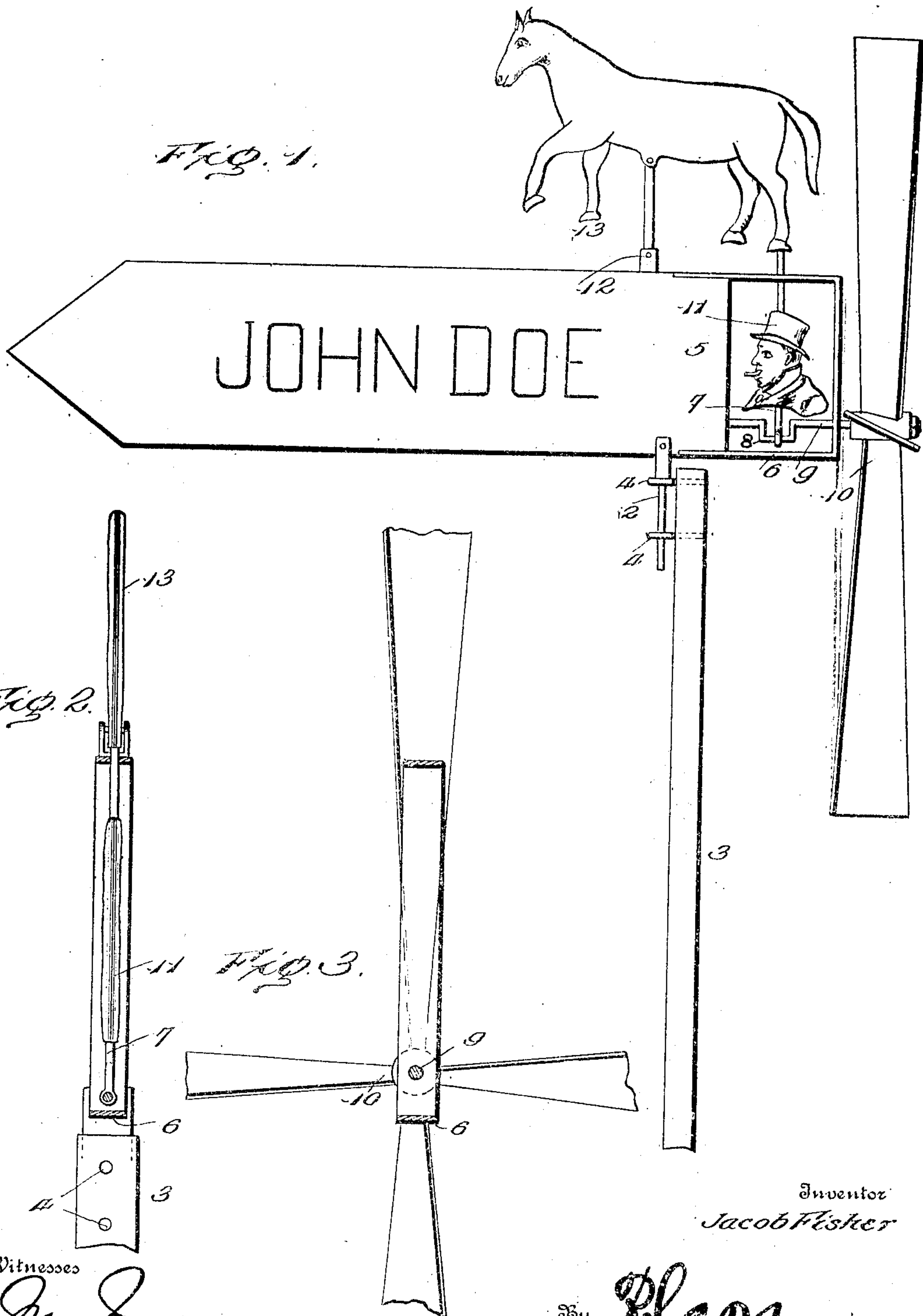


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB FISHER, citizen of the United States, residing at Huntington, in the county of Huntington and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sign-Boards, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in advertising devices and more particularly to an improved sign-board provided with novel means for attracting attention thereto.

In general the invention resides in the provision of a sign-board which is mounted in an exposed position so as to act as a weather vane, the said sign-board carrying movable figures and a wind actuated wheel for operating the movable figures.

For a full understanding of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction of the means for effecting the result, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a sign embodying the invention; Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view through the device; and, Fig. 3 is a detail view of the wind wheel and the crank shaft actuated thereby.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

Specifically describing the present embodiment of the invention the numeral 1 designates a sign-board, the opposite faces of which are designed to receive any desired advertising matter. The board 1 is provided along its lower longitudinal edge and at a point toward one end thereof with a pintle 2 received loosely within a socket upon a standard 3. In the present instance this socket is shown as in the nature of a pair of screw eyes 4. When thus mounted in an exposed position, the board 1 will act as a weather vane and the end 5 thereof will always point in the direction from which the wind is blowing. Carried by the end 5 of the board 1 is a frame 6 having a vertically reciprocating bar 7 mounted thereon. This reciprocating bar 7 is loosely connected to the crank portion 8 of a transverse shaft 9 journaled in the frame 6, one end of the said shaft projecting beyond the frame and having the wind actuated

wheel 10 applied thereto. A figure 11 of any suitable type may be mounted upon the reciprocating rod 7 and when the wind is blowing, the board 1 will hold the wheel 10 in proper position to be actuated by the wind and impart an up and down movement to the figure 11. A projection 12 extends from the upper edge of the board 1 and has a second figure 13 pivotally mounted thereon so as to have a rocking movement. In the present instance this figure 13 is in the nature of a horse, one end thereof being loosely connected to the upper extremity of the reciprocating rod 7 whereby when the wheel 10 is turned, both of the figures 11 and 13 receive motion therefrom.

From the foregoing description, it will be readily apparent that with a sign constructed in accordance with the principles of the present invention, the moving figures mounted thereon will be actuated by the wind and will serve to attract attention to the advertising matter placed upon the sign-board.

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

1. In an advertising device, the combination of a standard, a sign board pivotally mounted upon the standard, a frame at one end of the sign board, a crank shaft journaled in the frame, a wind wheel for operating the crank shaft, a reciprocating bar mounted upon the frame and receiving motion from the crank shaft, and a figure arranged within the frame and secured to the said reciprocating bar.

2. In an advertising device, the combination of a standard, a sign board pivotally mounted upon the standard, a frame at one end of the sign board, a horizontally disposed crank shaft journaled in the frame, a wind wheel for operating the crank shaft, a vertically reciprocating bar mounted on the frame and receiving motion from the crank shaft, a figure arranged within the frame and applied to the said reciprocating bar, a projection upon the sign board, and a rocking figure pivotally mounted upon the said projection and engaging the abovementioned reciprocating bar.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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