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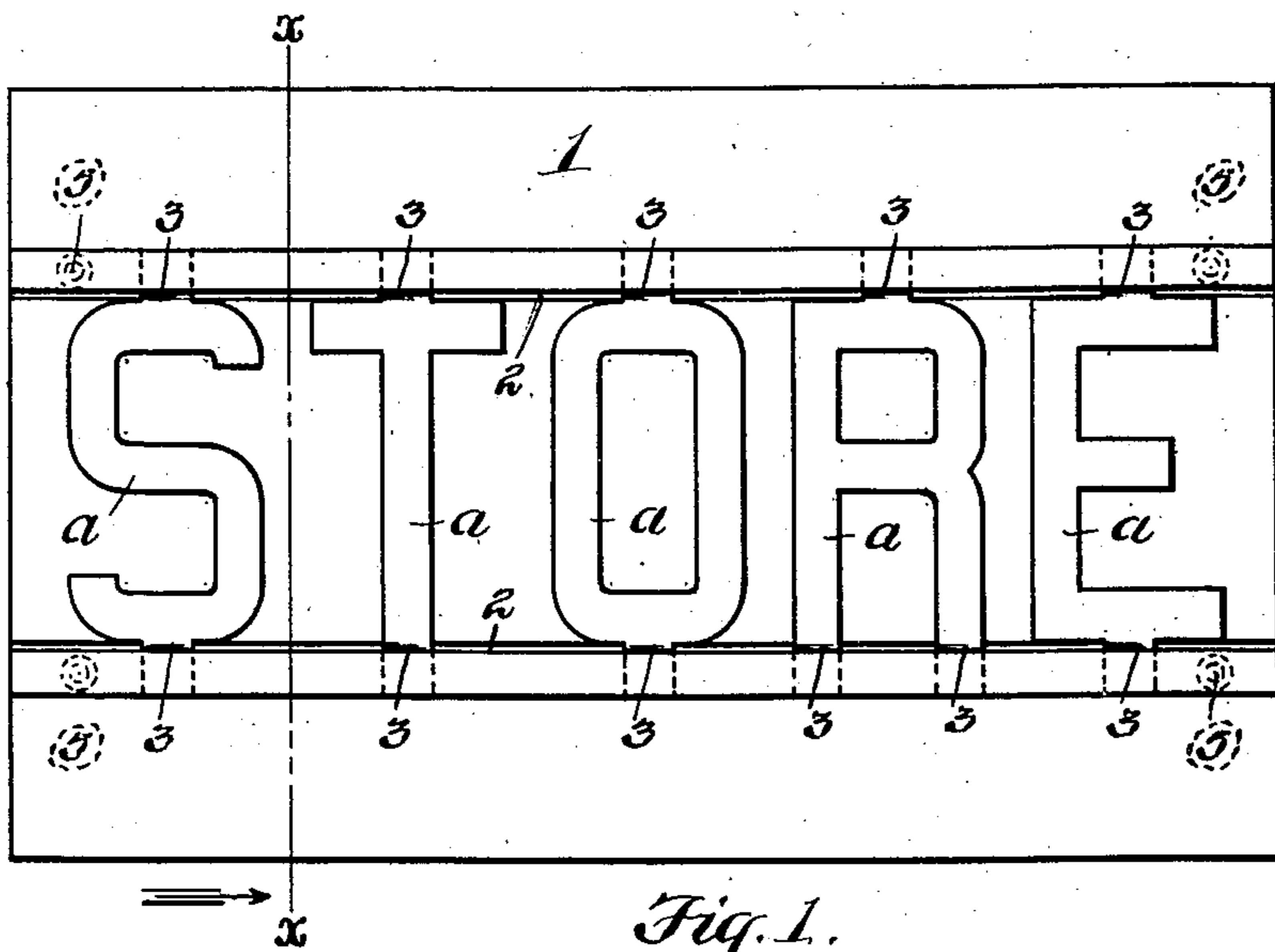


Fig. 1.

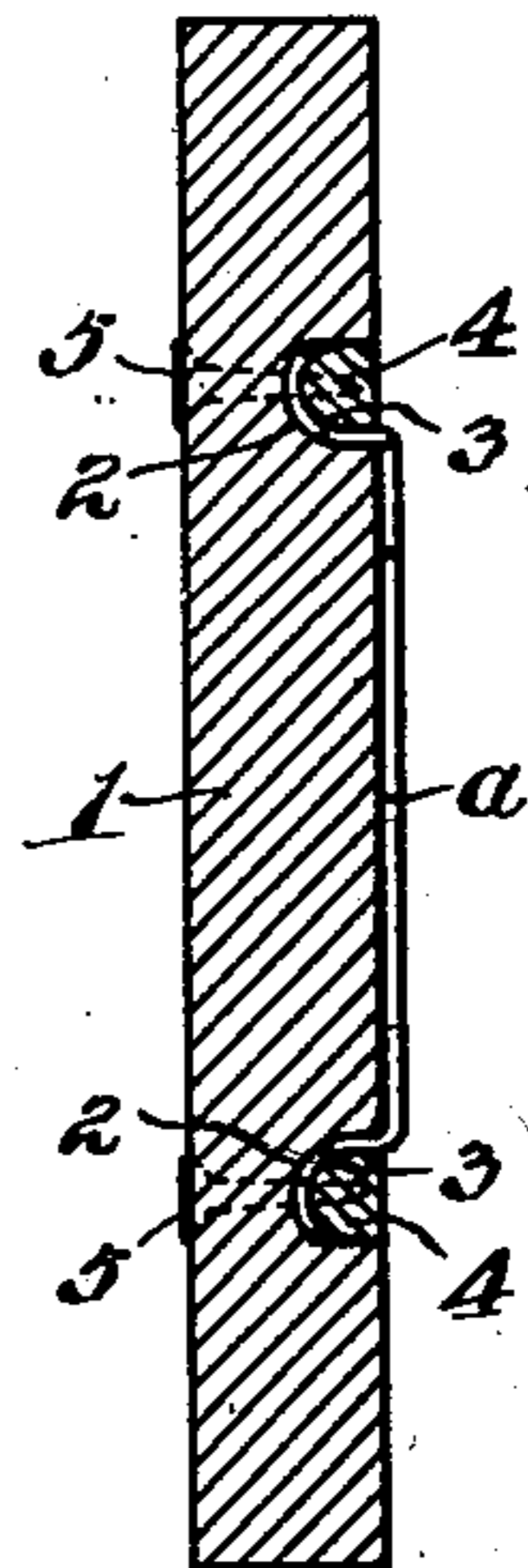


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

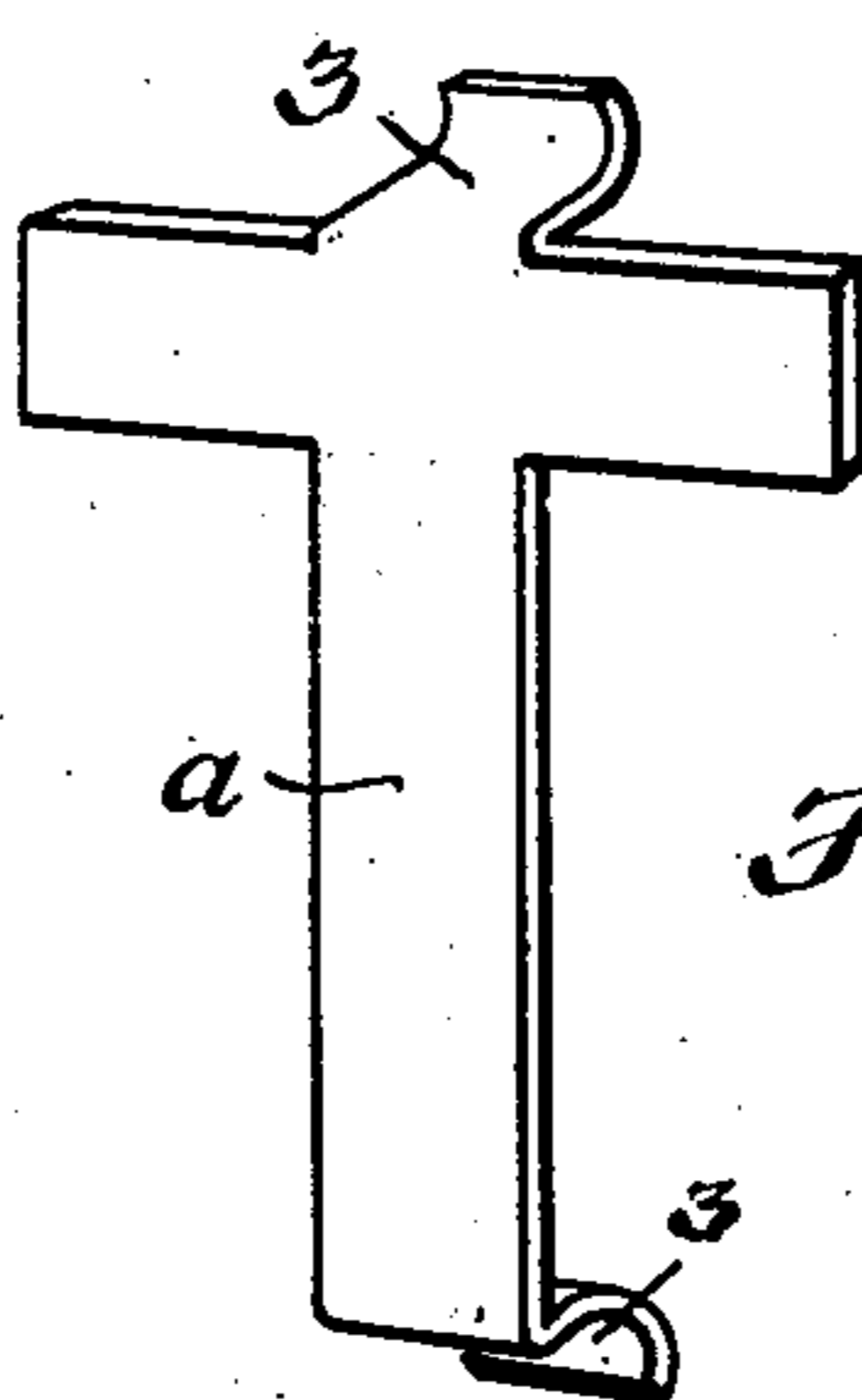
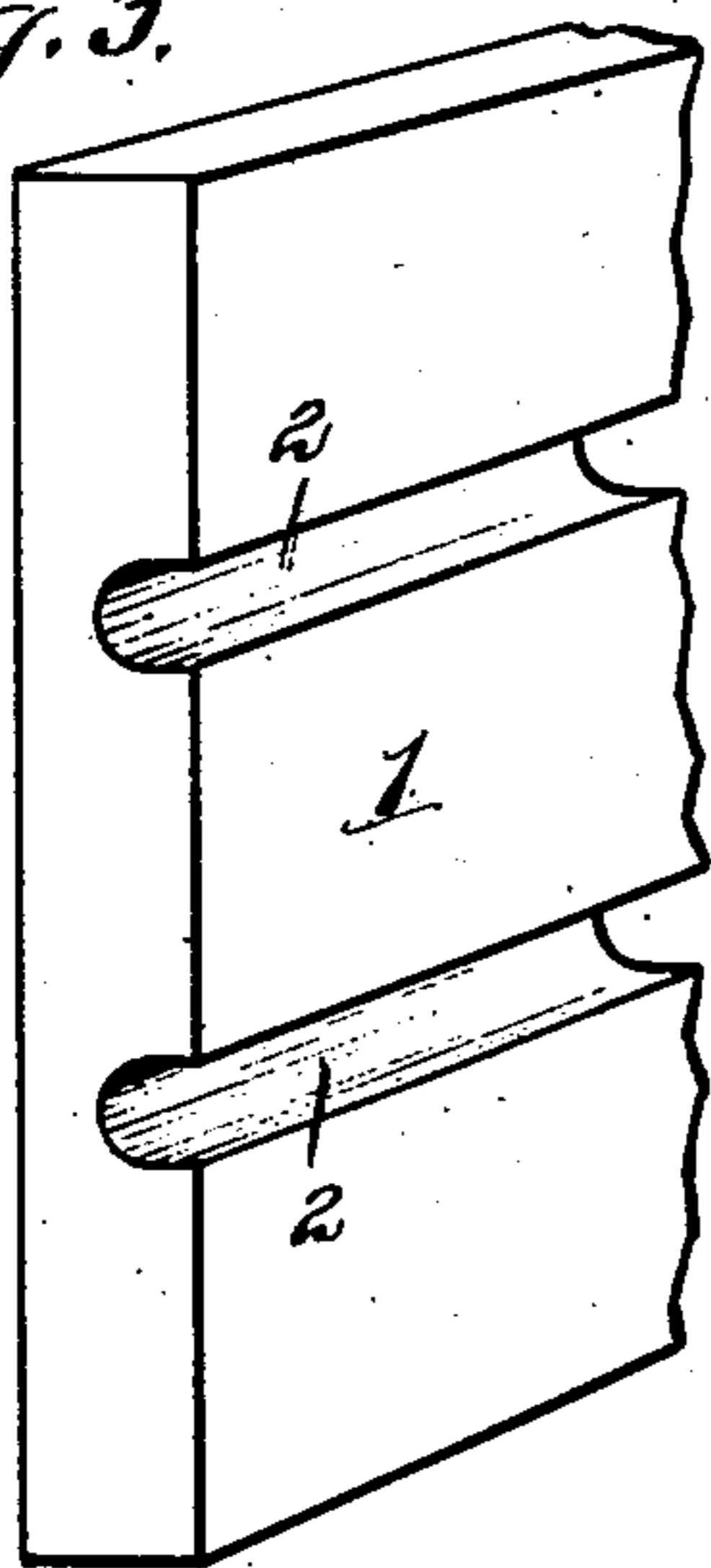


Fig. 4.



Fig. 5.

Fig. 6.

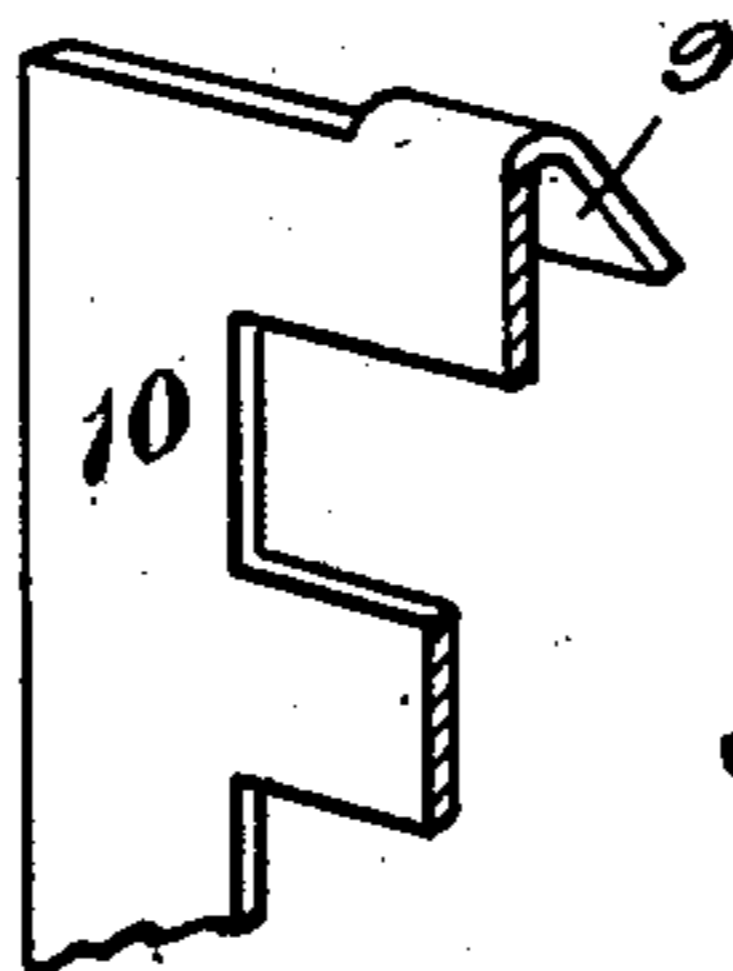
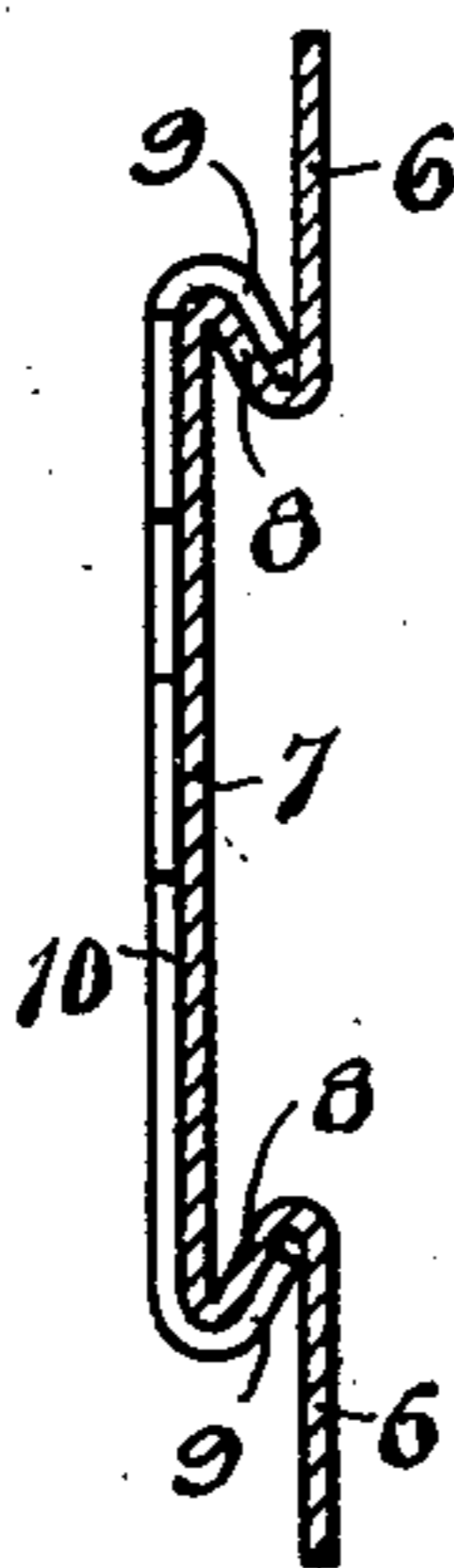


Fig. 7.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH STAREN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Signs, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to signs and particularly to changeable signs.

10 The object of my invention is to provide a sign which can be easily and readily changed, that is the wording thereof.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in certain new and novel 15 features of construction, arrangement and combination of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described and finally pointed out in the claims hereto appended.

Referring to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification wherein like characters of reference denote similar parts throughout the several views: Figure 1, is a side elevation of my improved changeable sign. Fig. 2, is a sectional view taken 25 on line $x-x$ of Fig. 1. Fig. 3, is a perspective of the character holder with a portion thereof broken away. Fig. 4, is a perspective of one of the improved letters adapted to be carried by the holder. Fig. 5, is a side elevation thereof. Fig. 6, is a slight modification of the holder. Fig. 7, is a perspective view of one of the letters adapted to be carried by the modified style of holder.

In carrying out the aim of my invention, 35 I employ a suitable holder 1, which is provided with a pair of suitably spaced parallel grooves 2, which grooves are adapted to run the full length of the holder. Adapted to be carried by means of the holder 1 are 40 letters, numerals or the like characters which will now be described.

To more clearly illustrate the invention I have shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings a holder, provided with the letters S, T, O, 45 R, E which spells the word "store", and which are designated a . Each of these letters it will be observed is provided at its top and bottom with a suitable rearwardly and outwardly projecting ear or lip 3. The 50 ears or lips 3 are adapted to seat in the grooves 2 as clearly shown in Fig. 2, are held in place therein by means of the filling strips or members 4, which members are secured in place and held in tight engagement

with the ears or lips 4, by means of a plurality of screws 5.

It is of course understood that numerals or other characters as well as letters may be provided with ears or lips so as to be held in the grooves 2 for holding the characters in 60 position on the holder.

From the foregoing it will be readily seen that the letters or characters are changeable thereby enabling a party to make his own signs by simply changing the letters or 65 characters so as to spell or show what is desired. The signs can be either set in the windows of stores or like places, or they can be secured to walls of a building so as to either lie against the wall or project out- 70 wardly as desired.

The modification of my invention shown in Fig. 6, is preferably made of metal designated 6 and formed into such a shape as to have a raised flat body portion 7 and the 75 beveled or inclined sides 8. The ears or lips 9 of the letters, numerals or other characters designated 10, are somewhat different in form than ears or lips 4 of characters a , in that they simply turn rearwardly. 80

It will be readily seen that a sign constructed as above described may be easily changed and may be easily taken apart when it is desired to clean the characters carried 85 thereby.

It is of course understood that both the holder and characters may be made of any suitable material such as glass, wood, metal, cardboard, etc., and that such changes as may fairly fall within the scope of the ap- 90 pended claims may be made without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof.

What I claim is:

1. A character holder comprising a frame, 95 a plurality of half-round grooves arranged on the face of said frame in suitably spaced relation, sign characters having projecting dished lips adapted to seat in said grooves, and a half-round filling strip adapted to be 100 carried in each of said grooves and engage the upper face of dished lips of said sign characters.

2. A device of the class described, comprising a holder, a pair of spaced parallel 105 grooves arranged on the face of said holder and running the full length thereof, suitably spaced characters having projecting lips

adapted to be seated in said grooves, a filling strip adapted to seat in each of said grooves, and engage said lips for holding said characters in their proper spaced relation, and fastening means for securely locking said filling strips in position.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto

signed my name to the specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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