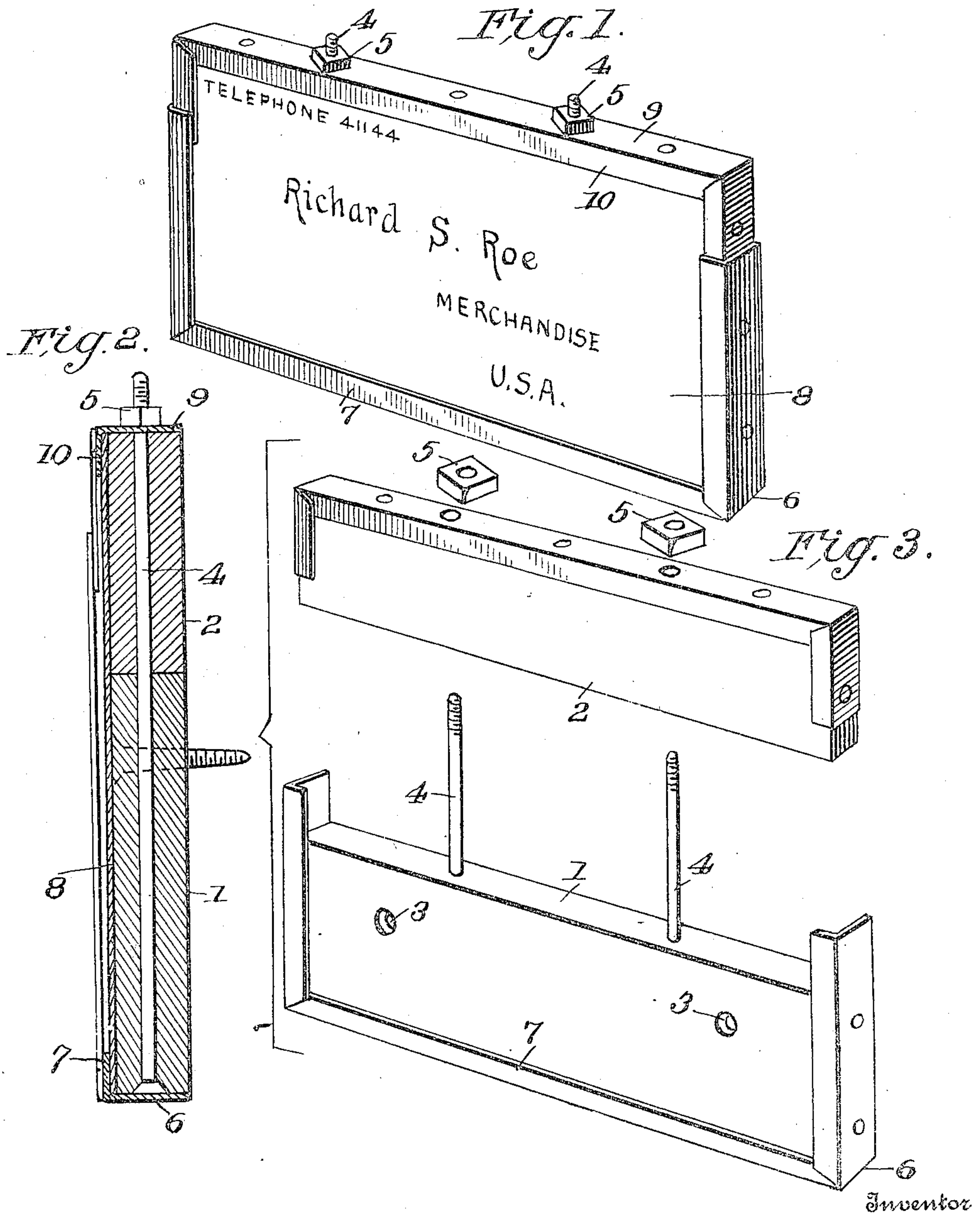


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES LINDEMANN, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sign and Picture Frames; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The present invention is in the nature of an improved sign and picture frame, and relates more particularly to a device of this character embodying novel features of construction whereby a sign card can be put up and displayed without the necessity of nailing or otherwise marring the same.

The object of the invention is the provision of a sign and picture frame which is comparatively simple and inexpensive in its construction, which can be easily and quickly secured to any suitable support, and which will effectively hold a card or picture and display the same to the best advantage.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain combinations and arrangements of the parts as will more fully appear as the description proceeds, the novel features thereof being pointed out in the appended claims.

For a full understanding of the invention, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a sign and picture frame constructed in accordance with the invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view through the same, and Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the parts detached.

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

The base of the sign and picture frame embodied in the present invention consists of two complementary sections 1 and 2, as will be apparent from an inspection of the drawing. These two sections are movable toward and away from each other so as to reduce the effective size of the base and enable the same to be adjusted for various sizes of cards. The lower section 1 of the base is shown as being somewhat larger in

size than the upper section 2, and the said lower section may be secured to a wall or other suitable support by means of screws or fastening members extending through the openings 3. A pair of rods 4 are carried by the section 1 of the base and project from one edge thereof, the said rods passing loosely through openings in the upper section 2 of the base and the said upper section being slidable upon the rods. The end portions of the rods 4 are threaded and receive nuts 5 which may be tightened to hold the two base sections in operative position.

A rim 6 extends around the bottom and ends of the lower section 1 of the base, and the edge of this rim is bent over the base to form a card engaging flange 7, the said flange being slightly spaced from the base to admit of receiving the edges of a card 8 under the same. In a somewhat similar manner a rim 9 extends around the top and ends of the upper section 2 of the base and has the edge thereof bent to form the card engaging flange 10.

Attention is directed to the fact that the rim 6 and card engaging flange 7 extend beyond the edge of the lower section 1 of the base and overlap the rim 9 and card engaging flange 10 of the upper section, the said rim 9 and flange 10 of the upper section terminating short of the lower edge thereof and adapted to slidably engage the flange 7 of the rim 6, but the length of the said rims and flanges of the upper and lower sections being a little less than the length of the rods 4. It will thus be apparent that the ends of the card engaging flanges 7 and 10 carried by the two base sections have a telescoping connection with each other so as to effectively protect the card even should the sections 1 and 2 of the base be slightly spaced from each other. The lower portion of the card is first placed between the card engaging flange 7 and the back of the lower section; and its upper portion is then placed between the card engaging flange 10 and the back of the upper section, the two sections then being held in operative position by means of the nuts 5. It will be clearly seen from the foregoing description that the card 8 is securely held in position by means of the flanges 7 and 10, and any matter printed upon the face thereof will be displayed to the best possible advantage. In order to remove the card or place the same



in position, it is merely necessary to remove the nuts 5 and separate the base sections 1 and 2.

It will thus be obvious that I have provided an improved sign and card holder by means of which the card may be displayed without the necessity of nailing or marring the same.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. In a sign and picture frame, the combination of a base formed in complementary sections, rods projecting from the transverse edge of the lower section, the upper section being provided with apertures extending vertically therethrough to receive the rods, card engaging flanges carried by the complementary sections, and nuts threaded on the ends of the rods adapted to hold the sections in adjusted position.

2. In a sign and picture frame, the combination of a base formed in complementary sections, rods projecting from one of the

sections and forming guides upon which the opposite section is mounted so as to be moved toward or away from the first mentioned section, nuts threaded upon the rods and serving to retain the two sections in operative position, and card engaging flanges extending around the outer edges of the base sections, the ends of the flange upon one of the sections extending beyond the meeting edge of the said section while the ends of the flange upon the opposite section terminate short of the meeting edge of the said opposite section, the said ends of the two flanges overlapping each other and having a telescopic connection whereby the sections can be separated and a card slipped under the flange, substantially as set forth.

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

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