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Signs.

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Fig. 1.

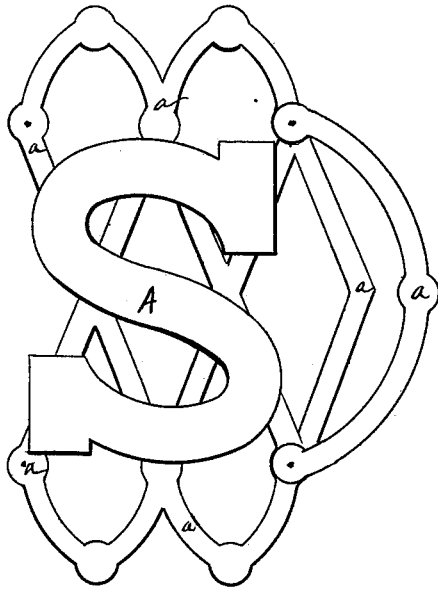
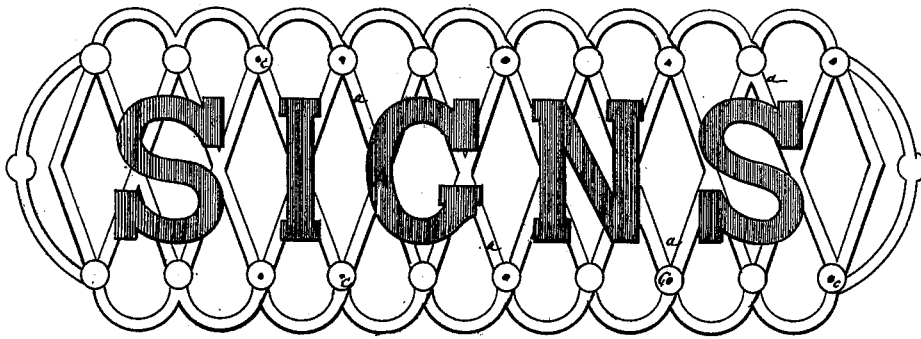


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH PERKINS, of the city and county of San Francisco, and State of California, have invented Improvements in Signs; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to a novel method of constructing skeleton signs or inscriptions; and it consists of letters so made with lugs or connections that they may be fastened together, and the said connections will form an open-work background to the sign or inscription, so as to render any other background or support for the letters unnecessary.

Referring to the accompanying drawings for a more complete explanation of my invention, Figure 1 shows a single letter with lugs; and Fig. 2, a series of letters joined together.

A is a letter, made of wood, paper, metal, or other material. Each letter is made with certain projections, lugs, or connections, *a*, which are made to correspond with those of every other letter, so that any number of letters can be united in any desired order by simply connecting these lugs or projections by means of rivets or links *c*.

I prefer to stamp or otherwise form the letters, with their lugs or projections, so that each letter, with its ornamental background, shall be complete in itself; and these letters and ornamentations may be manufactured in quantities of different patterns, so that any sign or inscription may be put together by simply uniting the lugs or projections of the letters forming such sign. The sign so formed is complete and self-supporting, and needs no other background or support.

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

Letters of paper, wood, metal, or other material, made with lugs or connections so arranged that they may be fastened together or set up to form signs independent of any other support between the letters, substantially as herein described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

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