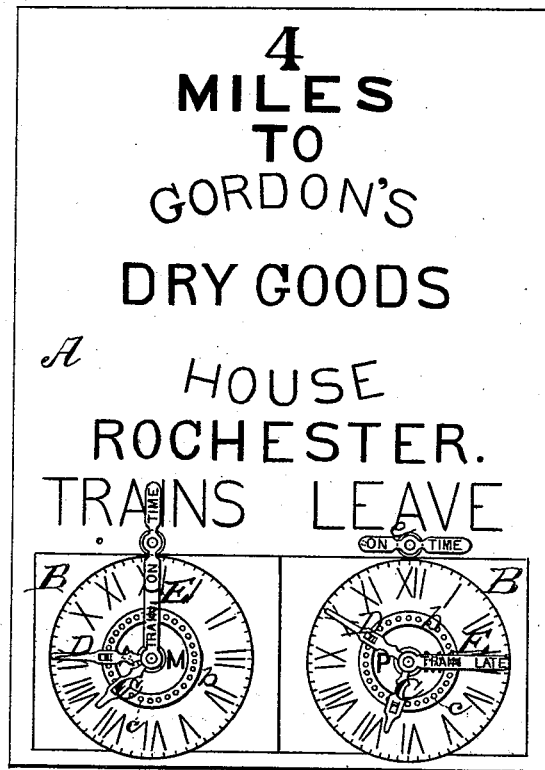


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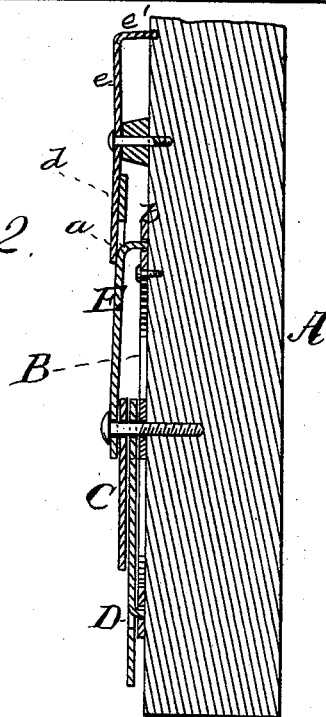
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*Fig. 1,*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN ADVERTISING-TABLETS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN E. PHILLIPS, of Central Square, in the county of Oswego and State of New York, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Advertising-Tablets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a face view of my improved advertising-tablet, and Fig. 2 is a vertical section thereof.

This invention has relation to advertising-tablets for use at railway and steamboat stopping-places, and having time dials and indicators to point out the time of departure of the trains or boats; and it consists mainly in the construction and novel arrangement of the pointers or indicators and their fastenings, as hereinafter fully shown and described.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A designates the tablet or board on which is the card or painted advertisement of the business house or houses to which the tablet is devoted and a statement of the distance from the station to the place of business. Upon the card is also painted or attached one or more time-dials, B.

C indicates the hour-hand or pointer, and D the minute-indicator, which are pivoted in the center of the dial in the usual manner. These pointers are made of metal, and have a certain amount of elasticity, according to the character of the metal employed.

Each pointer has a small catch, usually a tongue, *a*, stamped out from its broader portion and bent toward the tablet-surface, to which is attached a perforated metallic ring or annular plate, *b*, within the dial-outline and concentric therewith.

The perforations *c* of the annular plates are equidistant, and correspond with the minute-marks of the dial.

The perforations can be made in the tablet itself if the latter be of metal; but when made of wood, which is preferred, the annular arm-

ing or wear-plate is used to prevent the wood from being cut away by the catch or tongue of the pointer.

The regular time of departure of the train is noted on the dial by putting the hands in the proper position, when the catches will spring into the perforations or notches of the annular plates, and will be held there by the elasticity of the metal, thereby avoiding all danger of slipping or falling of the hands should they wear or become loose at the pivot. A reasonably secure and true indicator is thus provided.

In order to avoid changing the regular pointers frequently when trains are not on time, a third pointer, E, is employed. This is designed to be colored red in distinction from the other pointers, and is pivoted upon the center pin. It is provided with a catch or tongue, *a*, to engage with the perforations of the annular wear-plate, so that its position will be secured in the same manner as that of the other pointers. On this cautionary hand it is designed to put the words "Train Late," the latter word, "Late," being toward the outer end of the pointer; and when this hand is carried to the proper position it will indicate the number of minutes to be added to the regular time of the train.

Over the top of the dial is pivoted a secondary hand, *e*, colored red, or to correspond with the "late" hand E. This hand or pointer has an extension or tail, *d*, which is sufficiently long when this hand is brought into line with the "late" hand E to cover the word "Late" on the outer end of the latter hand, and this will show that the train is on time, as the elongated red hand will then point directly upward.

It is usual to put the words "On Time" on the secondary red hand *e*; but these words may sometimes be omitted, as well as the words "Train Late," the use of the hands being readily divined from their color and arrangement.

In order to prevent the secondary hand *e* from becoming displaced, its point *e'* is usually bent down, and engages with a perforation in the tablet.

Having described this invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

An advertising-tablet having a time-dial and adjustable hour and minute pointers O D, a "late" hand, E, and a secondary or extension hand, e, pivoted above the dial, and adapted to cover the end of the "late" hand, said hands and pointers having stops to fix the adjustment, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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