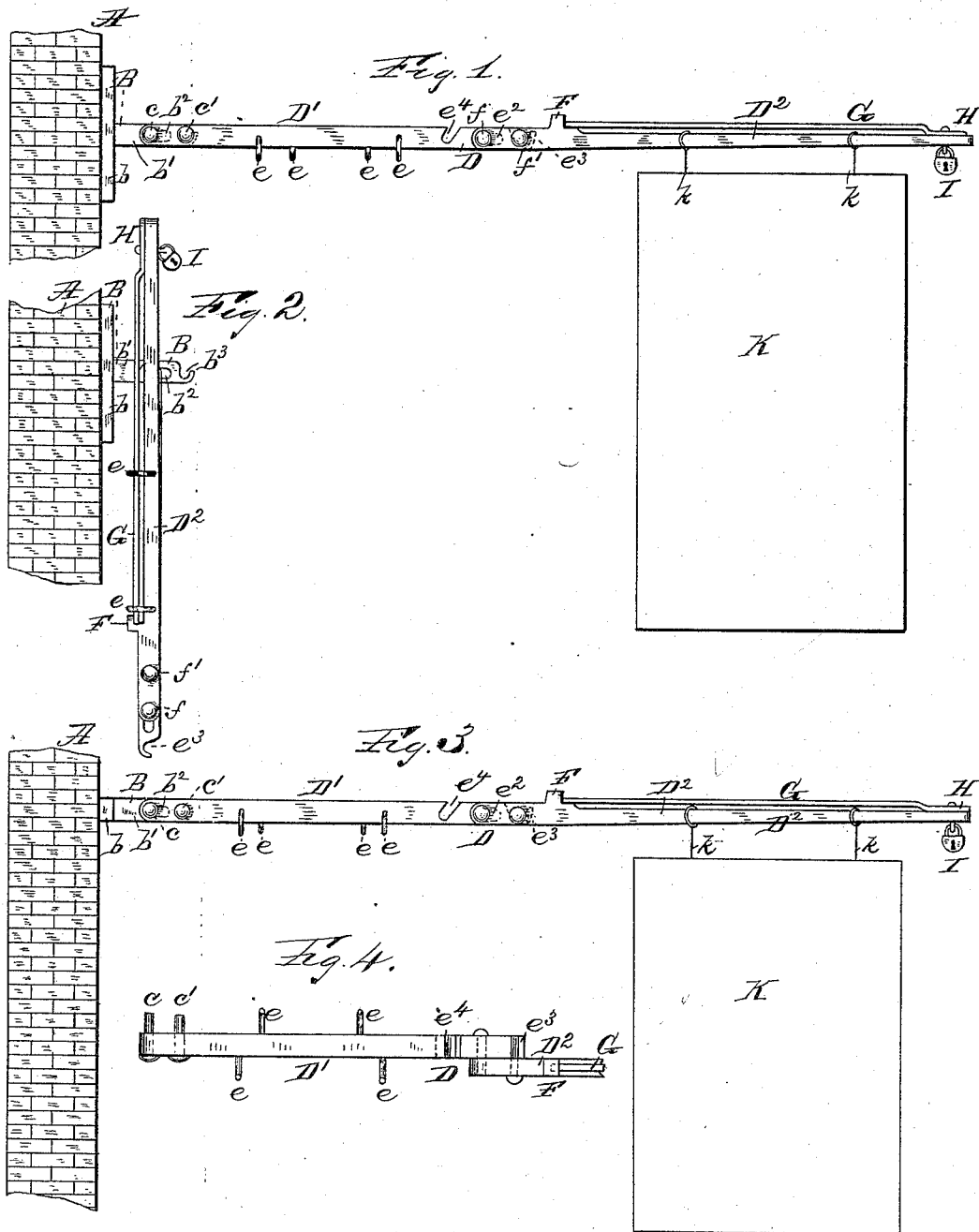


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS MCGUIRE, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improved Sign and Bill Holder, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved device whereby I am enabled to exhibit signs, bills, and other devices or objects in public or exposed places when desired, such exhibiting devices being capable of being folded up and turned out of position when not desired for use.

In carrying out my invention I form a socketed bracket-piece adapted to be affixed to a wall or other supporting-surface, to the outer end of an extension from which is pivoted and supported a folding arm, one half of which is provided with hooks or loops for supporting express signs or calls, or other similar devices; while the other half is formed to receive and lock and hold in position a sign or signs, bills "To let," or other advertising media.

The accompanying drawings form part of this specification, and illustrate what I consider the best means of carrying out the invention.

Figure 1 represents a side view of my improved device, shown applied to the front of a house. Fig. 2 is a side view of Fig. 1 folded up. Fig. 3 is a slight modification of Fig. 1, showing the base of the bracket-piece arranged at right angles to that shown by Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a plan view of parts of the folding arm.

In each of the views similar letters of reference are employed to indicate corresponding parts wherever they occur.

A represents the wall of a house or structure, and B a bracket-piece, the base *b* of which is suitably applied thereto by nails, screws, or otherwise. From the base *b* of the bracket-piece B is extended at right angles a bearing-piece, *b'*, which is formed with an elongated slot, *b''*, adapted to receive a stud, *c*, carried by one half, *D'*, of a folding arm, D. The half *D'* of the folding arm D is also provided with a second stud, *c'*, which, when the parts are in the position shown by Figs. 1 and 3, rests in a recess, *b''*, formed in the end of the bearing-piece *b'*. Upon the opposite side of the part *D'*, I form or apply loops or hooks *e e*, adapted to

receive and hold loops or other attaching means for supporting "express" or other signs or devices. At the outer end of the part *D'*, I form an elongated slot, *e''*, adapted to receive and support a stud, *f*, carried by one end of the second part, *D''*, of the arm D. The part *D'* is also formed with a recess, *e'*, adapted to receive and support a stud, *f'*, carried by the part *D''*. Upon the upper surface of the part *D''* is formed a projection, F, which is recessed to receive the end of a locking-bar, G, the opposite end of which is provided with a loop, H, or other equivalent retaining means, for the purpose of securing that end and consequently the whole of the locking-bar G correctly in position on the part *D''*.

In the drawings I have shown the locking-bar G retained in position by a loop, H, which passes through a slot in the outer end of the part *D''*, and is secured on the under side by a padlock, I, the bow of which is passed through the outer end of the loop H, which projects through the outer end of the part *D''*.

K represents an advertising sign or bill, which is by preference mounted on a rigid frame. The sign K is supported by hooks or bands *k*, which are firmly attached to the sign K, and at their upper ends are so constructed as to be capable of being slid over the end of the part *D''*, as shown by Figs. 1 and 3, and when so slid over of being retained on the said part *D''* by the locking-bar G, so that the sign, &c., cannot be removed without releasing the locking-bar G from the part *D''*.

The great advantages of my device are that signs or devices can be exposed, as shown by Figs. 1 and 3, during the day-time or while desired, but at night or at other desired times the part *D''* may be folded up upon the part *D'*, and the combined parts *D' D''* of the arm D folded back against the wall or other supporting means, A, so as to be out of the way, and therefore not liable to damage by malicious persons or by the elements.

In the end of the part *D'*, I have formed a slot, *e'*, for the reception of the stud *f'* when the part *D''* is folded back upon the part *D'* previous to its being turned with the part *D'* on the stud *c*, so that the whole may be folded up against the house or support A. Supposing the parts to be in the position shown by

Figs. 1 and 3, and it is desired to fold up the device, it is simply necessary to raise the outer end of the part D^2 and pull it slightly forward. It can then be folded on the part D' . The part D' is then pulled slightly forward and the whole folded up against the wall or support A. The hooks $e e$ on one side of the part D' serve as guides to support and hold the part D^2 when the part D^2 is folded upon the part D' , as shown by Fig. 2.

Modifications may be made in my invention. I can secure the end of the locking-bar G by a screw-nut, or by a sliding link or other suitable retaining means adapted to hold the said locking-bar in position to prevent the improper removal of a sign from the part D^2 .

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

1. In a pivoted folding device for supporting signs, bills, or other advertising devices, the combination, with the bracket-piece B, slot b^2 , and recess b^3 , of a folding arm, D' , having suspending devices $e e$, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a pivoted device for supporting signs, bills, or other devices for advertising, the combination, with the bracket-piece B, slot b^2 , and recess b^3 , of the parts $D' D^2$, pivoted and supported together as described, and a locking-bar, G, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of September, 1885.

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