

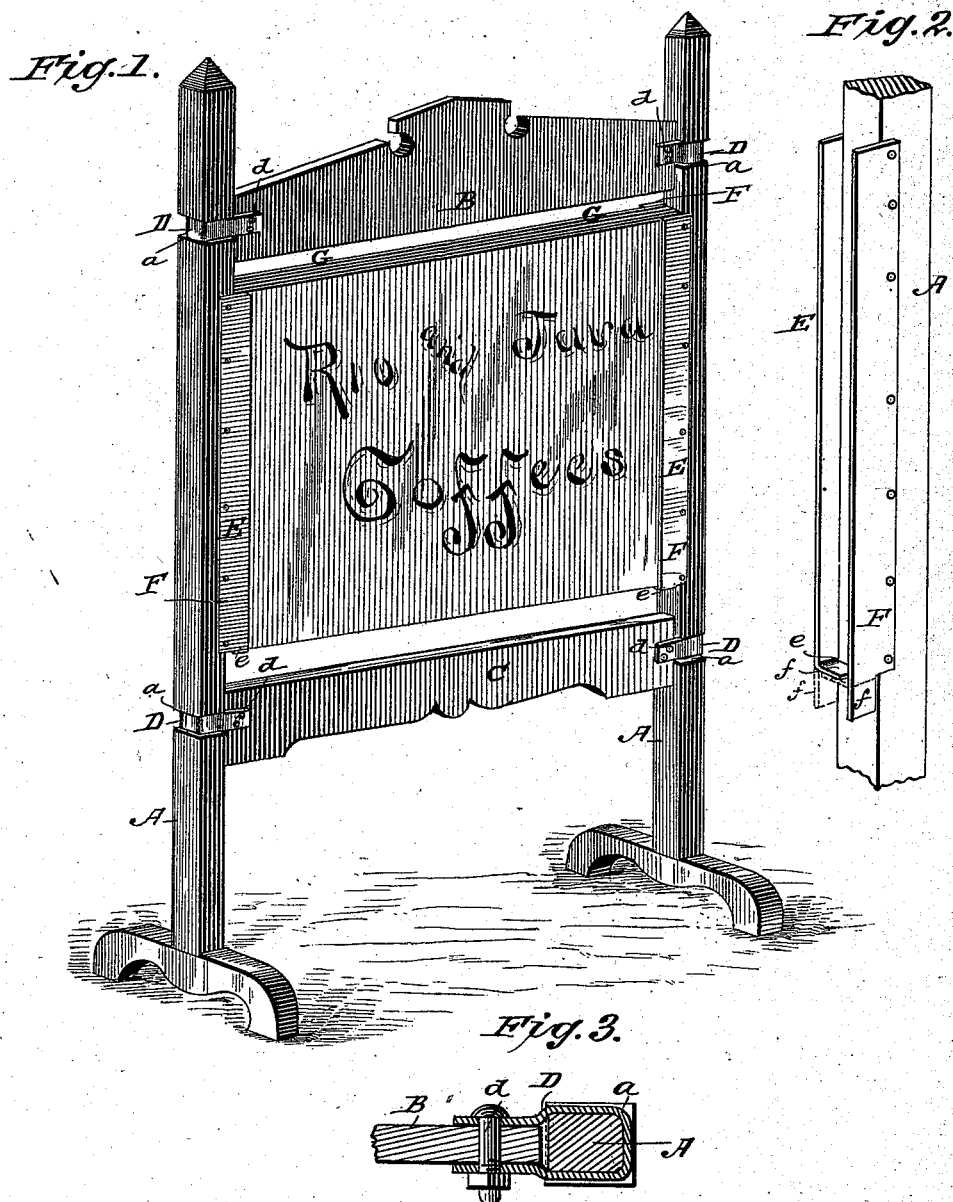
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LEVI JUSTUS DE LAND, of Fairport, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bulletin-Boards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improved bulletin-board, and seeks, among other improvements, to provide a simple construction by which to hold a number of tablets or cards which may be differently inscribed, and may be changed as often as desired for the purpose of exhibiting different signs from time to time.

The invention consists in certain features of construction and novel combinations of parts, as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of one of the side pockets, and Fig. 3 is a detached section illustrating the connection between one of the side rails and one of the cross-bars of the framing.

The framing shown consists of legs or side rails, A, and the top and bottom cross-bars, B and C, which are connected with the side rails by the aid of metal straps D, which are looped around the side rails and secured, by bolts *d* or in other suitable manner, to the side rails. These straps are preferred, and it is also preferred to seat them in transverse grooves *a*, formed in the side rails, as such construction serves to prevent any movement of the straps along the side rails without necessitating the driving of screws or nails into the side rails for such purpose. The rails A are provided with side pockets, E, which open inward toward each other and have bottoms *e*, which bear the weight of the tablets, while the sides of the pockets hold the tablets in proper position. It is preferred to form the pockets by the aid of metal plates F, secured to the side rails and extended beyond the inner edges thereof to form the sides of the pockets. At their lower edges the side plates have extensions *f* from that portion which projects inwardly beyond the side rails, which extensions are bent at approximately right angles, as shown, and form the bottoms *e* of the pockets. This construction of pockets is very simple and inexpensive, and efficiently serves to secure the tablets G in position. The tablets may be seen from

both sides. Thus two different signs or notices can be exhibited at the same time. These tablets, as will be readily understood, may be inscribed in any suitable manner, and by changing the positions of the tablets from time to time, bringing different tablets to the front, a great variety of signs may be used. The pockets may be fitted to contain one or more dozen or any other suitable number of tablets.

The tablets G may be of card-board, thin metal, or other suitable material.

Manifestly the cross-bars B and C may be connected with the side rails, A, by mortise-joint or in other suitable manner, instead of by the straps shown.

By forming the pockets through the aid of the plates E, secured to the side uprights and projected inwardly therefrom, I not only provide a cheap construction by reason of the economy of material used and the ease of making it, but I provide a space for the bulletin coextensive with the thickness of the side uprights, giving the board a large capacity for holding bulletins, so that a great number may be secured therein.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

1. The bulletin-board herein described, consisting of the uprights A A, having transverse grooves *a a* formed in them, the cross-bars B C, the straps D, looped around the uprights A, and seated in the grooves *a* thereof, and lapped at their ends on opposite sides of the said cross-bars, and the plates E, secured to the opposite sides of the uprights A A, and projected beyond the inner edges thereof, all substantially as and for the purposes specified.

2. In a bulletin-board, the combination of side rails, plates secured to the opposite sides of said rails and projected inwardly past the inner faces of said rails, forming pockets between said rails, whereby bulletins supported thereby may be seen from either side of the bulletin-board, substantially as set forth.

3. In a bulletin-board, the combination of the side rails, the cross bar or bars connecting such rails, and the plates secured to the side rails and extended past the inner edges thereof, forming the sides of the pockets, such plates being provided at their lower ends with extensions bent at right angles to the main por-

tions of the plates, forming the bottoms of the pockets, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

- 5 4. The herein-described bulletin-board comprising the side rails provided with pockets to receive the bulletins, the cross-bars extended between said side rails, and the straps D, looped around the rails and secured to the cross-bars, substantially as set forth.
- 10 5. The improved bulletin-board herein de-

scribed, consisting of the side rails, the cross-bars, the straps D, looped around the rails and secured to the cross-bars, and the plates E, secured to the side rails and projected inwardly past the inner edges thereof, forming pockets 15 between said side rails, substantially as set forth.

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