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METALLIC FRAME FOR VAULT-LIGHTS.

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To all whom it may concern: Be it known that we, MICHAEL GROSZ and PETER H. JACKSON, of the city and State of New York, have invented and made cer-5 tain new and useful Improvements in Lights for Vaults, Platforms, &c.; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being 10 had to the annexed drawing, making part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1, is a plan of our said vault light. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same and Fig. 3, is a cross section.

Similar marks of reference indicate the 15 same parts. Gratings have heretofore been made and extensively used, composed of flat bars set edgewise together, and attached to each 20 other by bars at the ends, and tie rods in the centers and other convenient points. These gratings have been placed over vaults, areas, &c., and formed into steps where desired. These gratings are unpleasant to 25 walk on, they admit rain and dirt, and are objectionable in front of shop windows, in side walks and other places, over which pedestrians pass. The nature of our invention consists in 30 a peculiar metallic frame, of a U shape, to set over the aforesaid bars of the grating, and receive the strips or plates of glass, which at the same time that they exclude dust, rain, &c., form a good surface for walk-35 ing over. In the drawing a, a, a are the bars of wrought |

iron, formed and used in the ordinary manner (at the part A,) but we prefer that the distance between these bars be twice the usual width as shown, or the alternate bars 40 removed. Over these bars a, a, we place inverted U formed frames b, b, connected together at suitable points by the cross pieces c, c, formed either with, or separately from, the bars b, b. These frames have lips 1, 1, 45 receiving the lower surface, and sustaining the glasses d, d.

2, 2, are grooves or corrugations in the upper part of the bars c, c, to prevent persons slipping.

It will be thus seen that while we avail ourselves of gratings already in use as a support for the glasses, or make use of wrought iron bars for that purpose, we obtain a neat, strong, durable and efficient 55 cover, or lights, over areas and vaults, and in platforms, decks and other places.

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What we claim as our invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

The \mathbf{n} shaped metallic bars receiving the 60 glasses, in combination with the wrought iron bars of a grating, over which the said $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{n}}$ shaped bars set and are sustained substantially as and for the purposes specified. In witness whereof we have hereunto set 65 our signatures this sixteenth day of July 1858.

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