

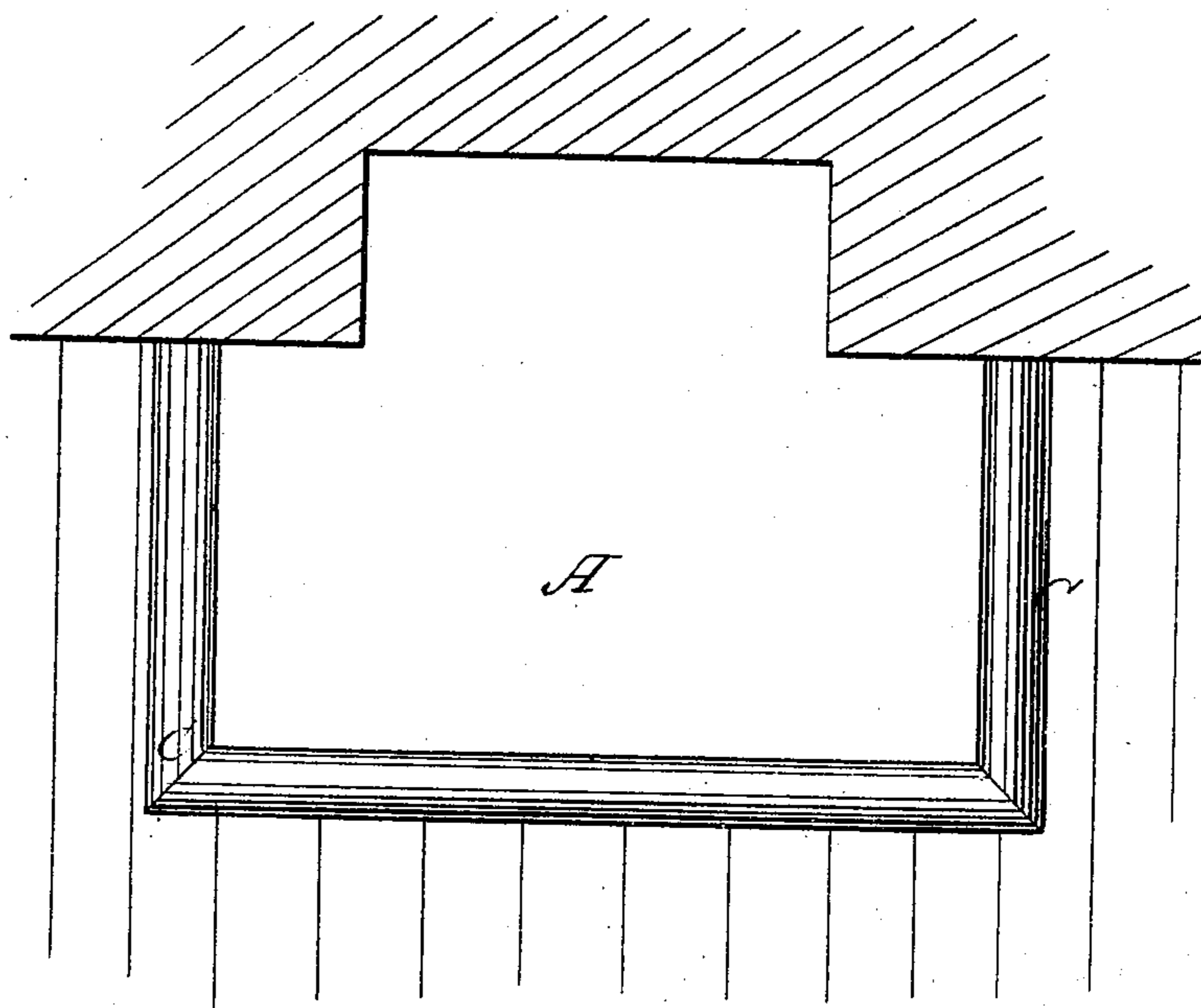
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*Fig: 1.*



*Fig: 2.*



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## FIRE-PLACE.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN F. CONLEY, of Funnelton, Preston county, West Virginia, have invented a new and improved Fire-Place Hearth; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact statement thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in hearths for fire-places, and consists of a new and improved manufacture of hearths of cast-metal, in plain or ornamental designs, and of any size or shape, for application to fire-places of all dimensions or shapes.

Figure 1 represents a plan view of a hearth, made according to my invention, of cast-iron, and fitted to the fire-place, and

Figure 2 represents a transverse section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

I propose to make these hearths, A, which have heretofore been made of brick or stone, of cast-iron,

in one piece, and adapted in shape and dimensions to the various sizes and shapes of fire-places, and with rebates, for the reception of the edges of the floors, and beads or mouldings, C, around the edges at the tops.

These rebates fit much more snugly to the floors than the brick or stone hearths can be made to do, preventing the passage of air or crickets, and the beads or mouldings prevent the ashes and coals from escaping over the edge to the carpet. They also save, by reason of the rebates, the necessity for fitting a base around the edges.

Having thus described my invention,

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A fire-place hearth, formed of a single piece of metal, with rebate, B, and mouldings C, as shown and described.

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