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Floor.

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Fig. 1.

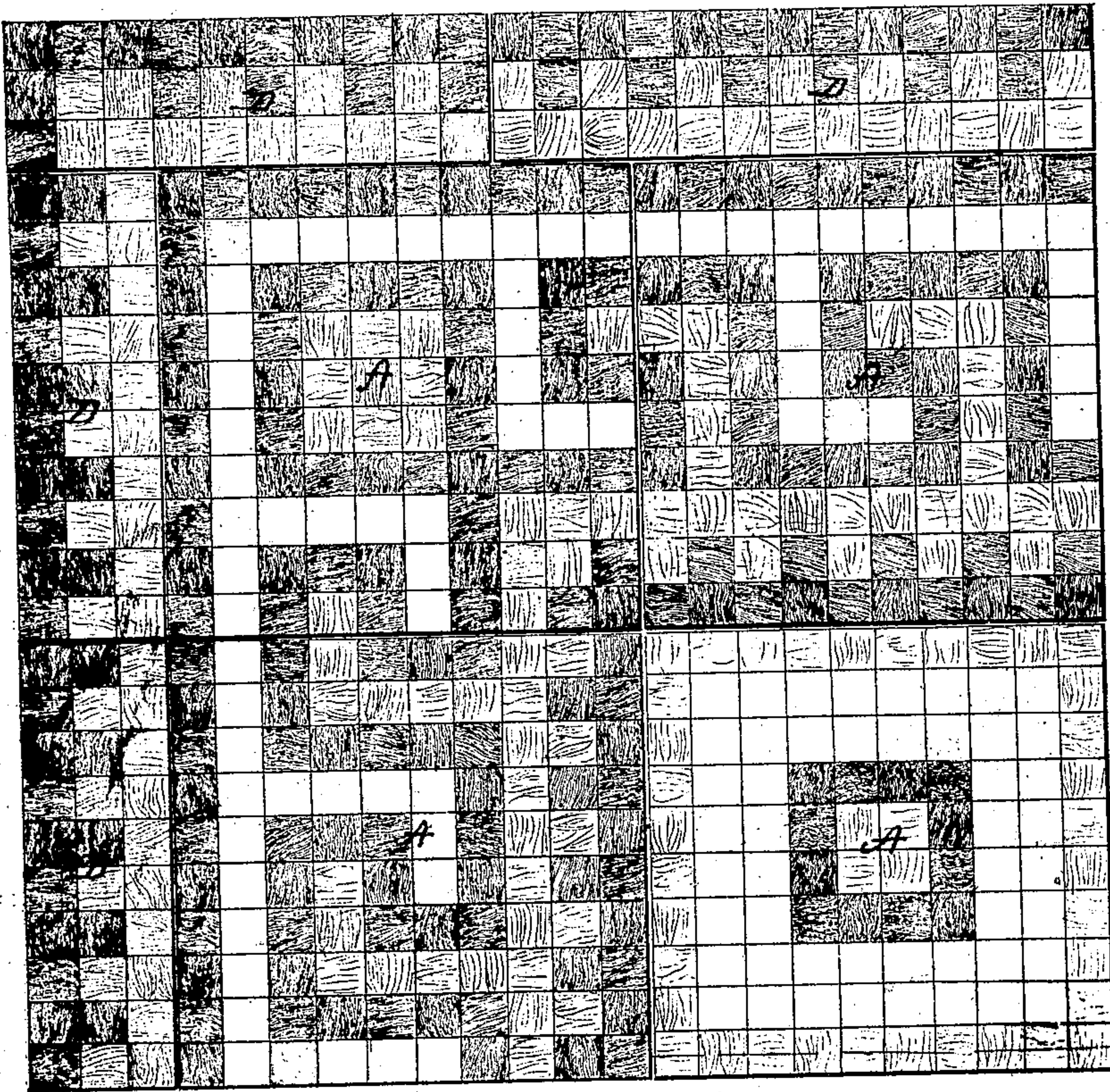


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVED FLOORING.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **101,638**, dated April 5, 1870; antedated March 24, 1870.

I, CHARLES J. McALISTER, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain Improvements in Manufactured Flooring, of which the following is a specification:

Nature and Objects of the Invention.

My invention relates to the manufacture of ornamental flooring from small blocks of various kinds and colors of wood, arranged together to form any desirable design or pattern and border, to imitate tessellated or mosaic pavements, the small blocks being glued upon squares of strong canvas, of a convenient size for transportation. This forms a flooring intended to take the place of matting or carpeting. It may be washed, oiled, and polished, as occasion requires, and, being of durable materials, is calculated to last a long time.

Description of the Accompanying Drawings.

Figure 1 is a plan of the flooring. Fig. 2 is a section along the line *x x*.

General Description.

The letters A represent the large squares,

or *abaculi*, composed of a number of small blocks B, glued to stout canvas C. The border pieces D are made in an elongated shape as a parallelogram for the sake of greater convenience in laying. These squares A or border pieces D may be made to fit any floor by cutting along the joints and separating the blocks. All the preparation and foundation required to lay this flooring is an ordinary plank or board floor, free from any great inequality of surface. The small blocks may be made from the ordinary refuse of a cabinet-factory, pieces too small to use for any other purpose.

Claim.

I claim as my invention—

The manufactured square A, consisting of small blocks of various colored woods glued in a pattern upon stout canvas C, substantially as and for the purpose hereinbefore set forth.

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