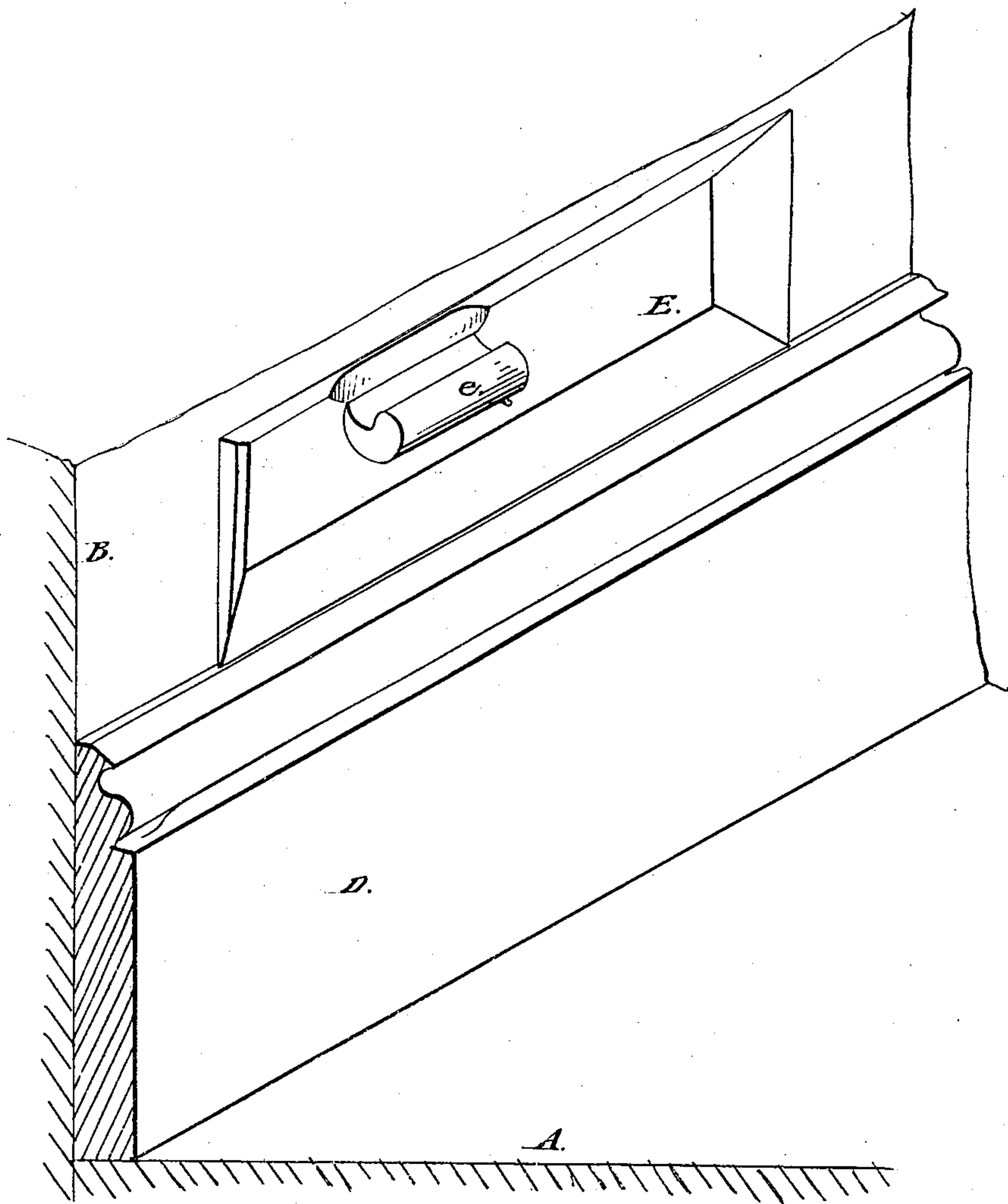


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IMPROVED WALL-PAPER PROTECTOR.

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, MARY DISSTON, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented a Wall-Paper Protector; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention consists of a handled strip of wood or metal, to be held against a wall, while it rests on the upper edge of the skirting, so that the cleansing of the latter by the holder of the instrument can be readily accomplished without fear of soiling the wall-paper.

In order to enable others to make and use my invention, I will now proceed to describe the mode of constructing and using the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing which forms a part of this specification, and in which the figure represents, in perspective, my improved wall-paper protector.

A represents the floor of a room;

B, the papered wall of the same; and

D, the painted skirting, the above parts being shown by red lines.

In scrubbing and washing skirtings, caution, rarely exercised by servants, is necessary to prevent the soiling of the wall-paper near the upper edge of the skirting with dirty water, by the slipping of an unskilfully managed brush or cloth.

In order to prevent such accidents, and to afford facilities for the washing of the skirting without the delay necessarily incurred in exercising the above-mentioned caution, I use a strip, E, which is made of wood, in the present instance, and so beveled toward its lower edge as to be very thin there.

This strip, at or near its upper edge, is provided with a handle, *e*, which the operator grasps in her left hand, so as to hold the strip against the wall while the lower edge is in contact with the upper edge of the skirting. With the scrubbing-brush, sponge, or cloth in her right hand, the operator proceeds to clean that part of the skirting immediately below the strip E, which effectually prevents the dirty water from coming in contact with the wall-paper. As the handle is placed near the upper edge of the strip, the cloth, when passed over the upper edge of the skirting, will not be struck against the hand, and the splashing of the dirty water against the paper, which would otherwise occur, is prevented.

It will be evident that, with the aid of this protecting strip, the operator can proceed rapidly with her work without fear of soiling the paper.

The strip may be made of metal, although wood is preferable, on account of its lightness.

I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

As a new manufacture, a wall-paper protector, consisting of a strip, E, having a narrow lower edge, and provided with a handle, *e*, arranged as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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