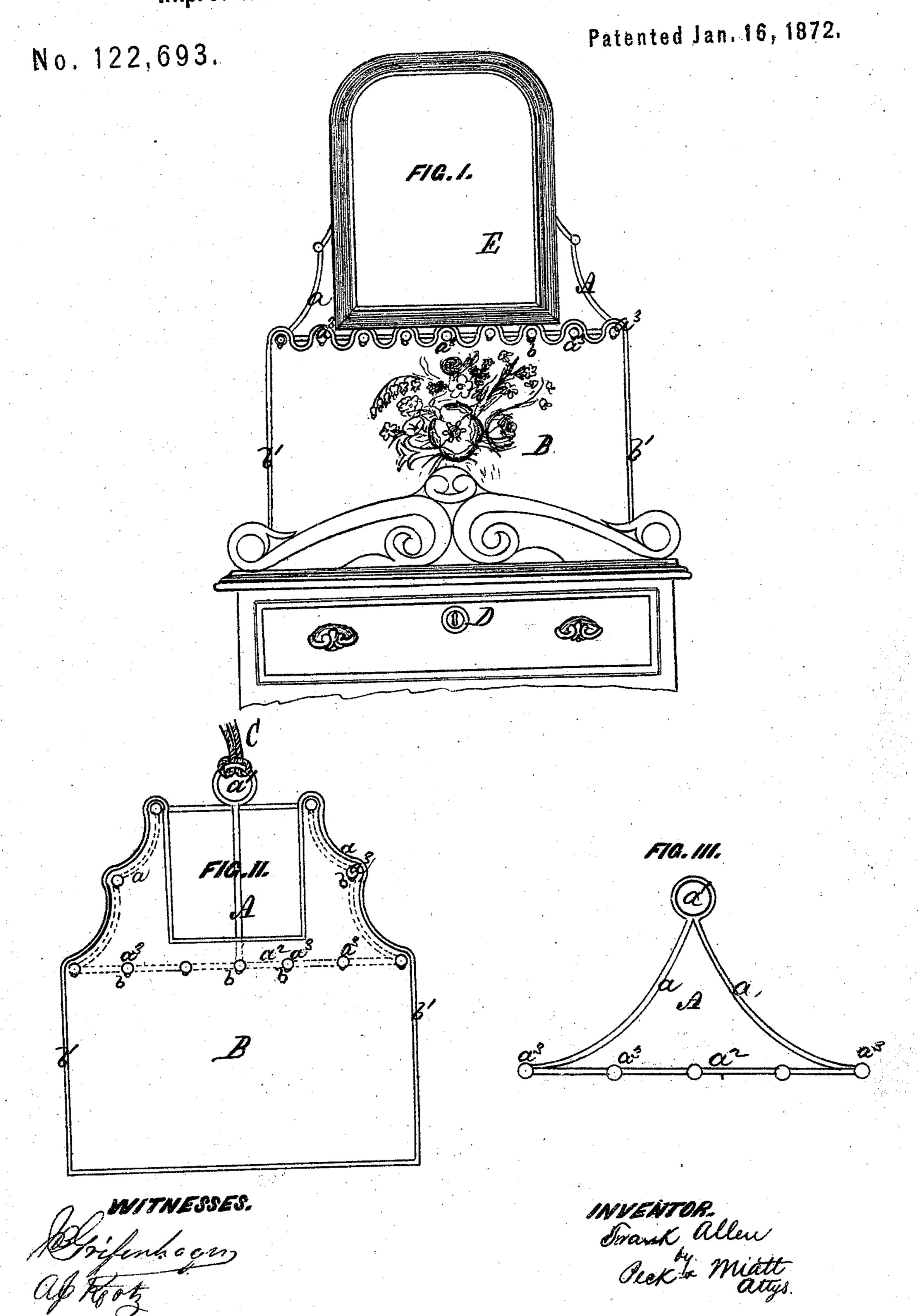
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Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 122,693, dated January 16, 1872.

SPECIFICATION.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Frank Allen, of the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Wall-Protector for Wash-Stands, of which the following is a specification:

Nature of the Invention.

My invention has reference to securing walls against contact with water used at a washstand; and consists in a curtain with a frame support, arranged as hereinafter described.

General Description.

In the drawing, Figure I is a front elevation of my device in use. Fig. II is a similar view of the device itself. Fig. III is a modified form of the frame.

A is a wire-frame support formed with two arms, a a, extending from the loop or ring  $a^1$ , and at their lower ends attached to a crossbar,  $a^2$ . Both the cross-bar and the arms are provided with projecting wire-hooks  $a^3$ . B is a curtain of any suitable material, such as cloth, rubber, &c. This curtain is furnished with eyelet-holes b, by means of which the curtain or protector is hung upon the hooks  $a^3$ , and also with a border or edging, b'. C is a cord, by which the position of the curtain B with respect to the wash-stand D and mirror E is regulated.

The operation of the invention is as follows: The curtain or protector B is secured to the frame A by inserting the hooks  $a^3$  into the eyelet holes b. The frame A is then hung upon the hook which supports the mirror by means

of the ring  $a^1$ ; or if the protector is not brought into the right position with respect to the washstand it can be lowered and hung where desired by the cord C, which is secured to the ring  $a^1$  at one end and the glass-supporting hook at the other. The bottom of the protector should of course reach down to or below the top of the wash-stand. Thus hung the wall is completely secured against water or other stains. When the protector becomes soiled it is not necessary to take down the frame A, but only to slip the curtain off from the hooks  $a^3$ and replace it by hanging another upon said hooks. These hooks also form convenient supports for other purposes, such as for pin-cushions, watch-pockets, hair-pin holders, &c. The frame is generally, by preference, made of wire, but may be formed of wood or other material. The curtain will in most cases be made of cloth, but rubber, oil-cloth, &c., may be substituted, as in neither the frame or curtain do I confine myself to any particular material used.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to

secure by Letters Patent, is-

1. The frame A, consisting of the arms a and cross-bar  $a^2$  and hooks  $a^3$ , for the purpose specified.

2. The curtain B, in combination with the frame A and hooks  $a^3$ , or their equivalents, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

FRANK ALLEN.

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