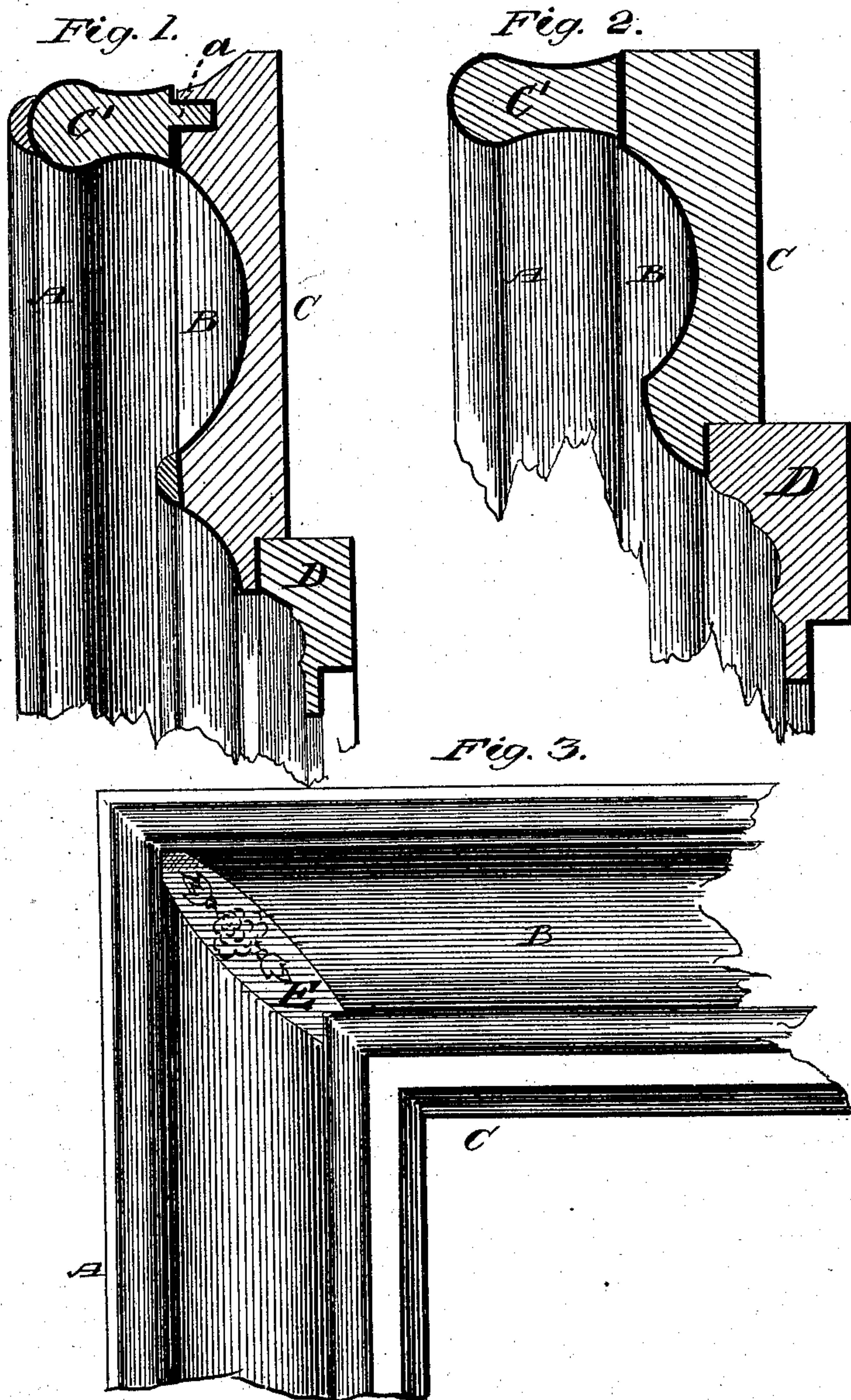


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## PICTURE-FRAME MOLDING.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. GRUBBS, of Bucklin, in the county of Linn and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Veneering; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figures 1 and 2 are sectional views representing my improvement as applied to picture-frames or fancy furniture-molding, and Fig. 3 shows a corner of a frame embodying my improvement.

Corresponding parts in the several figures are denoted by like letters.

This invention relates to certain improvements in veneer for mirror, picture, and other frames, or other articles of furniture to which it may be applicable; and it consists in forming such veneer from velvet or plush, preferably of variegated colors, for esthetic effect, combined with molding with which to fasten it, substantially as hereinafter more fully set forth.

The object of this invention is to provide a cheap substitute for the ordinary wood veneer, and one that requires less time and labor in applying it to the article to be ornamented or finished off.

To illustrate the principle of my invention I have shown the veneers of velvet or plush A B as applied to a mirror, picture, or other frame, C, although it is applicable to various other articles of furniture and cabinet-ware, among which may be mentioned parlor-chairs, pianos, billiard and pool tables, organs, burial cases or caskets, and chamber-suits, &c.

The veneer or velvet A, which may be of one color—a light red, for instance—to form the outer covering of molding of frame C, and the veneer B, either velvet, plush, or cloth, of another color—say a deep red—to form the covering for the inner molding of the frame, are spread out upon the molding or the other parts to be veneered or covered and made to nicely or snugly fit the same, and their ends tucked under and fastened in place by the said molding, as shown more clearly in Fig. 1, where C C' represent the moldings which form the body of the frame, the part C being rabbeted

to receive an inner gilt molding, D, which surrounds the light of the frame or panel.

The edges of the covering or veneering A overlap the edges of the molding C', upon which it is secured, and is tucked in under the molding, so as to be clamped between the parts C' C, the tongue *a* of the former fitting into a groove in part C. The covering B of said part C is secured in like manner by overlapping both edges of the molding C, and clamped on one side between the parts C' C and on the other between the parts C D, as shown by the heavy black lines in Figs. 1 and 2. The joints at the corners are covered with gilt ornaments E, so that the finished frame will present a smooth and neat appearance.

In applying the veneer to other articles the same general rule is observed.

I am aware that picture-frames have been made before with a covering over a wooden molding or base, of cloth or similar material, held in place upon the said wooden base by spun metal rings or bands, as shown in the patent to F. Reifschneider, No. 143,464, dated October 7, 1873; and I am also aware that picture-frames have been made with a molding superimposed upon the mat and covered with velvet, plush, or similar material, held in place at its lower edge by being clamped between the edge of the molding and the mat; but these constructions I do not claim.

By my improvement the veneering or covering is held in place upon the successive layers or sections of molding C' C D by having its ends inserted between and clamped by them in the manner described, and shown in the drawings, and without the aid of tacks, fastening-rings, or similar devices.

Having thus described my improvement, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

The combination, with the molding D C C', arranged in successive sections superimposed upon each other, of the cloth, velvet, or plush veneer B A, held in place by being clamped along both edges between adjoining parts of said successive sections D C C', substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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