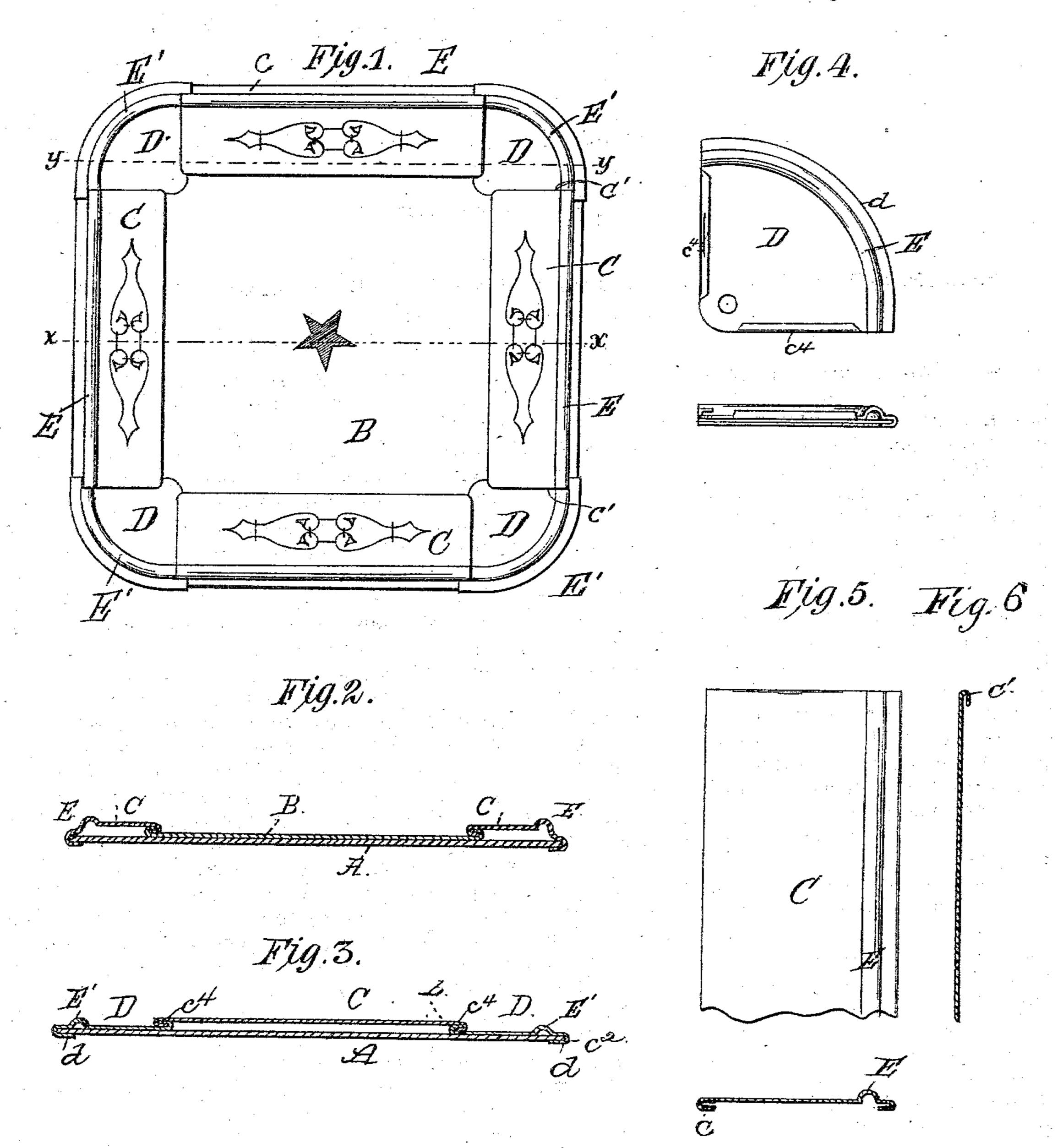
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## STOVE PLATFORM.

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## STOVE-PLAIFORM.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Augustus C. Stoes-SIGER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook 5 and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stove-Platforms, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to stove-platforms or mats, the object being to provide a device of this character which will be cheap and durable in its construction and of neat and attractive

appearance.

Figure 1 is a plan view of my platform; Fig. 2, a section of the same on the line x x, Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a section on the line yy; and Figs. 4, 5, and 6 represent parts in detail.

A represents the base or body of the plat-20 form, preferably made of wood or other light

material.

B represents the upper surface of the platform. It is made of sheet metal of a size considerably less than that of the base A, and is 25 secured to the latter by means of border-strips C and corner-pieces D in the following manner: The edges b of the surface B are bent upwardly and inwardly to engage the oppositelybent inner edges, c, of the border-strips C, the 30 outer edges of the latter being bent over and under the edges of the base A to secure the parts thereto. The corner-pieces D are triangular in form and adapted to fill the space between the ends of the border-strips C, as 35 shown. The ends c' of the strips C are bent under to engage the adjacent edges,  $c^{t}$ , of the corner-pieces D, as shown in Figs. 4 and 6. The outer or curved edges, d, of the corner-pieces are lapped around the corners of the base A, 40 as shown. Each of the border-strips C is provided with a bead, E, formed near the outer

edges thereof and parallel with the latter. The

beads register with similar curved beads, E', formed upon the corner-pieces D. Thus it will be seen that a continuous bead is formed 45 around the platform, which serves to strengthen and finish the same. As shown in the drawings, the border-strips and corner-pieces are designed to be ornamented in any preferable manner, and the device as an entirety is adapt- 50 ed to present a neat and tasteful appearance.

What I claim is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, the mat or stove-platform consisting in the combination, with a base or body, of an upper surface 55 or center-piece secured to the base by means of border-strips and corner-pieces whose edges are lapped upon themselves to connect the parts, substantially as shown and described.

2. A platform for stoves, consisting of a base 60 of wood or other light material, a center-piece or upper surface of sheet metal, metallic border-strips whose inner edges are bent to engage the lapped edges of the upper surface, while their outer edges are lapped over and 65 under the edges of the base, and corner-pieces secured to the border-strips by having the adjacent edges lapped over the oppositely-bent edges of said border-strips and having their outer or curved edges turned over the base, 70 substantially as shown and described.

, 3. The combination, with the base and center portion, of border-strips and corner-pieces secured together and to said base and center portion by the engagement of their bent edges, 75 as described, and provided near their outer edges with beads, substantially as shown.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses, this 30th day of De-

cember, 1882.

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