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fig. 1.

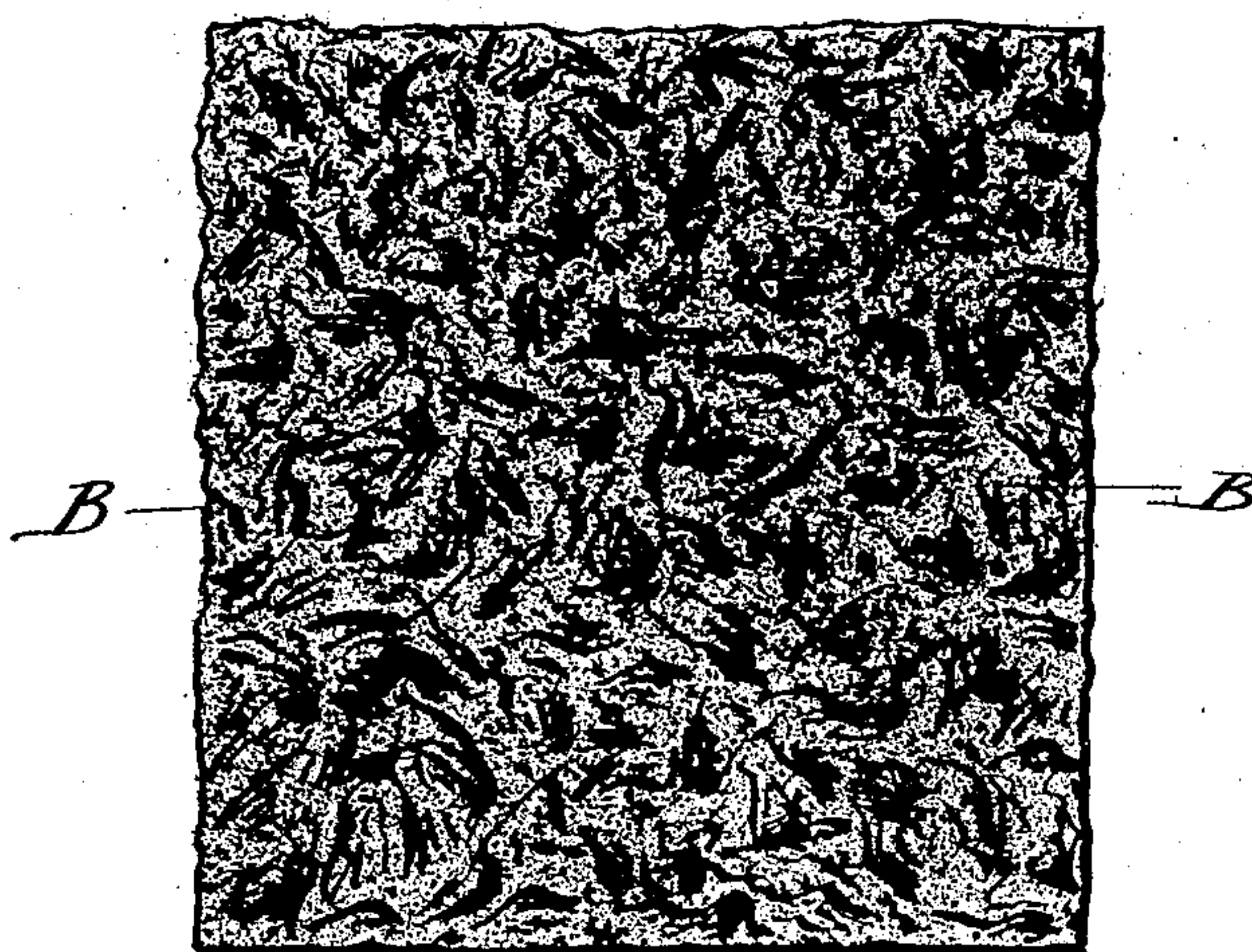
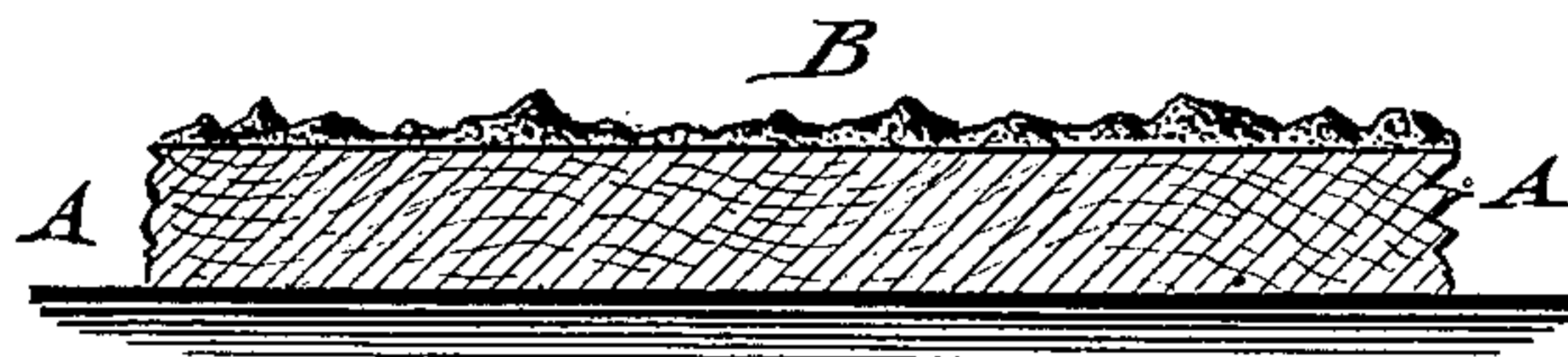


fig. 2.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, OTTOMAR SPEISSER, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Methods of Coating Articles in Imitation of Moss-Bark, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide an improved covering for flower-pots, florists' frames, and other fancy articles in imitation of moss-bark; and the invention consists, first, in coating the article with an irregular layer made from sawdust, paste, and ox-blood, and then spattering the surface of the same with white, green, or other paint.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a front view of a piece of wood covered with imitation moss-bark, and Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

In carrying out my invention a stiff mixture of sawdust, glue, paste, and ox-blood is made, and then spread in a layer, B, of irregular thickness over the surface A to be coated. Equal quantities of liquid glue, paste, and ox-blood are used, and mixed with a sufficient quantity of sawdust until a thickly flowing mass is obtained. After the layer B of

this mass has set and become sufficiently dry, white and green paint is spattered over the surface, which receives thereby the characteristic appearance of moss-bark. This covering layer may be used with advantage for a number of ornamental articles, such as florists' frames, flower-pots, and the like.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The method herein described of coating fancy articles in imitation of moss-bark, which consists in first applying to the surface of the articles an irregular coating or layer of a mixture of sawdust, glue, paste, and ox-blood, and then spattering over the surface of the coating a paint of proper color, substantially as set forth.

2. A flower-pot, florist's frame, or other article coated with an irregular layer of sawdust, glue, paste, and ox-blood, painted in imitation of moss-bark, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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