

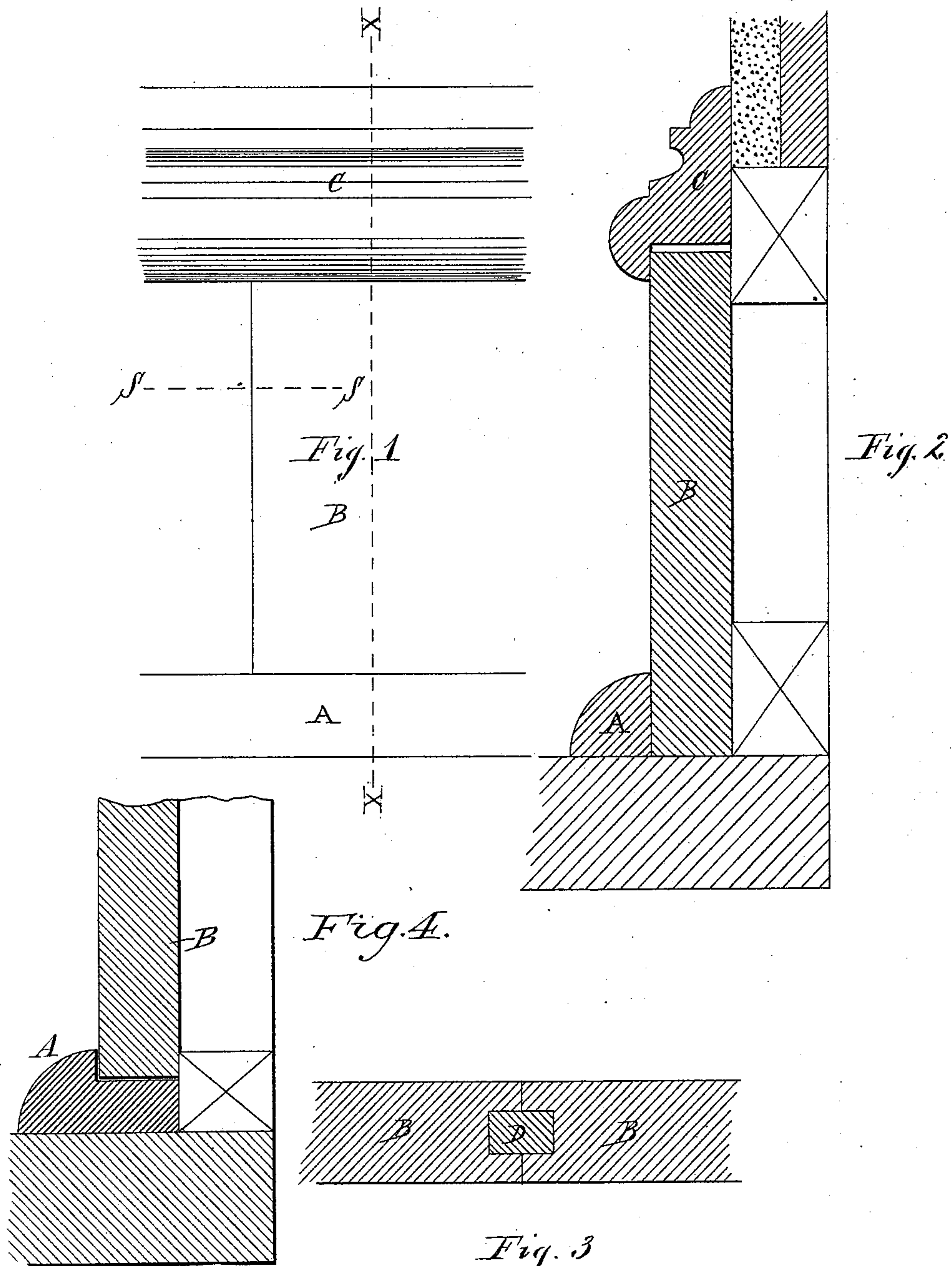
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE F. DECKER, of Johnstown, county of Fulton, and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Base-Boards and Wainscoting, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in the manner of making and putting up of base-boards and wainscoting, and the manner of joining the ends of base-boards together, and the objects of my improvements are, first, to prevent apertures or spaces being formed between the base-board and wainscoting and the floor, or between the base-boards and the plastering; second, to prevent wind entering into the room through said spaces; and, third, to prevent the warping and shrinking of said base-boards. I attain these objects in the manner illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a vertical section of the several parts composing such base-board. Fig. 2 is an end view of said base-board cut through line *xx* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the manner in which I sometimes join the two ends of the base-board. Fig. 4 is an end view of said base-board, cut through line *xx* of Fig. 1, showing the center board, B, placed in a recess formed on the upper side of the molding hereinafter referred to, the said figure showing another manner in which I sometimes construct my invention.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the similar views.

A is a molding of any form placed on the floor; B, the center board; C, the molding on the top of the center board; D, a wedge of any material.

I do not restrict my invention in its use to any material.

In carrying out my invention, I securely fasten a molding, A, to the floor, then place in the groove formed in the upper face of such molding, or at the back of said molding, extending to the floor and between the molding and the wall or studding, a center piece, B, of any material, without fastening the said cen-

ter piece to either the top or bottom molding, or to the wall or floor. I then, if it is desired, place above and partly in front of said center piece the upper molding, C, and securely fasten said upper molding, C, to the wall or studding. The center pieces may be in one strip, as in a base-board, or in several perpendicular strips, as in wainscoting. Where a bottom molding only is used I securely fasten the upper edge of said center board to the wall. The center board being entirely loose where two moldings are used, or at its lower edge where only one molding is used, it does not affect either the upper or lower moldings, and being of sufficient width cannot admit of the formation of a space either above the lower molding or below the upper molding, if the latter is used, or between the wall and the center board, where an upper molding is not used.

Where in long lengths of base-board it is necessary to make a joint, I cut a groove in the two ends of the center boards at such joint, and insert in the cavity thus formed at the union of the two ends of the said center board a wedge of any material in order to prevent a warping of the wood forming such center board.

Having thus described my said invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a base-board or wainscoting, the combination, with a center piece secured to the wall with freedom to shrink, of a molding secured to the floor, and presenting an upward projection to overlap the lower edge of said center piece, as and for the purposes set forth.

2. In a base-board or wainscoting, the combination, with a center piece secured to the wall with freedom to shrink, of moldings, one secured to the floor and presenting an upward projection, and the other secured to the wall and presenting a downward projection, said projections overlapping the edges of the center pieces, as and for the purpose described.

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