

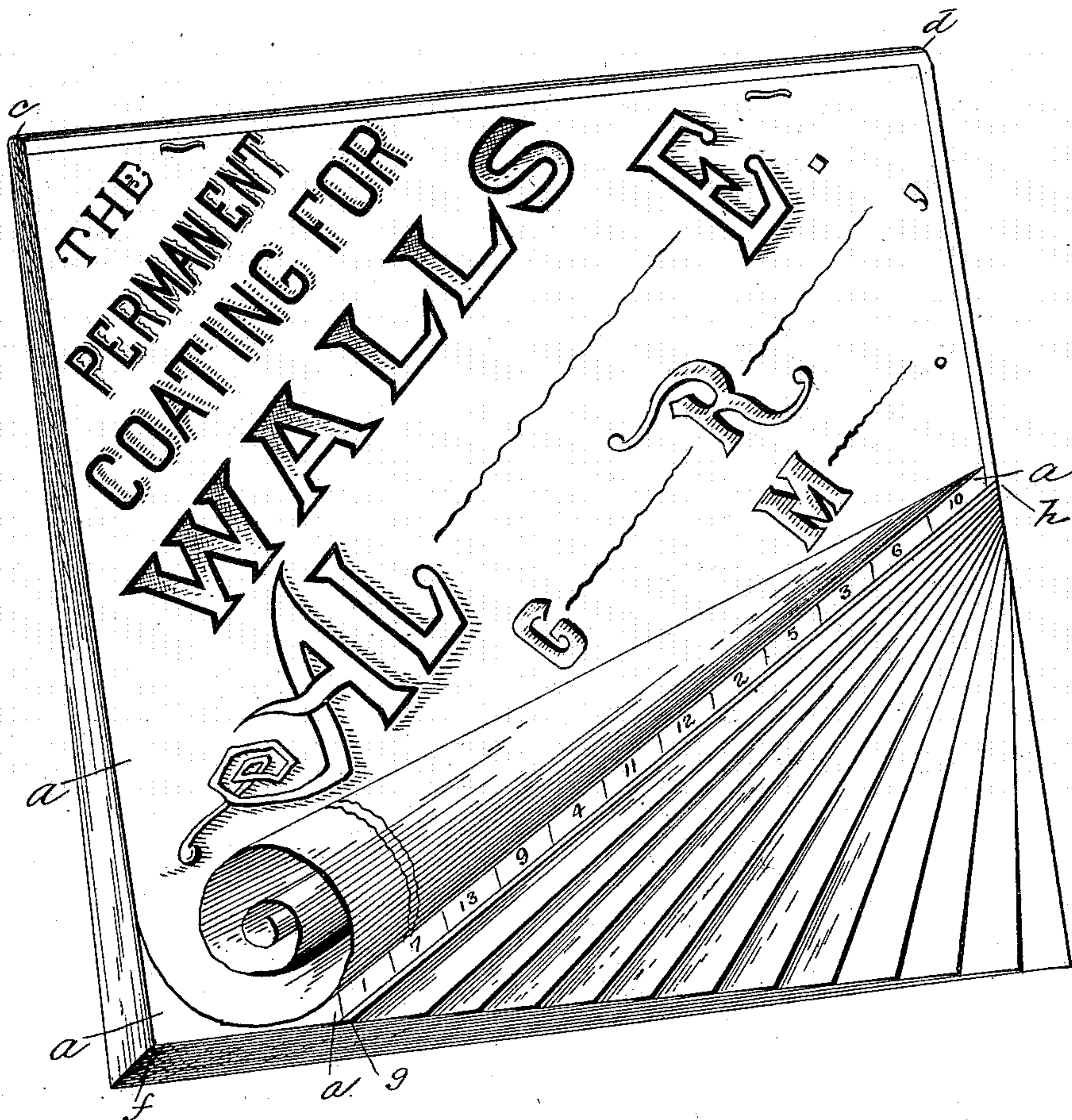
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## SAMPLE-CARD.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MELVIN B. CHURCH, of Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Sample-Cards; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention is an improved sample-card designed to exhibit the quality and various tints of wall coating. Sample-cards have heretofore been made in which small pieces of paper were pasted upon a circular or printed and folded paper, the said small pieces being covered with the wall-coating and showing the different tints. In this, however, the pieces were necessarily small, and were not sufficient, nor were they capable from their arrangement, being pasted upon a circular, of illustrating the full effect of the color or tint. For this it is necessary to have a sheet of sufficient size so that it may be placed upon the wall, and thus the full effect may be observed.

My invention consists, therefore, of a sample-card composed of a number or series of sheets, each having its own appropriate tint, all the sheets being in a book bound upon one margin, but with the other margin made with underlapping edges, so as to expose the sheets in succession, and with a printed upper or front cover indicating the nature of the coating illustrated by the samples.

In the accompanying drawing, the figure shows a view of the face or upper surface of the sample-card.

The cover over the front is marked *a*, and is printed with the name of the article illustrated, as AL E, and with any suitable ornamentation—such, for example, as that shown. To show the various tints, it is only necessary to expose the sheet having that tint by lifting or folding back the sheets or cover above it, when the card may be held against the wall, in order that the effect of the tint may be fully observed. As shown, the cover and the successive sheets beneath are cut diagonally across the right-hand lower corner to the bound edge *c d*. In cutting these corners so as to expose the successive sheets having the various tints I cut the cover *a'* so as to form a large angle, *f g h*. The first tinted sheet below it is cut to form a smaller angle, which exposes a wider

strip at the lower edge and greatly diminishing as it approaches the right-hand margin. Sheet 2 is cut at a still less angle, and the other sheets, 3, 4, 5, and so on, each representing a particular tint, are cut each in succession at a less angle, so as to show a margin diminishing in like manner from the bottom up to the edge. This shows the tints in perspective, and by this construction the edges are kept smooth, with little liability to curl up. Instead of the sheet being cut on a straight line, as shown, the lines may be curved or wavy. On the cover *a*, and along the diagonally-cut edge thereof, is represented a scroll tapering toward the converging point of the diagonal edges. This scroll may be made to represent the cover as rolled back upon itself, thus exposing the sheets beneath, or it can be represented as being distinct from the cover. Its purpose, besides being ornamental, is to aid in producing the perspective appearance.

I claim—

1. A sample-card for exhibiting wall-tints, consisting of a series of leaves bound together on one margin, with the free edge of the leaves cut successively of different lengths, the edges being exposed in order, the sheets being provided with an ornamental advertising-cover, substantially as described.

2. A sample-card composed of a series of sheets covered with the samples of the wall-coating bound upon one margin, with the free edges upon one cover cut at an angle and underlapping, substantially as described, whereby each margin is shown in perspective, as set forth.

3. In combination, a sample-card composed of a series of sheets cut diagonally and underlapping, with their edges converging, and a cover for said sheets, also having a diagonally-cut edge and provided with a perspective design the lines of which converge with the cut edges of the sheets, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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