

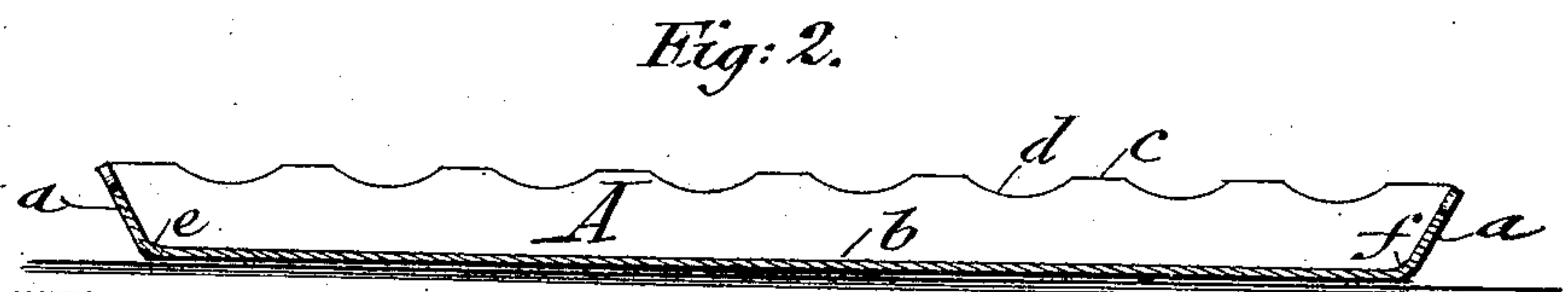
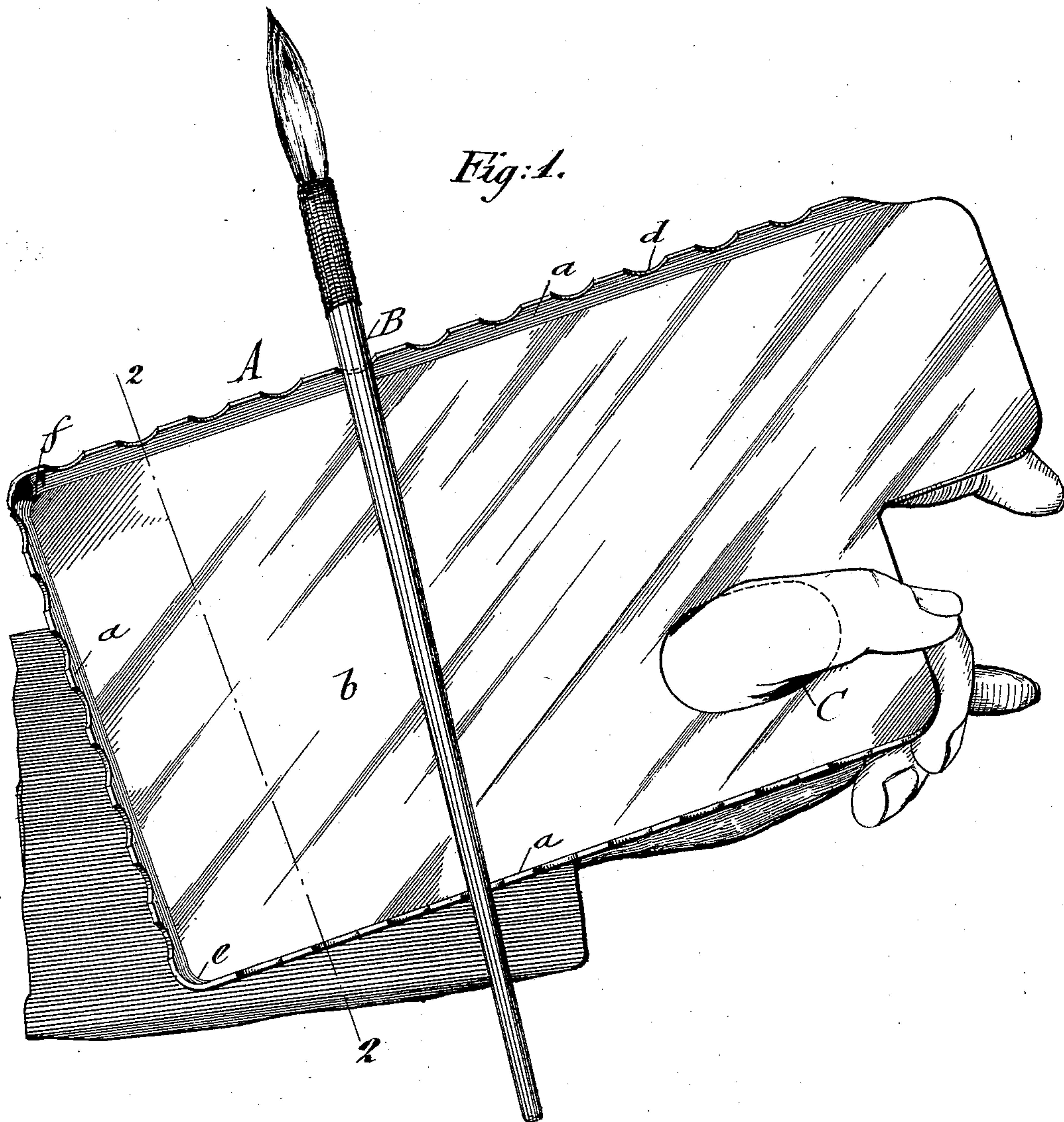
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EUGENE A. BOFINGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, borough of Manhattan, in the State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Palettes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved palette of that class which is used by sign-painters and others, and is so arranged that the brushes can be supported thereon while working without coming in contact with the colors spread on the surface of the palette; and the invention consists of a palette provided with an upturned flange at its edge, said flange being scalloped so as to support the brushes, as will be fully described hereinafter and finally pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved palette, showing the same in position for use and with a brush supported thereon; and Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section of the palette on line 2 2, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a palette, which is preferably made of sheet metal of suitable thickness and for the sake of lightness of aluminium. The palette-body *b* is preferably provided at three of its sides with an upturned flange *a*, the edge of which is scalloped, as shown at *d*, so as to form convenient supports for the brushes. The palette is preferably stamped out of the sheet metal by suitable dies, the stock being held sufficiently at the corners of the palette during the stamping operation so as to form a continuous flange. The flange is thus formed integral with the body portion *b* and seams are avoided.

The flange is arranged, preferably, at an angle of inclination to the palette-body *b*, as shown in Fig. 2, which is sufficient for carrying out the main object of the invention—namely, the support of the brushes on the palette without holding them by the fingers of the hand which holds the palette. The supporting of the brushes on two of the scalloped flanges of the palette has the advantage that the handles of the brushes do not come in contact with the colors spread on the palette, so that all smudging of the handles and fingers, which is common when the

brushes are held in the hand, is avoided. The end of the palette which is adjacent to the thumb-hole *C* is not provided with a flange, so as to permit the attaching at that point of other devices, such as tube-holders and receptacles for benzene, &c., by which the usefulness of the palette is increased.

A further advantage of my improved palette is that the movable cups which are used in some classes of work, as in lettering doors, and which are liable to slip off the ordinary palette are prevented from doing so by the flange *a* and do not have to be watched to see that they are not in danger of falling from the palette.

In the construction of the palette angles and sharp corners are avoided throughout. The palette is thus as easily and quickly cleaned as an ordinary palette, whereas otherwise it would be difficult to clean, particularly at the corners, as at *e* and *f*.

The palette shown in the drawings is oblong in outline; but the flange may be applied to a palette of the ordinary form or of any form used in a particular line of work.

It is obvious that my improved palette can be used by painters using oil-colors generally, though it is intended for use principally by design-painters, as in that case the necessity of a convenient support for the brushes is more apparent than when painting pictures in oil-colors on an easel.

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

1. A palette provided at a portion of its edge with an upturned and scalloped flange for supporting the brushes, substantially as set forth.

2. A palette provided at a portion of its edge with an upturned, scalloped flange made integral with the body of the palette, substantially as set forth.

3. A palette made of sheet metal and provided at its edge with an upturned and scalloped flange, 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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