

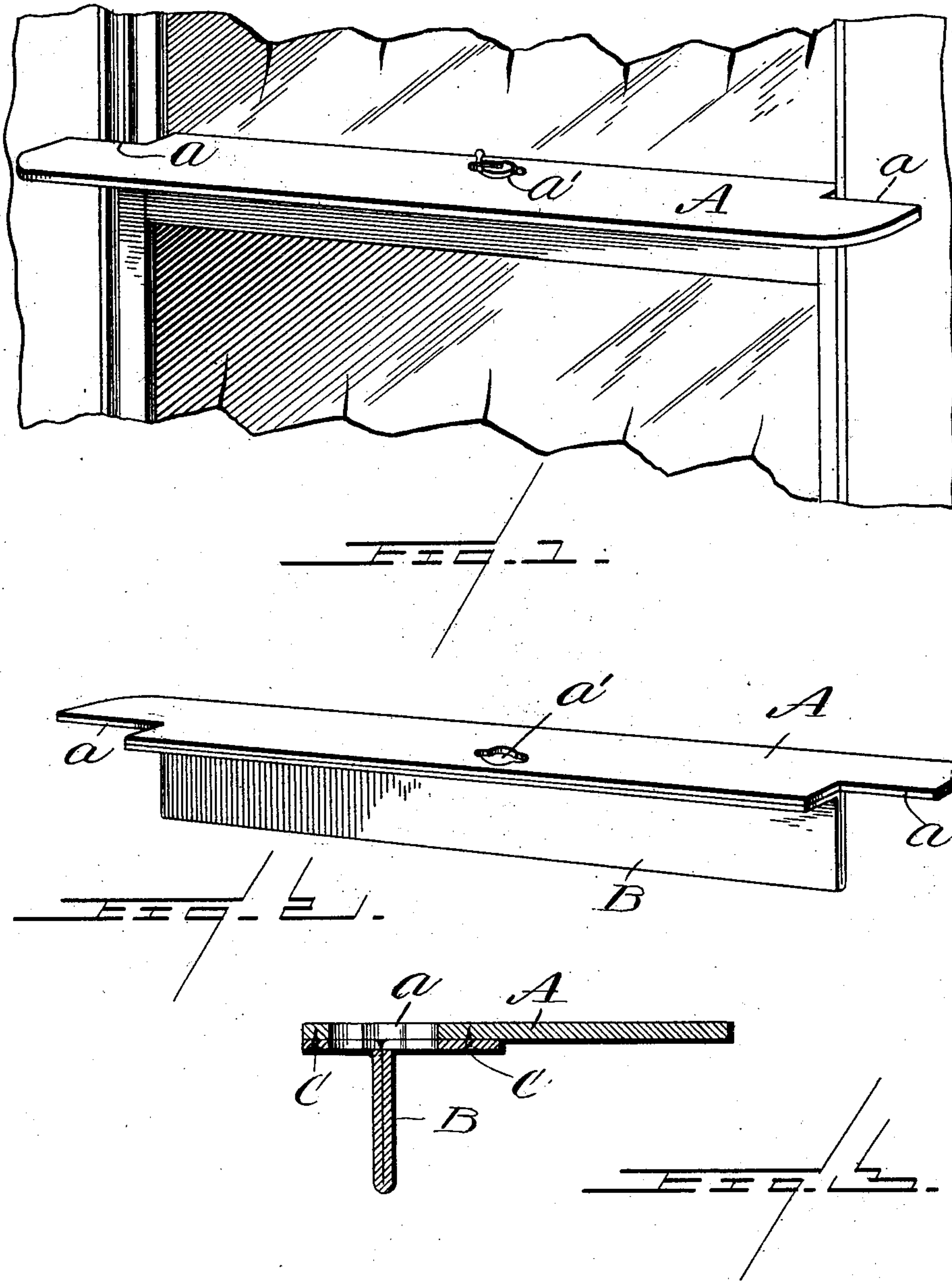
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## WINDOW-SHELF.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, IDA D. BENNETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Coldwater, in the county of Branch and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Window-Shelves; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to the class of window-shelves known as "window-gardens," and has for its object to produce such a device as will be adapted to rest on the top of the lower sash of a window and which may be readily removed from the same when desirable. To accomplish these results, I employ the novel construction hereinafter described and illustrated.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved window-shelf in place on the top of the lower sash. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the rear of my improved shelf. Fig. 3 is a vertical transverse sectional view of my device.

A in the drawings represents an ordinary shelf of suitable shape and size and material adapted to fit in a window-frame, the same being cut away at *a a* to fit the upright pieces of the upper sash and window-frame to allow the shelf to extend back to the glass in the upper sash.

*a'* is a suitable opening in the shelf A and adapted to fit over the window-lock to allow the shelf to rest directly upon the top of the same.

B is a suitable projection, preferably of sheet metal, rigidly secured to the under side of the shelf A by any suitable means C and adapted to fit in between the upper and lower sashes of the window to hold the shelf rigidly in position. Although I illustrate the projection B as one piece and extending the entire length of the shelf, I do not wish to limit

myself to this construction, as a number of narrow projections may be equally as well employed to accomplish the same result.

It is obvious that by this construction the shelf is not only securely held in position, but it may be readily removed when desirable without the usual inconveniences common to other devices of this class. It should also be noted that my device acts as a weather-strip and prevents the sashes from rattling together.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A device of the class described comprising a shelf and supporting means secured thereto and adapted to fit between the upper and lower sashes of the window, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. A device of the class described comprising a shelf adapted to rest on the top of the lower sash of a window and supporting means secured thereto and adapted to fit between the upper and lower sashes of the window, substantially as and for the purpose described.

3. A device of the class described, comprising a shelf adapted to rest on the top of the lower sash of a window and provided with an opening to receive the window-lock and a projection secured to the said shelf and adapted to fit between the upper and lower sashes, substantially as and for the purpose described.

4. A device of the class described, comprising a shelf adapted to rest on the top of the lower sash of a window and a projection secured to said shelf and adapted to fit between the upper and lower sash, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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