

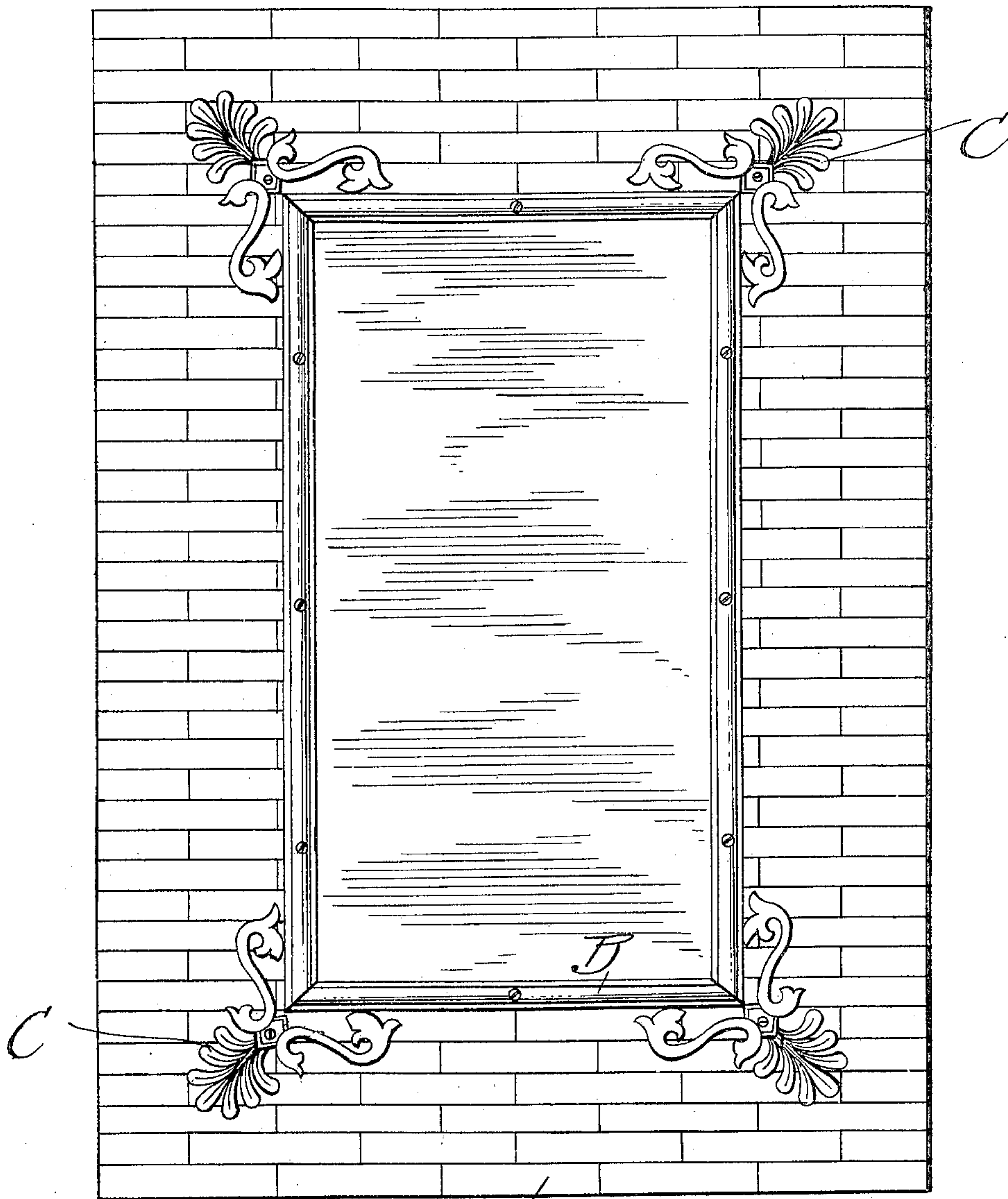
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SAMUEL FRANKLIN WILLIAMSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have  
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fireboards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is designed to produce an ornamental fireboard for use, preferably, in  
10 connection with hard-wood mantels where there is no fireplace.

It is my aim to produce a fireboard which shall be in the highest degree attractive, giving the effect of being composed of different  
15 material, and thereby adding very much to its attractiveness while materially lessening the expense of a setting actually composed of tiling or built up of independent sections.

In carrying out my invention I utilize,  
20 preferably, a single slab of slate or like material and ornament the face by enameling that portion of it occupying the space usually filled by the grate-opening and surrounding this ornamental center. The remainder is made  
25 to represent tiling, and to increase the effect of independent sections I use an ornamental border or frame which is secured to the face of the slate so as to cover the joint between the ornamental inner and outer portions of  
30 the fireboard, thus giving the decided effect of an expensive fireboard built up of an ornamental inner, center, and outer tiling.

In the accompanying drawing the figure illustrates the invention in front elevation.

35 The fireboard is preferably composed of a piece of slate A, which has secured to it a border or frame, preferably of metal, as at B, and this may have ornamental extensions, as at C. The frame is secured in place by  
40 screws or in any suitable manner. Within the frame the surface of the slate is orna-

mented by enameling or by any other well-known means to give it an attractive appearance, while without the border or frame the face of the slate is made to represent tiling, and this may be done by grooving it and  
45 filling in the grooves or by painting directly upon the face or, indeed, in any suitable or well-known manner. The effect produced is the representation, when the fireboard is  
50 in place, of a border of tiling surrounding a metal frame of ornamental appearance, and within the metal frame in the space usually occupied by a fireplace-opening an ornamental section appears, enameled or marble-  
55 ized. All the attractiveness of a built-up fireboard is presented without the expense incident to the construction of such a board, my invention securing all the advantages of the built-up board in a single-piece struc-  
60 ture capable of being produced with the greatest economy.

What I claim is—

1. A fireboard composed of slate or like material, having its exposed face ornament-  
65 ed to represent different materials and a border or frame secured to the board at the line of juncture, substantially as described.

2. A fireboard composed of a single piece of slate or like material, having an ornamen-  
70 tal center to represent one material, a tiling effect surrounding the ornamental center and a metal frame secured to the face of the board at the line of juncture, substantially as described.

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

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