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Fig. 1.

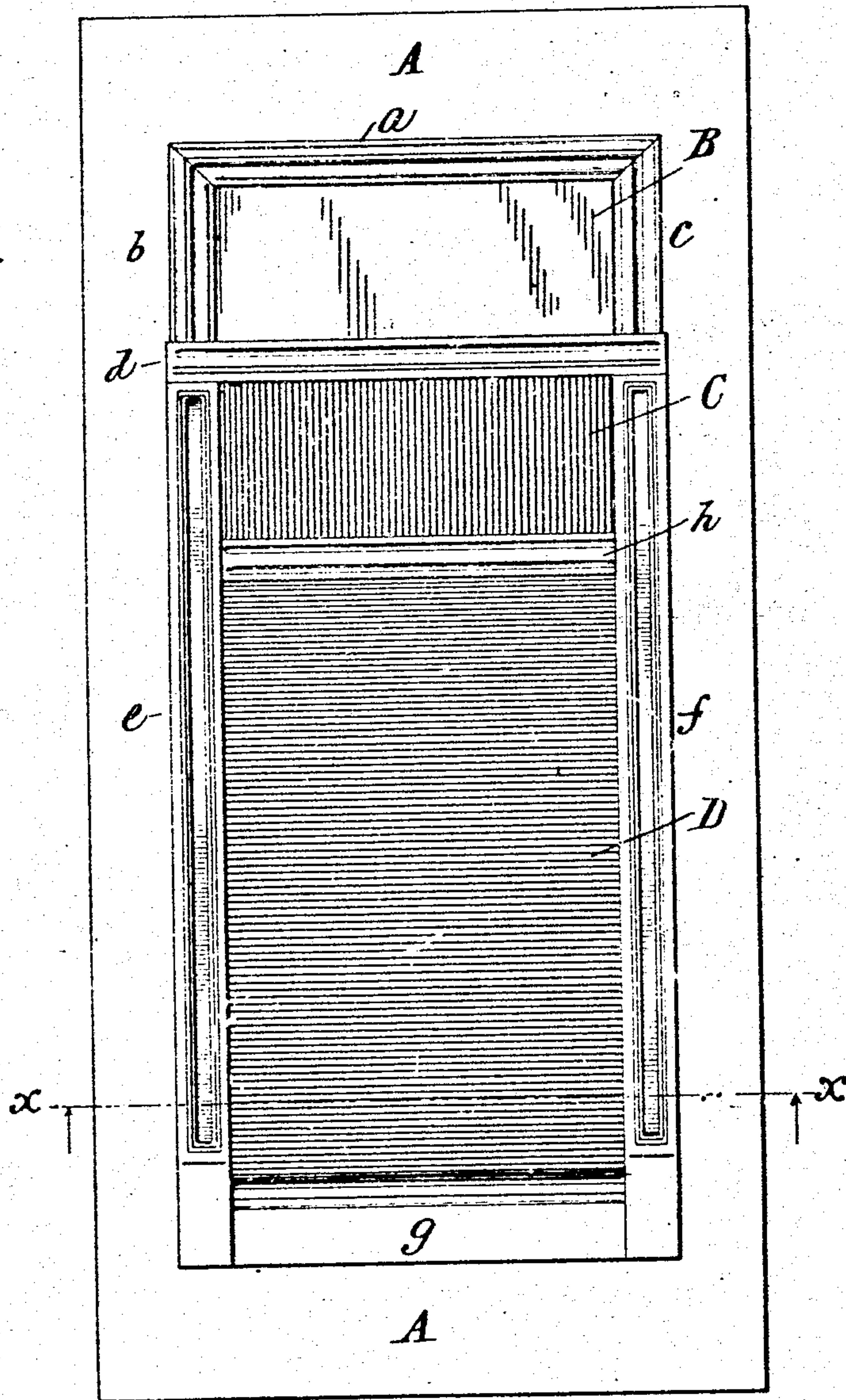
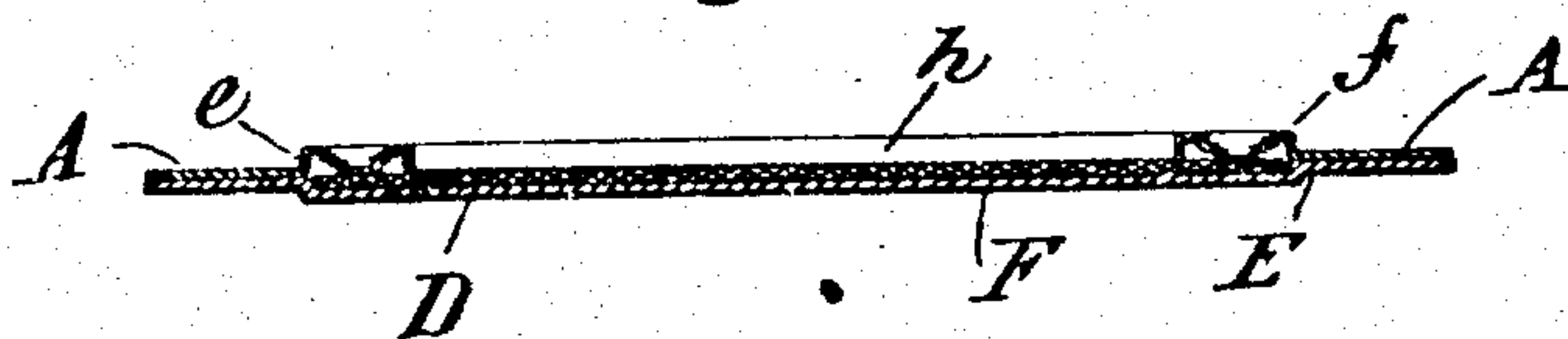


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Fig. 3.

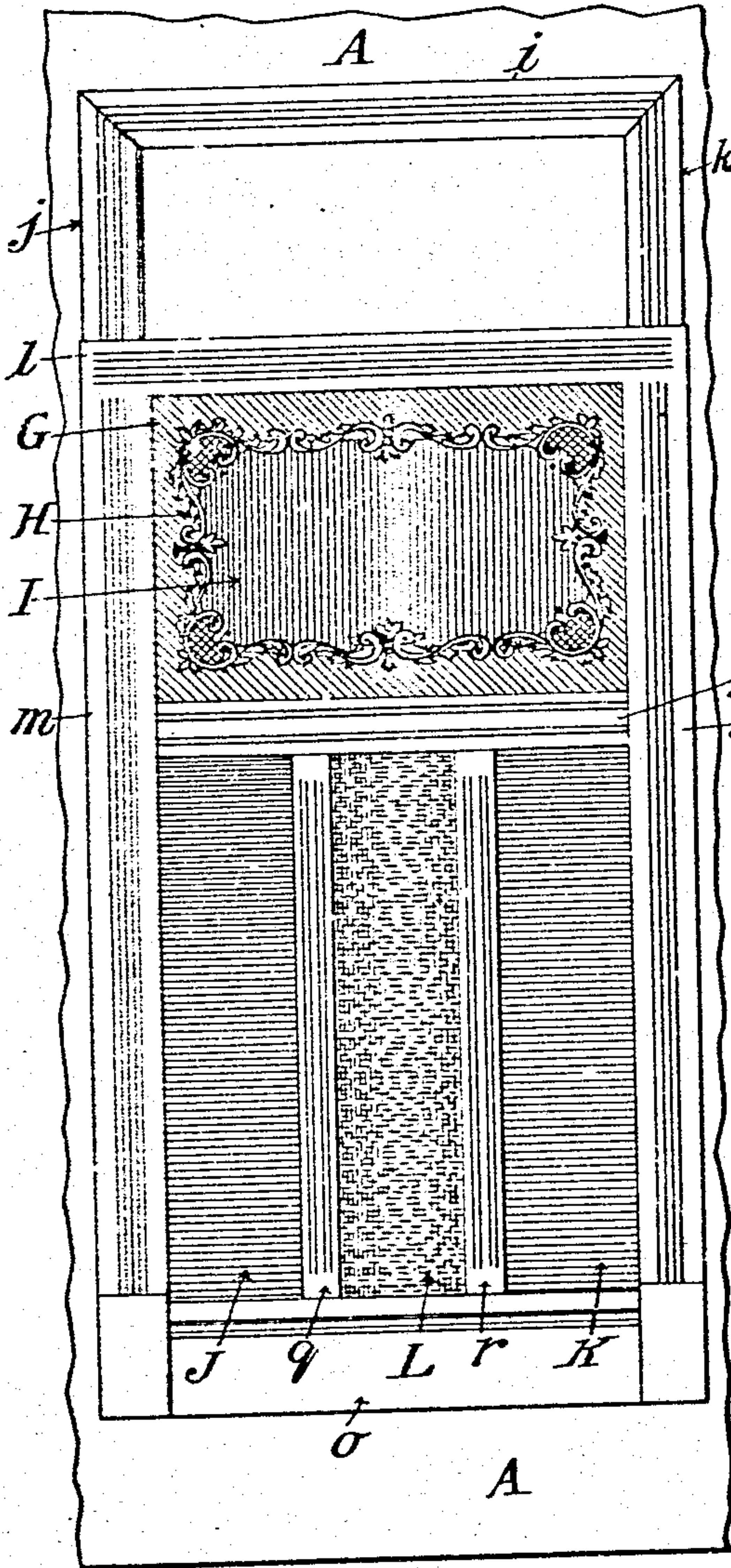


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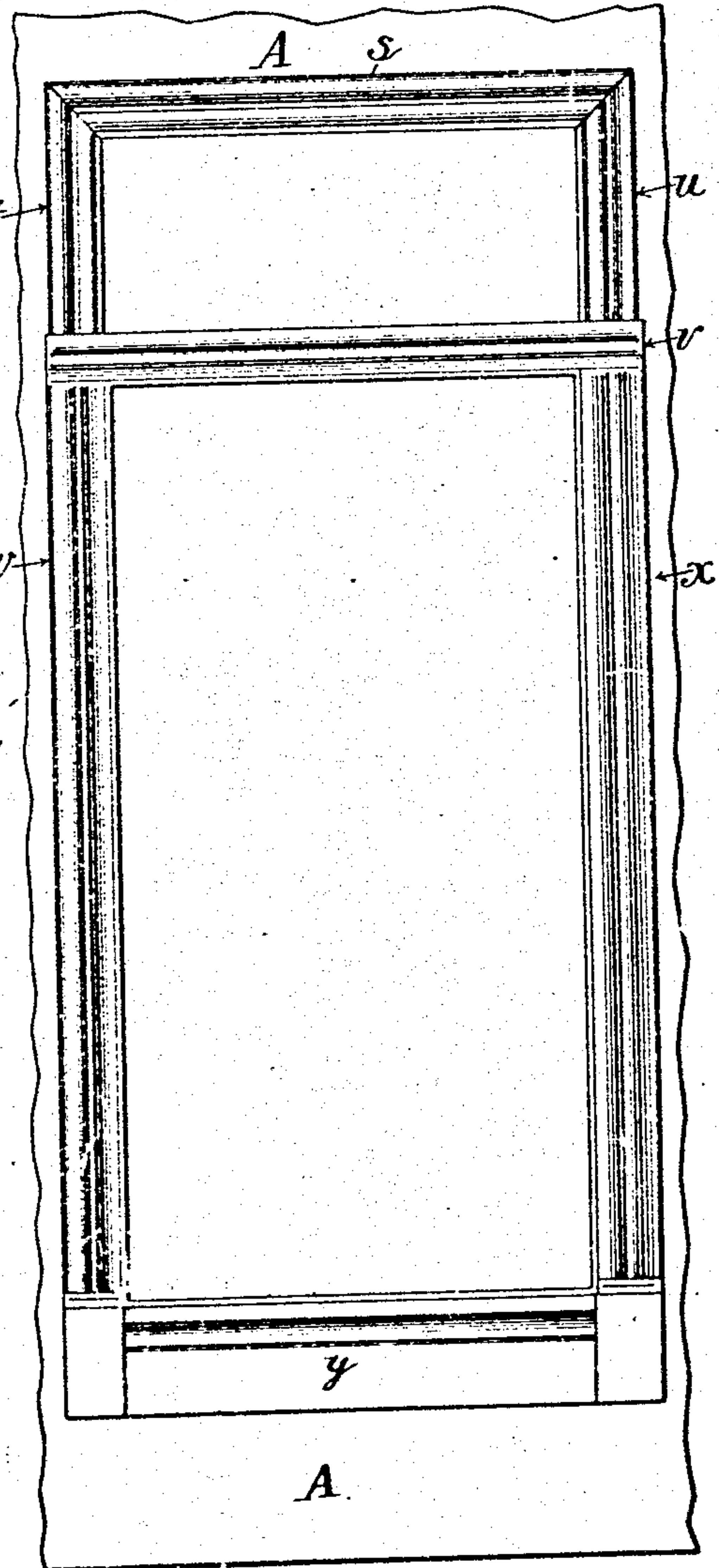


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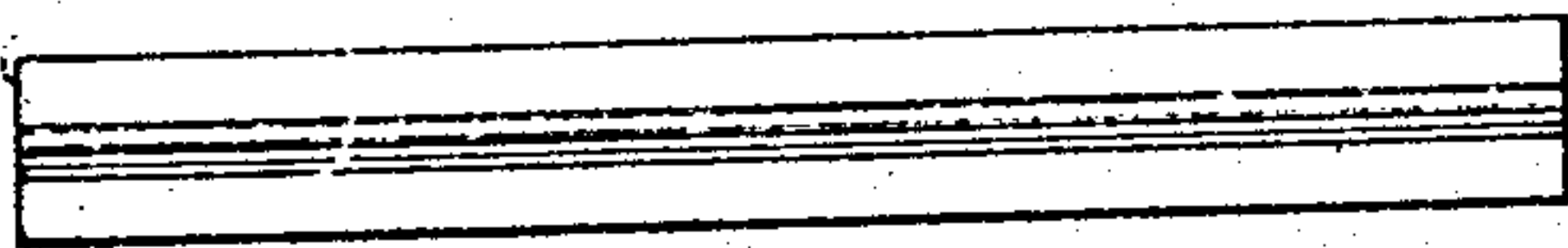
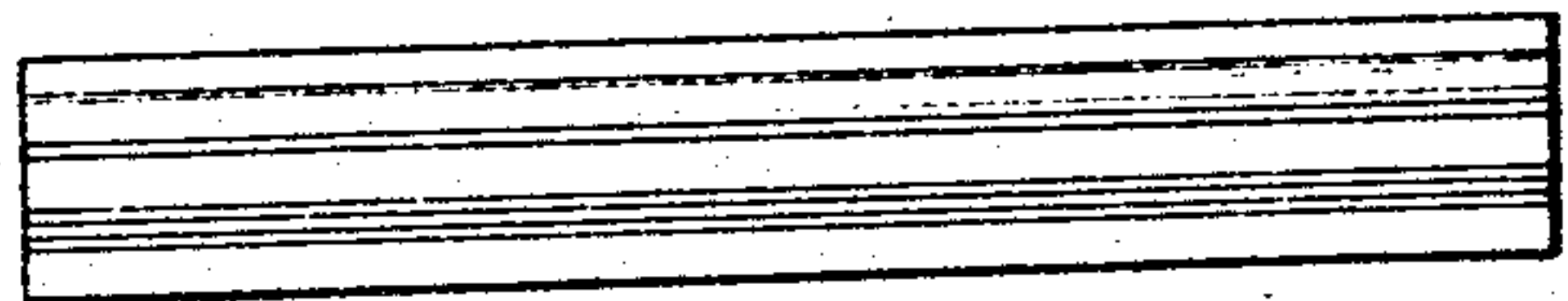


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH N. WIGGIN, of Orange, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful improvement in methods of and devices for exhibiting decorating schemes, adapted to be used by architects, builders, decorators, and others; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification.

In the drawings which show illustrations of the invention, Figure 1 is a plan view of one illustration of the invention; Fig. 2, is a section of Fig. 1, on the line *x, x*; Figs. 3 and 4 are additional illustrations of the invention; and Figs. 5 and 6 represent additional division strips, somewhat enlarged, corresponding to the parts, *h, p*.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts in all the drawings.

The object of this invention is a cheap, convenient and useful method and device by which the decoration plan of a room, hall, or other apartments, can be submitted to those desiring to decorate such apartments; the device being so constructed that it can be readily mailed, and which will show the color of the woodwork, as base-board, chair-rail, picture molding, plate shelf, &c., in connection with the shade or coloring of the covering actually intended to be used on the wall or ceiling, or on both wall and ceiling, such as burlaps and other wall or ceiling coverings.

In the illustration of my invention shown in the drawings, sections in frames or panels of the wall, and of the ceiling of apartments are shown.

In the illustration of my invention, shown in Figs. 1 and 2, *A*, represents a structure which may be conveniently made of stiff, strong card-board, and this may be called a face card. On this face card there are embossed or otherwise suitably disposed, parts as *a, b*, and *c*, which represent the molding around the ceiling. Below this, is a portion bounded by similar embossed parts, *d, e, f*, and *g*, which constitute the molding around the wall or around a portion of it. The space bounded by the parts *a, b, c*, and *d*, is cut out

of the face card *A*, and so is the space bounded by the parts *d, e, f*, and *g*. The parts *a, b, c, d, e, f*, and *g*, are to be printed or otherwise colored to give the shade or coloring of the wood actually intended to be used, as for example, ash, walnut, oak, maple, ebonized wood, &c. In the example shown, the moldings *a, b, c*, may, for instance, be colored to resemble white enamel, and the moldings, *d, e, f*, and *g*, may be colored to resemble ash wood. In this example of my invention I show the framed part of the wall divided into two portions by a separate cross piece, *h*, to represent a molding or a plate shelf, also colored or printed of the shade of wood designed to be used in the decoration contemplated. This piece, *h*, is a strip of embossed cardboard, the ends of which are to be slipped under the parts *e* and *f*, and secured in place there. In making use of this example of my invention a piece of the actual material designed as a cover for the ceiling, say, white canvas, as *B*, is cut out to fit into the space bounded by the parts *a, b, c*, and *d*; and in order to give a neat appearance, the piece *B* should be a little larger than the open space, so that its edges will slip under the parts *a, b, c*, and *d*, where the piece *B* is to be secured in position. In the space bounded by the moldings *d, e, f*, and *h*, a piece of the actual material designed as a covering for that portion of the wall, say, for example, burlaps of a pink shade or tint is disposed, so that its edges also pass under the parts *d, e, f*, and *h*; and there secured in position. In the space bounded by the moldings *e, f, h*, and the base-board *g*, a piece of the actual material designed as a covering for that portion of the wall, say for example, burlaps of a blue shade, is disposed, so that its edges also pass under the parts *e, f, h*, and *g*, and there secured in position. In this way the exact effect of the decoration of the apartment, in miniature, is obtained.

While I have shown the wall space in this example divided into two spaces only, it will be seen that by using two or more strips, as *h*, any number of divisions desired may be shown. Thus the molding, *d*, may be a picture molding, or it may be left as a finishing edging of the wall, and a picture molding, as *h*, may be shown below it, and the intermediate space or frieze filled in with the material intended for the wall covering, as already ex-

plained. At a suitable distance below such a picture molding, another strip *h*, may be inserted at the point desired for a chair-rail, and the space above that filled in with a piece of the material actually intended to be used, and the part between such chair-rail and the baseboard, *g*, known as the dado, would then also be filled in with a piece of the material actually intended to be used there, as already explained. For very high apartments, of course, the panel bounded by the parts *d*, *e*, *f*, and *g*, could be divided by parts, as *h*, to represent picture molding, plate shelf, chair-rail, &c., as desired.

In cases where the material, or some of it, intended for the parts B, C and D is frail and likely to be torn, or when for any other reason it is desired, the device may be strengthened by having a supplementary card as E, Fig. 2, attached to the back of the card A. In order to make a neat structure, the card, E, should be of the same size as the card A, and suitably secured to it, to retain its position. If desired, a depression as F may be embossed in the supplementary card, in order to allow for the decorative material, or a space between the two cards for that purpose may be provided in any other manner, as by securing strips of card-board between the cards A and E at their tops and bottoms and sides.

In Fig. 3 another illustration of my invention is shown displaying a more fanciful treatment than that shown in Fig. 1. In this, A is a face card, as in Fig. 1, and moldings of a different design, *i*, *j*, and *k*, represent the frame intended to show the ceiling portion of the design. Below this is a portion bounded by suitable moldings as *l*, *m*, *n*, and *o*. The space inclosed by these moldings is again divided horizontally by a suitable molding, as *p*. Within the portion framed by the moldings *l*, *p*, and the upper parts of the moldings *m*, *n*, a piece G of the wall covering designed to be used, of say a green color is disposed, in which an opening is cut, within which opening a piece, I, of a pink color of the wall covering designed to be used is arranged; these pieces, G and I, being neatly fitted to each other in order to produce the best effect; and a rococo part, H, is arranged to cover up the lines of jointure of the covering G, I. In this illustration of my invention the portion framed by the molding *p* and the baseboard *o*, and the lower parts of the moldings *m* and *n*, is divided vertically to form three sections by molding strips *q*, *r*. Within the space formed by the moldings *m*, *p*, *q*, and baseboard *o*, a piece, J, of a blue tint of the wall covering intended to be used, is shown secured, and a similar piece, K, of the same kind of wall covering is shown secured within the space formed by the moldings *p*, *n*, *r*, and the baseboard *o*; and within the space formed by the moldings *p*, *q*, *r*, and the

baseboard *o*, a piece, L, of the wall covering designed to be used, say of a yellow tint, is shown secured.

In Fig. 4, another illustration of my invention, that is, a framed portion consisting of moldings of a design differing from those shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, is displayed. A is the face card; the moldings *s*, *t*, and *u*, frame the ceiling portion; the moldings, *v*, *w*, *x*, and baseboard *y*, frame the wall portions; and the spaces within these may be divided up, by moldings such as *h*, *p*, *q*, *r*, or others, for example, such as shown, somewhat enlarged, in Figs. 5 and 6, and in these divided up spaces, portions of the material actually intended to be used on the wall or ceiling may be disposed according to the method described.

It will be understood, of course, that the framed part need not in every instance show a wall portion and also a ceiling portion, but that, when desired, the ceiling portion may be omitted, and the space from the upper portion of the card down to and including the baseboard, may be framed to form one opening, which may then be arranged according to my invention, to show only the wall of an apartment, divided up by such moldings as *h*, *p*, *q*, *r*, Fig. 5, Fig. 6, or any others that may be desired, and the spaces within such moldings may be filled in with pieces of such wall coverings as are actually intended to be used. So also, such a wall space may be framed by suitable moldings, and within it wall coverings may be fitted in fanciful shapes with rococo or similar designs, as suggested by the parts G, H, and I, of Fig. 3; and many others which will readily occur to persons skilled in the art.

I have found that a structure consisting of the face card about 6 by 11½ inches is convenient for mailing, and gives good space for ordinary exhibitions of such color decorations, but I do not limit myself to that size, as larger or smaller cards may be employed without departing from my invention.

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

1. In a device for exhibiting the decorative schemes of rooms, in miniature, the combination with a suitable base plate provided with a central longitudinal depression adapted to receive colored specimens of the wall and ceiling coverings in sections; of a face plate adapted to be associated with said base plate and provided with an opening overlying said sections of color specimens, said face plate being also provided with embossed portions bordering said opening and with embossed strips extending across said opening above the junctures of said color sections, and said embossed bordering and strips being treated to represent the woodwork of the room, substantially as described.

2. In a device for exhibiting the decorative schemes of rooms, in miniature, the combination with a suitable base plate provided with a central longitudinal depression adapted to receive colored specimens of the wall and ceiling coverings in sections, of a face plate adapted to be associated with said base plate and provided with an opening overlying said sections of color specimens, the edges of said opening extending inwardly beyond the edge of said depression in said base plate, said face plate being also provided with embossed portions bordering said opening and embossed strips extending across said opening above the junctures of said color sections, and said embossed bordering and strips being painted or grained to represent the woodwork of the room, substantially as described.

3. As an improved article of manufacture, a display card for exhibiting in miniature the interior wall decoration of a room, comprising a face card having a longitudinal opening cut therein, a pair of cross strips separating the upper section of said opening into two transverse spaces, a longitudinal strip separating the spaces formed by said lower transverse strip and the lower edge

of said main opening into longitudinal openings, said transverse strips and the edges of said spaces being embossed to form moldings tinted to correspond to the moldings to be actually employed, a piece of fabric as actually used being secured behind the upper transverse space, a piece of material as actually used being disposed in said second transverse space and having an opening cut centrally therein, a second piece of material as actually used but of a different design or color being secured behind said opening in said aforementioned material, and the joinder of said materials being covered by a rococo member or other artistic design, and said lower longitudinal spaces being provided with materials as actually employed forming suitable panels, the whole constructed and arranged to reproduce in diagrammatic design and color the actual wall decorations of said room, associated with the molding effects, substantially as described.

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