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*Fig. 1.*

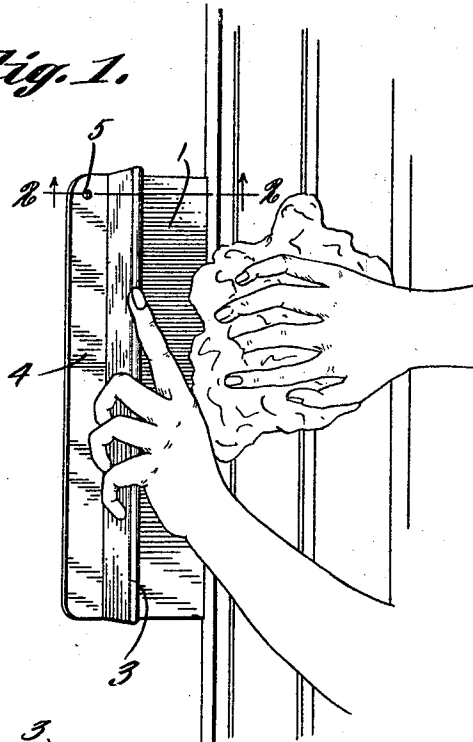


*Fig. 2.*

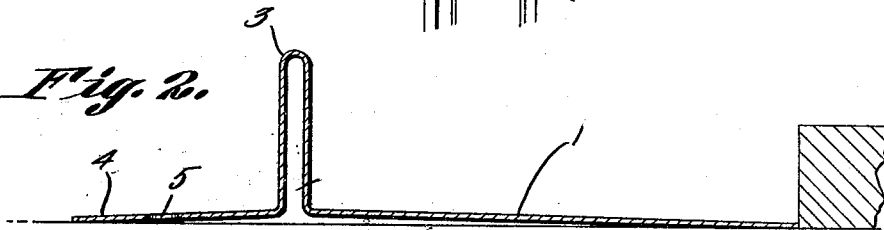
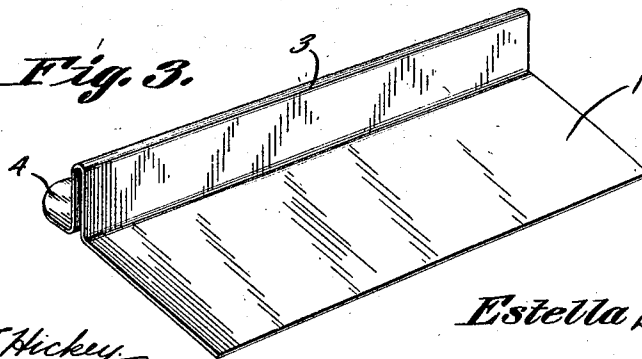


*Fig. 3.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ESTELLA STERLING GRAHAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Masontown, in the county of Fayette and State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is the production of a new article of manufacture for protecting the walls of rooms during the cleaning of the base boards and window and door frames.

A further object is to produce a protector device for this purpose which shall be of an extremely simple construction, cheaply manufactured and marketed and which will perform the functions for which it is designed with ease and with accuracy.

To the attainment of the foregoing, reference is to be had to the drawing which accompanies and which forms part of this application.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating the manner in which the protector is used.

Figure 2 is a sectional view approximately on the line 2—2 of Figure 1, upon an enlarged scale.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the improvement.

As disclosed by the drawing, my improved wall and wall paper protector is constructed from a single sheet of comparatively thin metal and is of a substantially rectangular formation. The plate, indicated by the numeral 1, is bent upon itself, adjacent to one of its edges, to provide an outturned portion which is substantially U-shaped in cross section. This outturned portion forms the handle 3 of the device. By reference, especially to Figure 2 of the drawing, it will be seen that the portions of the plate, to the opposite sides of the spaced U-shaped parts that form the handle

of the improvement, are arranged at different inward angles. For distinction, the upper portion of the plate is indicated by the numeral 4, and also for distinction, the lower portion of the plate will hereinafter be referred to as a blade.

As shown in Figure 2, only the edges of the blade and the upper portion 4 of the improvement are in contact with the wall, although the operator may, by pressure upon the handle portion 3, force the entire plate against the wall. The lower edge of the blade is arranged directly over the molding 4 for the base board or for the window or door frame of a room. The said edge of the plate may be brought into tight frictional engagement with the molding by a pressure on the handle, and by reference to Figure 1 of the drawing it will be seen that the molding and woodwork of a room may be effectively cleaned without any liability of damage to the wall or to the paper covering the wall of the room.

The corners of the portion 2 are rounded, and one of the said corners is provided with an opening 5 whereby the device may be suspended from a nail or other support.

Having described the invention, I claim:—

As a new article of manufacture, a means for protecting walls from damage in the cleaning of the woodwork of a room, comprising a substantially rectangular resilient plate one edge of which is designed to contact with the molding of the woodwork and with the wall, said plate, adjacent to its other edge being bent outwardly upon itself to provide a portion which is substantially U-shaped in cross section and which forms a handle, and said plate from its opposite edges being inclined inwardly to the handle, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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