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Stove Platform.

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Fig. 1.

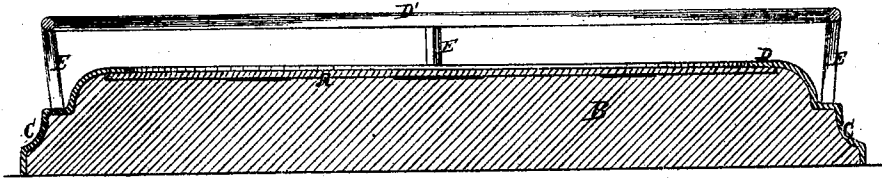
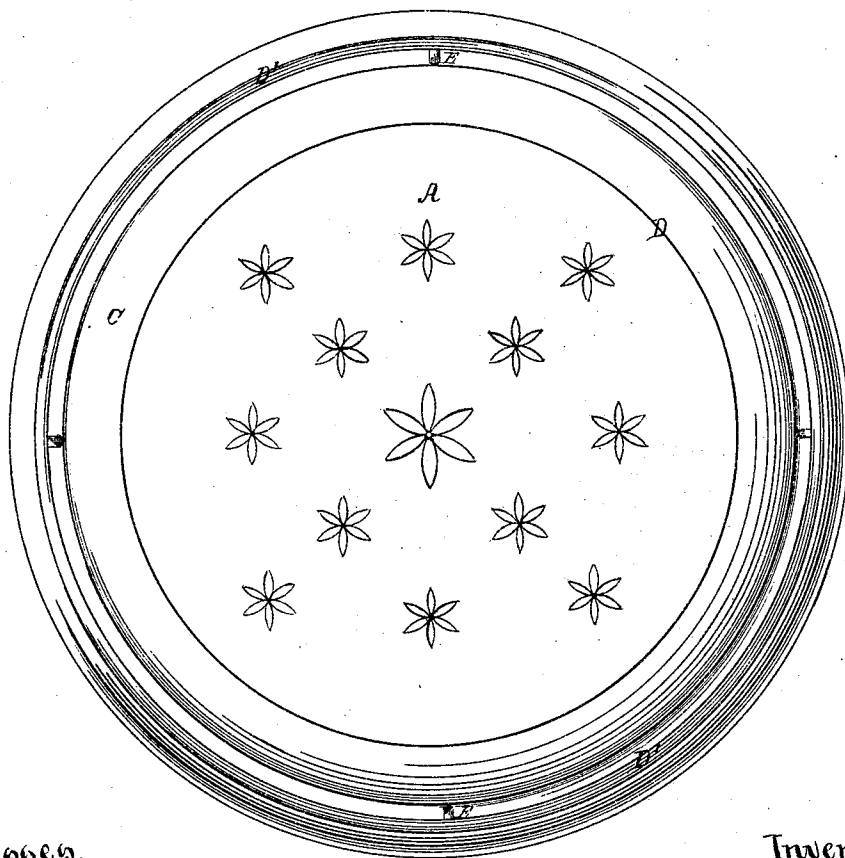


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN STOVE-PLATFORMS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 123,900, dated February 20, 1872.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JULIUS HOPKE, of Hoboken, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Platforms for Stoves and Heaters; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, in which drawing—

Figure 1 is a vertical section of my improvement. Fig. 2 is a plan view.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to platforms for stoves and heaters; and consists in a platform of glass or vitreous material, protected on its edge by a rim of metal or other suitable protecting material. The platform is made of any desired outline, round, oval, or in straight lines, and the glass is made plain, or colored, or with such figures for ornament as the maker may prefer. In the present example of my invention, I have made the platform circular in form, and of colored glass, having a white central star, surrounded by other stars also in white.

The letter A designates the glass platform, which I lay upon a suitable bed or support, B. The bed B can be made of wood or stone, or other suitable material, but in this instance the bed is made of artificial stone. The bottom of the bed B may, when the platform is to be used upon a costly carpet or oil-cloth, be covered with a layer of paper, felt, or cloth to protect the carpet from abrasion or other

injury. I do not restrict myself to the use of the bed B with the glass platform, but desire to make the platform either with or without the same. The edge of the platform A and the bed B are incased by a metallic rim, C, whose upper edge has a flange, D, that overlaps the upper edge of the glass plate or platform and protects it from injury. The general outline of the inclosing-rim C is conical, but its sides are provided, at pleasure, with convex, concave, horizontal, and vertical divisions for ornamentation and strength, as in this example. I also combine with the platform a fender, D', which I support in standards E, that rise from the rim C, in which the standards are suitably secured and supported. As the feet of a stove or heater might deface or abrade the glass by sudden contact when the stove is set down upon it, such injury can be guarded against by placing small pieces of felt, cloth, or paper on the glass, or by securing such to the bottom of the feet of the stove, in such manner that the edges of such cushions will not project enough to mar the looks of the platform.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a stove-platform composed of the glass A, the edges of which are incased by a rim, C, substantially as herein shown and described.

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