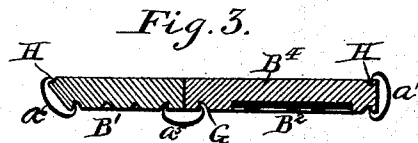
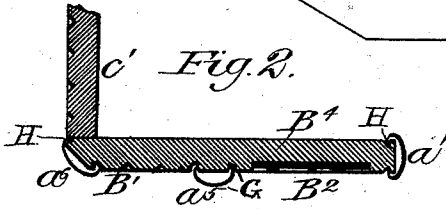
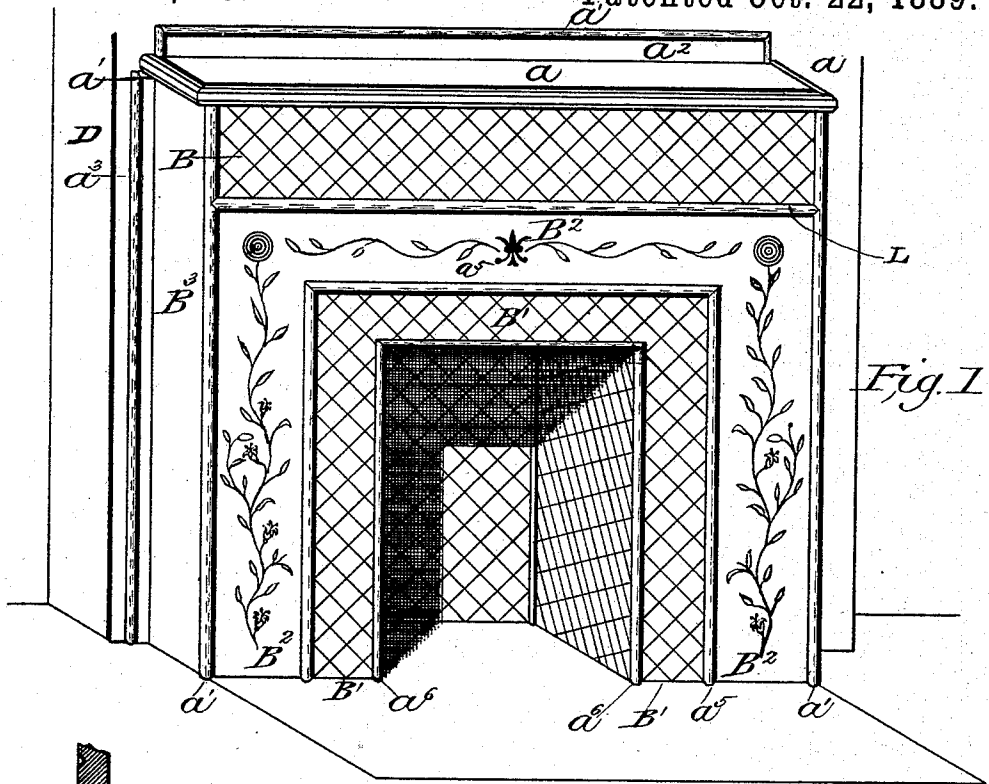


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, RIVERIUS MARSH, of New Brunswick, in the county of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Decorative Frames, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a more simple and less expensive method of decorating mantel and other frames; and it consists in the application of metal covers to any part thereof without the use of nails, rivets, or screws, either before or after combining the several parts. These metal covers are in the form of finishing-strips and afford a ready means for decorating the frame, and are neat and substantial when completed. I preferably use sheet metal having curved edges, or they may be of any other suitable shape, to fit over or within ribs of a corresponding shape formed on or in the frame or backing, and the frame may be of wood, slate, iron, concrete, or marble. These metal strips may also be employed to unite the several parts of the mantel, as will now be specifically set forth by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a mantel equipped with my invention. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section of one side of the frame, showing the construction of the pilaster and the application of the strips thereto. Fig. 3 is a sectional view showing the pilaster divided.

In the drawings, A represents the front of the pilaster, and B<sup>3</sup> the side.  
a is the shelf, a<sup>2</sup> the top wall-plate, and a<sup>3</sup> the side wall-plates.

The pilaster A may be made in two or more parts, divided as shown—for instance, at B<sup>4</sup>—for convenience in shipping or to facilitate the construction and ornamentation of the face of the pilaster; or it may be left in one piece, as shown in Fig. 2. In either case, however, I provide the face at suitable places with grooves G, and the corners and edges are also equipped with grooves H, which grooves are designed to receive metal

strips, the edges of which are suitably bent or turned to enter the grooves, the spring of the metal, as shown at a<sup>5</sup>, being utilized to hold them in place, except where the grooves are made on opposite sides or angles, as shown at H, so as to enable the strips a' a<sup>6</sup> to clasp around the pilaster or frame. Thus the strip L, running across the face of the mantel below the shelf, is secured by frictional contact, in the manner shown, by the strip a<sup>5</sup>, while the strips a' of the shelf a, and edging a<sup>3</sup> of the top wall-plate are held in position, in the manner indicated, by the strips a' a<sup>6</sup>.

The front face of the pilaster A may be divided, as shown in Fig. 1, so as to form two or more decorated faces or surfaces. Thus the portions B B' B<sup>2</sup> are divided by the strips a<sup>5</sup> and L, each portion having a different ornamentation; or one of the portions may be of tiling, the other of lincrusta Walton or paper, and the other of plastic relief-work, and each portion may be finished at the factory and shipped before being placed together, the strips a<sup>5</sup> and L being applied after the mantel is placed in position.

What I claim as new is—

1. A mantel-frame or other similar structure having the corners, edges, and faces thereof provided with grooves and combined with metal finishing-strips, substantially as herein set forth.

2. A mantel or other structure having sectional parts grooved, as described, in combination with metal finishing-strips for the edges and faces thereof, substantially as herein set forth.

3. A mantel having a pilaster constructed in sections, each grooved, as described, in combination with metal finishing-strips for covering the uniting edges of said pilasters, substantially as herein set forth.

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