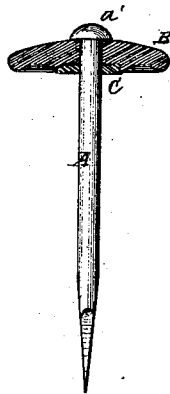


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IMPROVEMENT IN PICTURE-NAILS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS C. RICHARDS, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Picture-Nails; and I do hereby declare that the following is 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 drawing forming part of this specification, in which the figure is a side view of my improved picture-nail, partly in section, through the porcelain head.

The object of my invention is to provide the public with an improved picture-nail; and

The invention consists in the construction and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter described, and as specifically stated in the claim.

A represents the body or spike of the nail, which is made with a solid head, *a'*. The solid head *a'* of the body A may be gilt or plated, as desired.

B is the head of the nail, which may be made of porcelain, glass, or other suitable material, and through the center of which is formed a hole for the passage of the body or spike of the headed nail A *a'*.

C is a metallic washer or collar, which fits into a countersink or recess formed in the inner side of the head B.

The collar C is shrunk or pressed upon the body of

the solid-headed nail A *a'* after the head B has been placed upon it, so as to securely confine the said head in place upon the said nail A *a'*. Or the said head B may be placed loosely upon the body of the nail A *a'*, so that it may be pushed forward when the nail is driven and held back by the card, the collar C not being used.

This construction enables the porcelain-headed nail to be driven with the same facility as if there were no porcelain head upon it, and at the same time without any danger of breaking or cracking the porcelain head, thus forming a strong, durable, and convenient picture-nail, and one at the same time highly ornamental.

Having thus described my invention,

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

The scalp B, held in place or in contact with the anvil or head *a'* of the nail A by means of the washer C, substantially as herein shown and described.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 14th day of December, 1869.

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