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Fig. 1

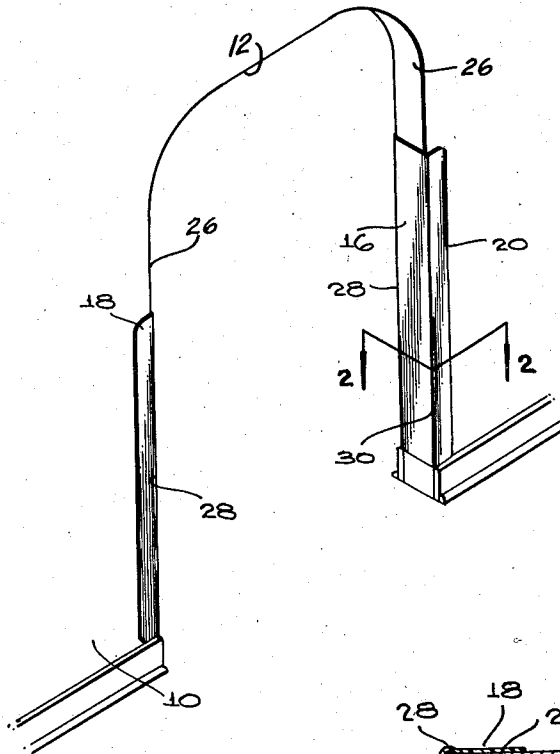


Fig. 2

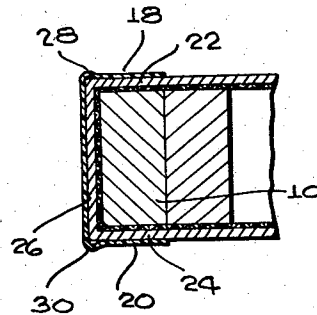
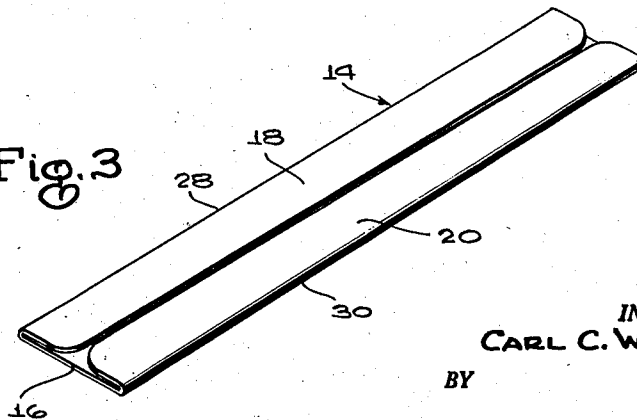


Fig. 3



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1 Claim. (Cl. 20—74)

This invention relates to protective and decorative devices for such as the jambs and adjacent wall surfaces of doorways and the like.

It is an object of this invention to provide devices of this kind which are of simple construction, can be provided in serviceable and attractive forms at low cost, and can be quickly and easily installed by frictionally engaging portions of the devices with opposed jamb or wall surfaces without the use of other fastening or securing means, and without the use of tools.

Other objects and advantages will become apparent from the following detailed description, forming the specification, and taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a fragmentary perspective view of a wall having an archway therethrough showing a pair of the devices embodying this invention applied to the jambs of the doorway;

Figure 2 is an enlarged fragmentary horizontal cross sectional view taken on line 2—2 of Figure 1; and

Figure 3 is a perspective view of a protective device before installation.

With continued reference to the drawings, there is illustrated a wall 10 having an archway 12 formed therethrough to provide an entrance through the wall from one room to another. The archway 12 has jambs 26 on its opposite sides. The illustrated protective device, generally indicated at 14 comprises a central body portion or web 16 which is shown as being generally rectangular and elongated. However, the web 16 can take other shapes and forms to correspond with the surface which it is to overlie. The device 14 is preferably made of a sheet of relatively thin plastic material and the web 16 thereof has along opposite sides thereof wings or flanges 18 and 20 integrally formed along opposite longitudinal sides of the web. The device is so formed during its manufacture that the panels or wings 18 and 20,

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which are narrower than the web 16, are in overlying relation to the web 16, as shown in Figure 3. To apply the device to a door jamb, such as 26, the wings are swung away from the web 16 and the web 16 applied to the jamb 26, accompanied by release of the wings, so that the wings rebound toward their original positions and grip the wall 10 therebetween with the wings frictionally engaging the opposite sides of the wall 10 along the jamb 26.

The gripping action and the frictional engagement of the wings is produced by the inherent resilience of the plastic material of which the device is preferably made, the folds 28 and 30 formed in the manufacture of the device, serving as spring hinges urging the wings toward the related surface of the web 16, and against the opposed wall surfaces.

It will be appreciated, that the web 16 of the device 14 can be formed in various shapes so as to conform to the surface of the jamb 26 of the archway, which have a decorative molding of various curves and angles, so that the wings or panels 18 and 20 can still resiliently and frictionally grip and overlie the opposite sides of the wall in a protective fashion with the web 16 protectively overlying the jamb 26.

While there is shown and described the preferred embodiment of the invention, it is to be understood that the structure is susceptible to change and modification within the practicability of the invention and is limited only by the scope of the claim appended hereto.

What is claimed is:

A protective and decorative device made of a thin sheet of plastic material and including an elongated channel comprising a generally rectangular web having opposite longitudinal edges, wings on and extending along said edges, and resilient folds formed in the material of the device and connecting the wings to said opposite edges of the web, said wings initially overlying and being superimposed on the web and arranged to be spread away from each other and the web to receive a jamb grippingly and frictionally therebetween, both of said wings being narrower than said web and in contact with a side of the web in the initial condition of the device.

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