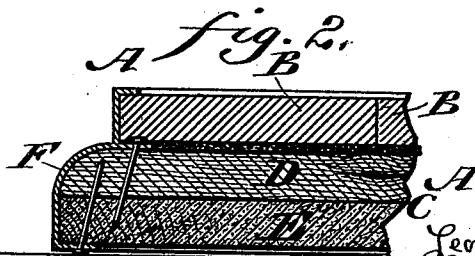
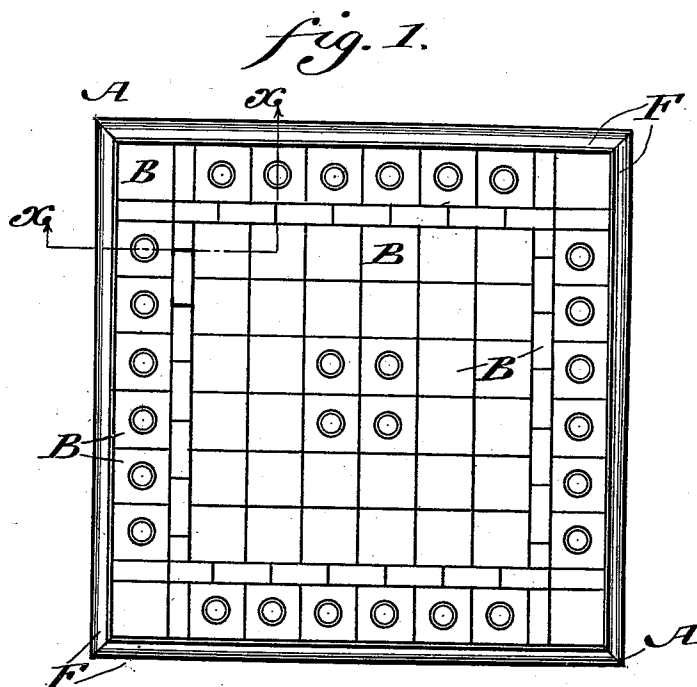


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STOVE-BOARD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEONARD LEBKNECHER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Belleville, in the county of St. Clair, in the State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Stove-Boards, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings.

My invention consists of a stove board formed of a facing of tiles, a backing or supporting base therefor, and an inclosing border, thus producing a device which is durable, fire-proof and of inexpensive construction, and may be easily washed and readily kept clean the novel feature being hereinafter set forth and pointed out in the claim that follows the specification.

Figure 1 represents a top or plan view of a stove board embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a vertical section thereof, on line *x, x*, Fig. 1 on an enlarged scale.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the two figures.

Referring to the drawings: A designates a stove board having on the face thereof the tiles B, which are placed side by side upon the backing or base C, and secured thereto, said base consisting of pieces D and E, of wood, the grains of which cross, whereby it is rendered strong, and prevented from warping.

F designates a border which surrounds the facing and base, and firmly retains the same in position, it being seen that the face is fire-proof in its nature, so that it cannot be burned by ashes or cinders that may fall from the stove, and that it may be washed and kept clean, and made plain or ornamental as desired, the board in its entirety being moreover strong and durable.

The tile employed may be made of vitrified clay, glass, metal or other suitable material.

The border F has upper flanges, F' middle flanges F² and bottom flanges F³ all of which project inwardly.

The upper flanges F' overlap the upper edges of the facing of tiles B and prevent rising of the same.

The middle flanges F² are interposed between the facing of the tiles B and upper pieces D of wood. Openings are formed in said flanges and through the same pass the nails which are driven from above through the upper and lower pieces of wood thus binding said pieces to each other as to said flanges F².

The bottom flanges F³ overlap the under edges of the pieces E of wood and are formed with openings through which nails are driven in the pieces D and E of wood from below, thus binding said pieces to each other and to said flanges F³, it being evident that the stove board is strongly constructed and is well enabled to endure severe usage, as well as rendered non-labile to becoming distorted owing to the heat to which it is subjected.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A stove board consisting of a backing composed of two pieces of wood, the grains of which cross, a tile facing, and a border with upper, middle and bottom flanges, the top and middle flanges embracing the edges of said tile facing, and the middle and bottom flanges embracing the edges of said two part backing, and each of the latter named flanges having openings for fastening nails, said parts being combined substantially as described.

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Correction in Letters Patent No: 536,810.

Affidavits having been filed showing that the names of the patentee and assignee in Letters Patent No. 536,810, granted April 2, 1895, for an improvement in "Stove-Boards," should have been written and printed *Leonard Lebkuecher and Emma Lebkuecher*, instead of "Leonard Lebknecher and Emma Lebknecher," it is hereby certified that the proper corrections have been made in the files and records pertaining to the case in the Patent Office, and should be read in the Letters Patent that the same may conform thereto.

Signed, countersigned, and sealed this 16th day of April, A. D. 1895.

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