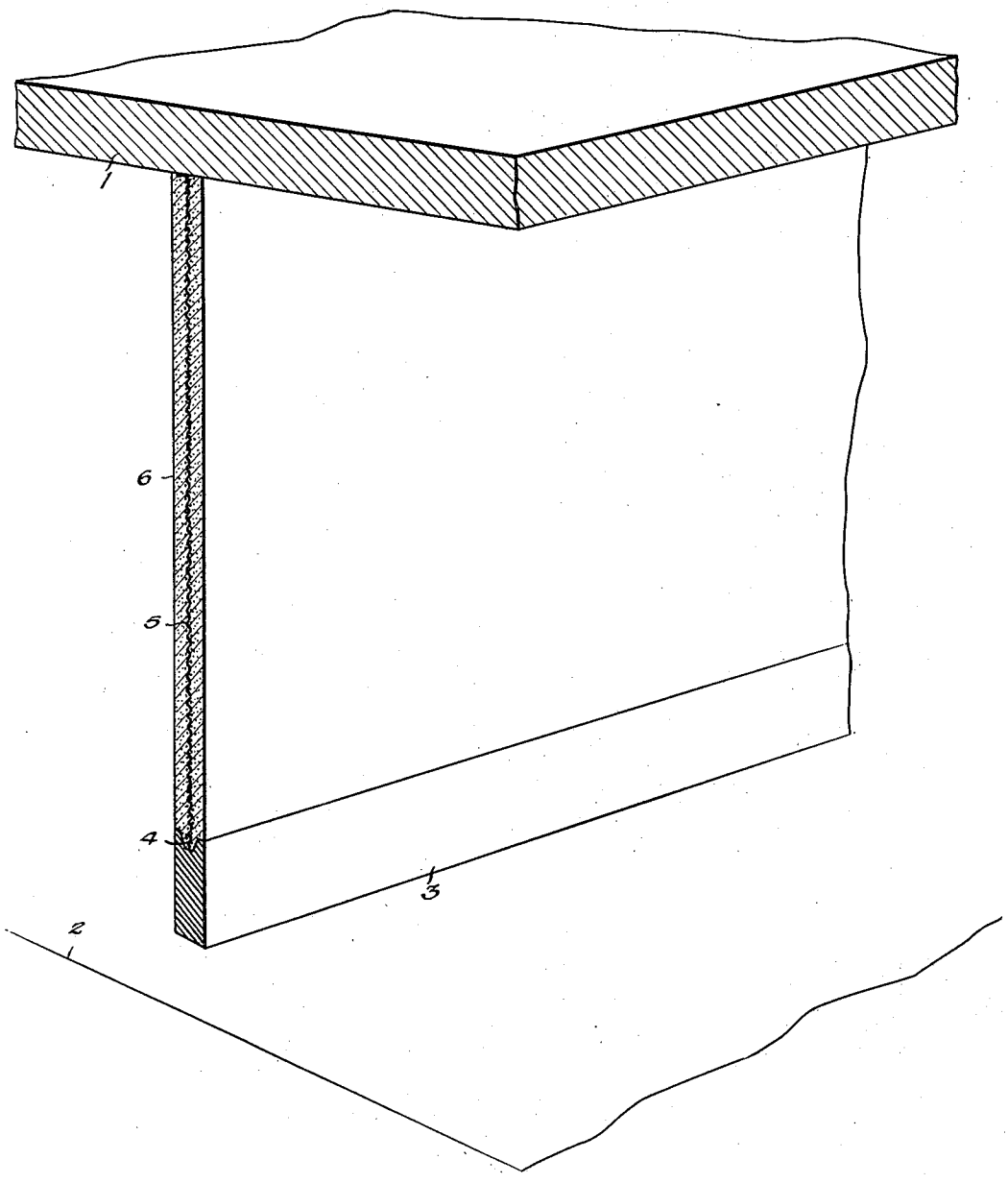
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNEST FLAGG, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Partition Construction, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to a new and improved form of construction of partitions.

An object of the invention is to avoid the necessity for the use of mold boards and surbases as commonly made.

In the production of the ordinary partitions, the plaster work is carried all the way to the floor and then surbases or mold boards are disposed on either or both sides of the partition along the beam thereof. This necessitates not only the labor of applying these boards but the necessity of quite a considerable amount of woodwork. In order to simplify this construction and eliminate the necessity for using this considerable amount of woodwork and also to save the additional expense and labor of running the plaster all the way down to the floor, my invention in general is concerned with the provision of a finished piece of lumber adapted to act as a surbase or mold board, which is fastened to the flooring in line with the desired partition, the plaster support being connected to the top of this finished strip of lumber; and then the plaster is disposed on the support and runs down to the top of this dressed material, instead of being extended all the way to the floor; thus in one operation the proper mold board or surbase would be provided on both sides of the partition with a comparatively small proportion of the wood commonly used. This surbase might be artistically molded or not, as desired.

The invention is illustrated in the drawing, which is a perspective view of a partition made in accordance with my invention.

In extending a partition between a ceiling 1 and a floor 2, I dispose along the line of the partition on the floor a dressed piece of wood 3, which may be molded on one or both sides, as desired. Preferably, the upper face of this finished base portion is provided with a groove 4 to which is connected in any suitable manner the lower edge of a plaster support 5. In the form shown, this plaster support comprises a sheet of fabric, such as jute, which is stretched between the top of the base board 3 and the ceiling 1. Plaster, such as 6, is then disposed on either or both sides of the support 5. In this way the effect is given of a plaster partition having a proper mold or base board at the bottom without the necessity of running the plaster all the way down to the floor, and without the necessity of applying on one or both sides thereof the usual surbase or mold board.

In other words, the invention comprises a simple and economical provision of a single piece of dressed lumber which can be disposed along a suitable surface in line with the desired partition and, to the edge of which the partition can be extended, the mold board in this form being interposed between the particular surfaces, such as the floor and the edge of the partition.

What I claim is:—

1. A construction of a partition comprising a mold board and a plaster support, said partition being characterized by the fact that the mold board forms a continuation of the plaster support.

2. A construction of a partition comprising a mold board, a plaster support, and plaster disposed along the side of said support, said construction being characterized by this, to wit, that the mold board comprises a single element of finished material attached to the flooring and to the upper edge of which the plaster support is directly attached.

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