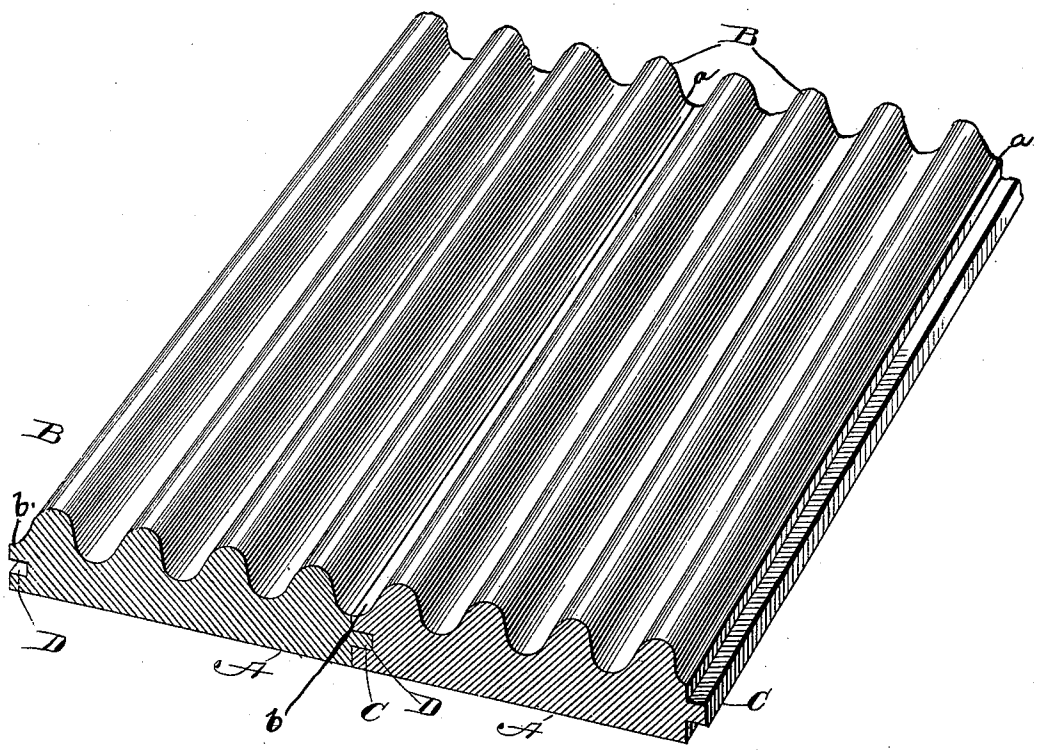
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MORRIS BARNETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Floor-Coverings; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My present invention relates to improvements in floor-coverings which are adapted more particularly for use in the aisles of railway-cars, toilet-rooms, or adjacent to counters where liquors or mineral waters are dispensed, the object of my improvements being to provide a novel, simplified, and inexpensive construction whereby the drippings from umbrellas or the waste incident to handling of liquors, &c., will be caught in the grooves or channels of said flooring and at the same time a raised or dry surface provided for the feet.

The invention consists, essentially, of a floor-covering composed of wooden strips or slats having ribs running lengthwise of the same, forming alternately raised and depressed undulating portions, and said strips or slats being provided with interlocking tongues and grooves, whereby the same may be readily joined together to cover any desired space or section, as will be hereinafter set forth, and more specifically designated in the claim.

In the accompanying drawing the figure illustrated represents a perspective sectional view of the most preferred form of carrying out my invention.

The strips or slats A may be made in suitable lengths and widths and of any desired thickness and having a series of ribs B running lengthwise of the same in such manner as to form alternately raised and depressed undulating surfaces, and the two sides of said strips or slats being provided with interlocking tongues C and grooves D, respectively. Arranged parallel with each of the tongues and grooves of said strips or slats are provided offsets *a* and *b*, whereby a continuous series of grooved surfaces may be formed when two or more of said strips or slats are joined together.

In practical use and operation the strips or slats A are joined together and laid similar to that of the ordinary flooring, thus providing a continuous series of grooved surfaces for the entire space that the flooring is intended to cover.

It will be observed that my improved flooring holds or retains all dirt or drippings, which can be readily removed at any time by means of a stiff broom or brush, there being no sharp angles or corners to allow of the accumulation of dirt or other foreign substance.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and useful—

A floor made of tongue-and-grooved boards, the upper surface of said boards having alternate ribs and grooves running longitudinally of the same, and such ribs and grooves being convex and concave respectively to present a series of ogee curves in cross-section, thus avoiding any angles or crevices in which matter might lodge and whereby the said floor may be easily kept clean.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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