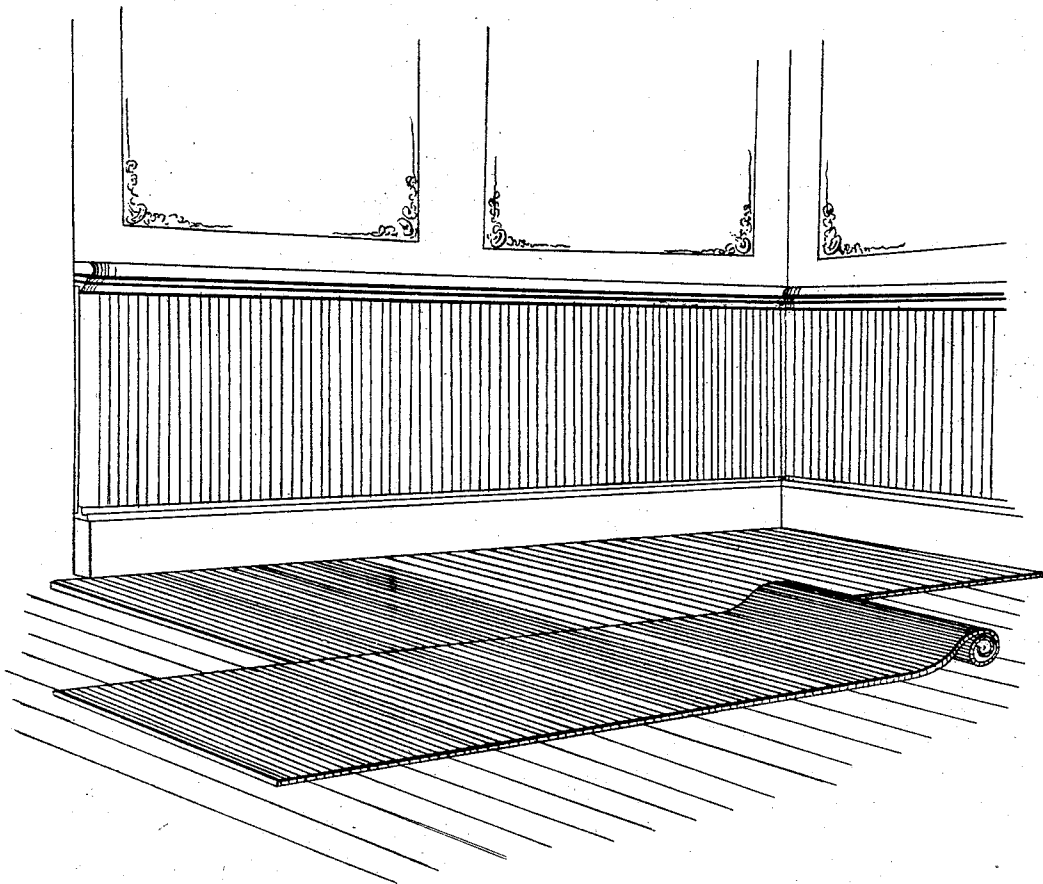


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## IMPROVED FABRIC FOR FLOOR-COVERING, WAINSCOTING, &c.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MICHAEL FLURSCHEIM, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improved Portable Wainscoting, Floor-Covering, &c., composed of strips of wood and cloth or their equivalent, connected by glue or glutinous substance, for covering floors, stairs, counters, and wainscoting; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which represents a perspective of my invention in use, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in forming a portable wainscoting, floor-covering, &c., by gluing strips of two or more different kinds of wood to cloth or its equivalent, to be used for the purposes above stated.

I construct this in the following manner: By cutting two different kinds of wood into straight strips of about one-eighth of an inch in thickness, one inch wide, and one yard in length, these strips being laid together, always one strip of one kind of wood touching one strip of the other kind of wood, as designated by the letters A and B in the accompanying drawing, the said strips of wood touching each other their whole length. After they are arranged in this way glue is spread over them, as designated by the letters C in said drawing. Then a piece of cloth, of sufficient size to cover the whole layer of wood, is spread over the glue, as designated by the letter D in said drawing. After the glue is dry, the uncovered part of the wood is planed off, sandpapered, oiled, and polished. It can also be made by brushing the cloth over

with glue, and laying the strips of wood upon the glue, and rolling some weight over the wood to fasten it to the cloth.

It is frequently desirable to protect the walls of a building with something in the nature of a wainscoting, temporarily, as upon the occasion of a large party, where there will be unusual liability to accidental abrasion from contact of the articles of furniture; or in rented houses it would frequently be desirable to cover the walls of certain rooms in the same way if it could be done without the expense of a permanent outlay. The article shown and described in this patent affords the needed facilities for satisfying these requirements by the employment of a properly-rabbeted molding or nosing, E, or its equivalent, which may be secured to the wall by slender screws, inserted at intervals corresponding to the studs of the wall.

This portable wainscoting may be applied either permanently or temporarily, and may be removed without damage. As a substitute for matting or carpet for summer use, its advantages cannot be overlooked, and when not in use it may be rolled up and stored away like a carpet.

Having now described my invention, what I claim as new is—

As a new article of manufacture, the herein-described portable wainscoting or floor-covering, composed of narrow strips of wood, secured upon cloth or its equivalent, as described.

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