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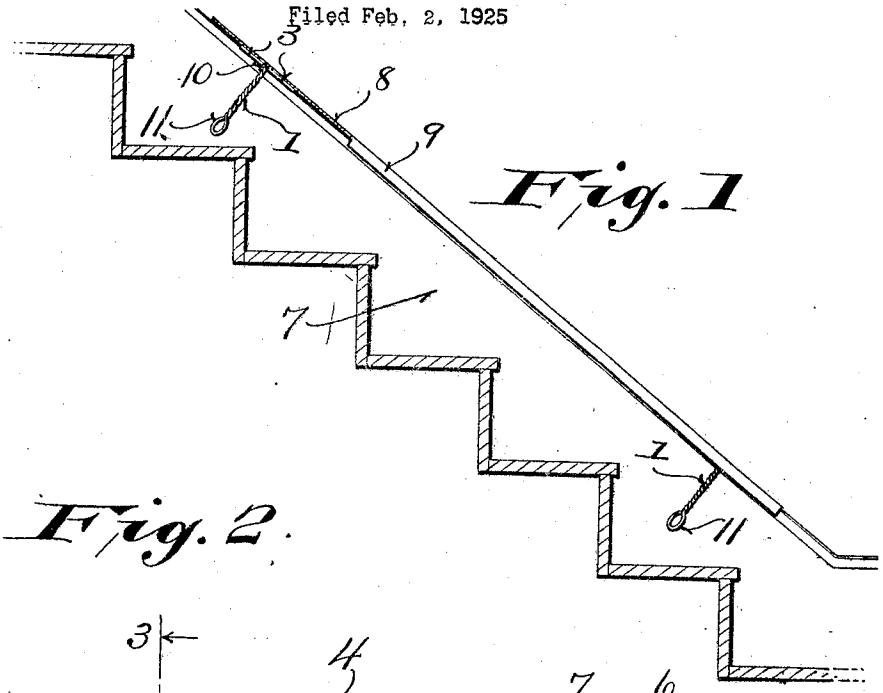
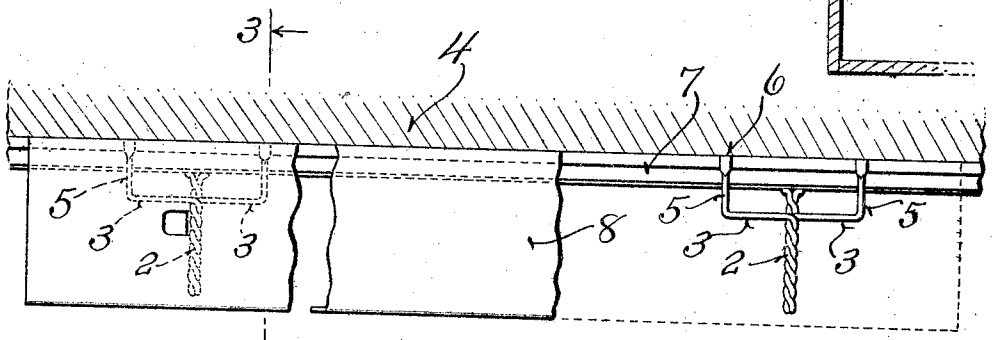


Fig. 1

Fig. 2.



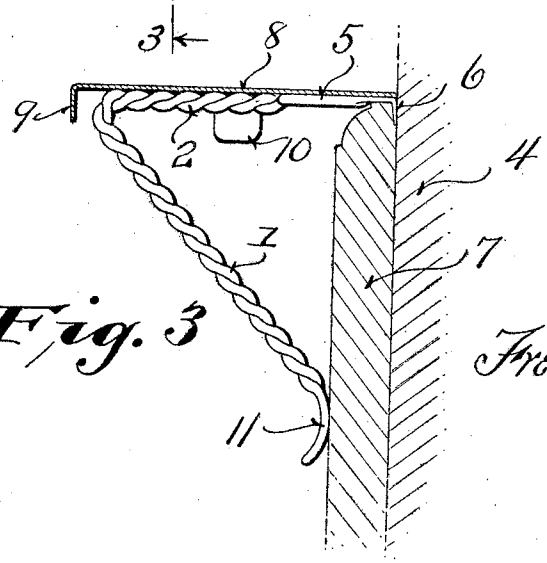


Fig. 3

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERIC W. ZASTROW, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Mopboard Protectors; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

This invention relates to mop board or base board protectors.

Objects of this invention are to provide a protector which may be quickly applied to the base board, which may be retained thereon in a simple and effective manner, and which does not require the attention of an operator after it has been once placed.

Further objects are to provide a mop board protector which may be used either in a horizontal or slanting position, which is so constructed that retaining clips are provided for engaging the mop board, and in which means are provided for causing a temporary interlocking between the shield and the clips to prevent relative motion between such parts.

An embodiment of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a fragmentary view of a staircase showing the protecting device in position and partly in section.

Figure 2 is a plan view of the device, such view showing the wall in section and being partly broken away.

Figure 3 is an enlarged fragmentary view on the line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Referring to the drawings it will be seen that the device comprises two or more clips which are preferably formed of twisted wires. Each clip is provided with a downwardly and inwardly extending bracing leg 1 and with a horizontal supporting leg 2. The twisting of the wires for the supporting leg stops a distance short of the inner face of the device and the wires are projected outwardly, as indicated at 3 in Figure 2. Thereafter, the wires are bent inwardly and extend to the wall 4 when the device is in place. These inwardly projecting arms 5 are provided with flattened downwardly turned lugs 6, as is most clearly shown in Figure 3. The lugs are adapted to fit between the wall 4 and the mop or base board 7. These lugs may be easily inserted by a slight pressure and the arm 1 will be positioned in a bracing relation to the base board 7, as shown clearly in Figure 3.

After these supporting brackets have been positioned the shield 8 is placed upon the horizontal portions 2 and is securely supported. It is to be noted that the wide spacing of the arms 5 prevent inadvertent twisting of the brackets with consequent detachment. Further, the spacing of these arms provides a relatively wide bearing contact for the shield 8. This shield is preferably of sheet metal and is provided with a downwardly turned flange 9 at its outer side. It is adapted to abut the wall, as shown in Figures 2 and 3 when in position. Preferably, the shield is provided with one or more downturned tongues 10 which engage the horizontal arm 2 of the appropriate bracket. The purpose of this construction is shown in Figure 1, for when the device is used for the mop board or base board 7 of a staircase, see Fig. 1, it is clear that the shield 8 will be arranged in a slanting manner and will tend to slide downwardly. This, however, is prevented by the engagement of the lug 10 with one of the brackets and thus the shield is held in a secure and firm manner.

It is preferable to curve the inner end of the bracing arm 1 of each of the brackets, as indicated at 11 in Figure 3, so as to prevent marring or scratching of the base board.

It will be seen that a device has been provided for protecting the mop board while the walls are being papered, plastered or painted, and that the device is freely removable and may be placed wherever desired without danger of marring the walls.

Although the invention has been described in considerable detail, it is to be understood that the invention may be variously embodied and is, therefore, to be limited only as claimed.

Although the expression "mop board" or "base board" is used throughout this case, it is to be understood that such terms are used as illustrative terms rather than limiting terms and are intended to define any board which it is desired to protect.

I claim:

1. A device for protecting mop boards adjacent walls while the walls are being treated, said device comprising a pair of clips adapted for positioning upon the mop board and having inturned downwardly ex-

tending flanges adapted to fit behind the mop board and having inwardly projecting slanting braces terminating in rounded ends for contacting with the face of the mop board, and an elongated plate having downwardly struck lugs adapted to engage the clips.

2. A device for protecting mop boards adjacent walls while the walls are being treated, said device comprising a clip having spaced arms terminating in downwardly extending hooks adapted to fit over the mop board, said arms being bent towards each other and merging into an inwardly extending brace adapted to bear against the face of the mop board, and a plate carried by said clip and having means for preventing relatively sliding motion between said plate and said clip.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin.

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