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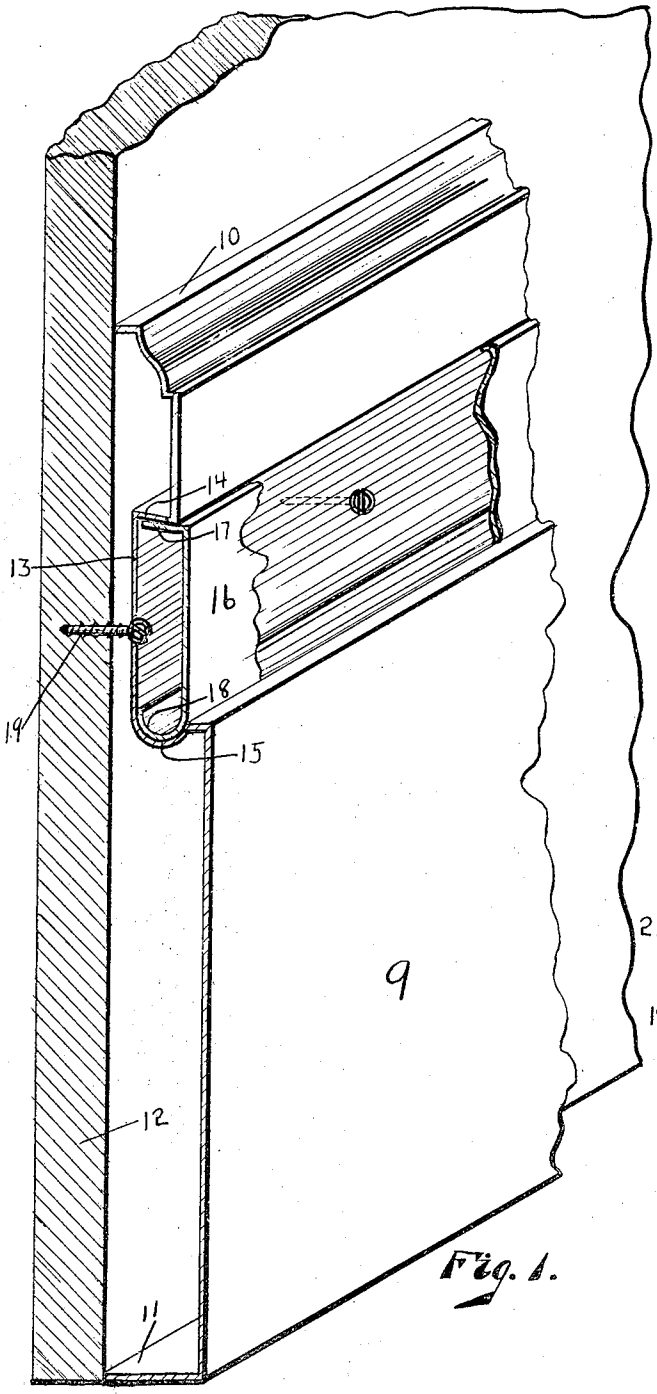


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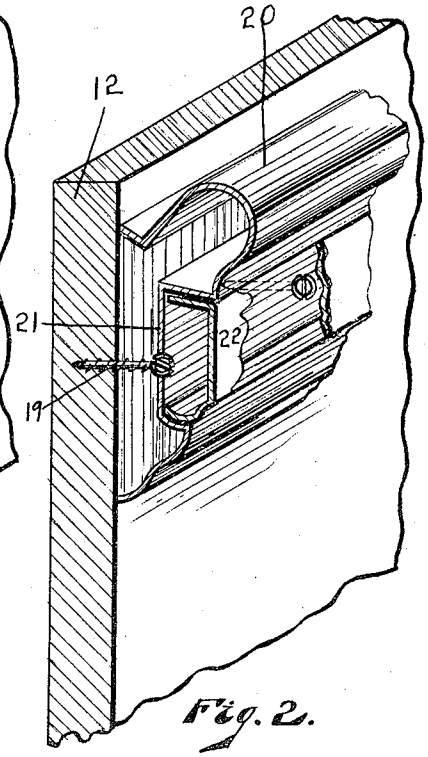


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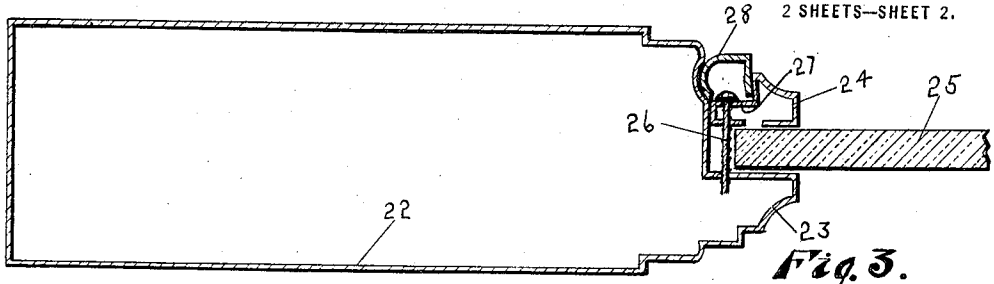


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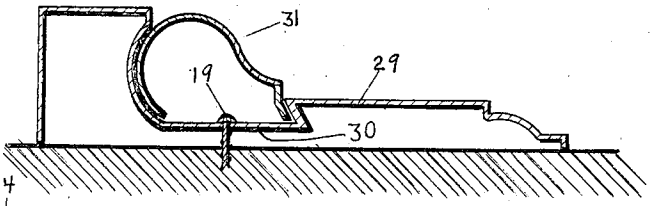


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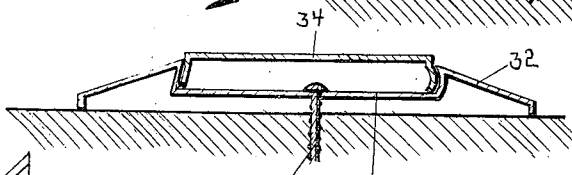


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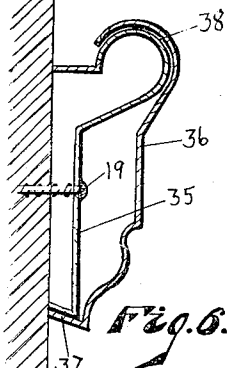


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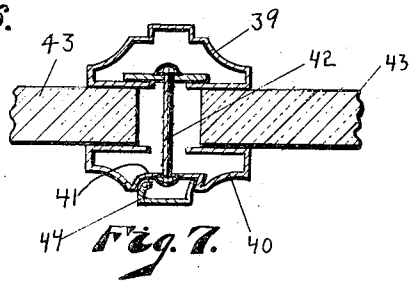


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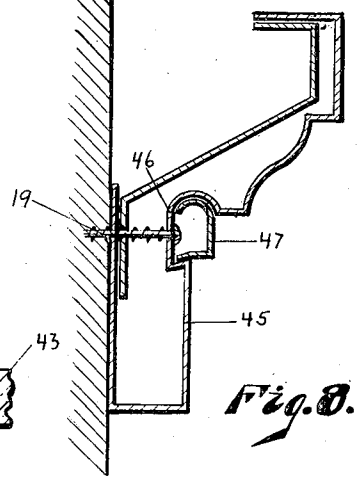


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FLORENCE L. CONANT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of Yonkers, county of Westchester, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ornamental Building Trimmings, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in ornamental building trimmings and fittings, and more especially to fittings utilizable to ornament the interior of a room, such as the base-boards, picture mouldings, chair rails, etc., the primary object of my invention being to provide ornamental sheet metal constructions of this character in which the means of securing them in place is concealed and protected.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists in the combinations and arrangements of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention will be best understood by reference to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, and in which,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a base-board embodying the invention;

Fig. 2, a similar view of a picture moulding embodying the invention;

Fig. 3, a transverse section through the stile or side of a door constructed in accordance with the invention;

Fig. 4, a section of an architrave employed for trimming or ornamenting window and door frames embodying the invention:

Fig. 5, a section showing a chair rail embodying the invention;

Fig. 6, a section of a modified form of picture moulding embodying the invention:

Fig. 7, a section illustrating a window or door embodying the invention; and

Fig. 8, a section illustrating a wire moulding embodying the invention.

The form of construction illustrated in Fig. 1 comprises a base-board 9 made of sheet metal bent as indicated with its upper edge 10 and its lower edge 11 bent inwardly to contact with the wall 12, said edges thus serving as the sole support of the base-board. A longitudinal channel 13 is formed in the base-board 9 intermediate its edges and of less depth than the normal thickness of the baseboard, so that said channel does not contact with the wall 12 when the base-board is in place.

The upper side 14 of the channel 13 is dove-tailed or inwardly and upwardly flared as shown, and the lower side 15 thereof is curved. A concealing and protecting strip 16, also made of sheet metal, is provided with an upper side 17 flared to fit the dove-tail 14 and a lower side 18 curved to fit the curve 15, said member 16 being adapted and arranged to be removably inserted in the channel 13 as indicated. The base-board is held in place by means of screws 19 passing through the bottom of the channel 13 and into the wall 12 as shown. After the screws 19 have been inserted, the member 16 is inserted in the channel 13 to conceal and protect the same, thus providing a base-board of highly ornamental appearance in which the securing screws are thoroughly concealed and protected. Owing to the fact that the channel 13 does not contact with the wall 12, the size of said channel may be varied by tightening and loosening the screws 19, it being obvious that when the screws 19 are tightened this will tend to draw the sides 14 and 15 of said channel together. In this way the channel may be adjusted to effect a snug and proper fit for the member 16.

The picture moulding illustrated in Fig. 2 is, in all material and substantial respects, the same as the base-board already described, except for slight differences in size and shape. The picture moulding 20 is shaped as indicated and provided with a longitudinal channel 21 intermediate its supporting edges and having a dove-tailed and a curved side. The moulding is secured in place by the screws 19 which are concealed and protected by the member 22 in all substantial and material respects the same as the member 16 already described.

In the door section illustrated in Fig. 3 the stiles or sides 22 of the door are made of sheet metal bent as indicated and the inner edges 23 and 24 thereof are arranged and adapted to receive and clamp the edges of the door panel 25 therebetween, said edges being drawn together by screw bolts 26 as shown. The door edge 24 is provided with a channel 27 having a dove-tailed and a curved side, the screw bolts 26 being arranged in said channel as shown. The concealing and protecting strip 28 is provided to fit the channel 27 and operates in all material and substantial respects as above described.

In the architrave illustrated in Fig. 4 the body 29 thereof is provided with a channel

30 having a dove-tailed and a curved side and in which the securing screws 19 are located. The concealing and protecting strip 31 is arranged to fit the channel 30 as indicated.

In the chair rail construction illustrated in Fig. 5 the body 32 thereof is provided with a central longitudinal channel 33 having a dove-tailed and a curved side and the securing screws 19 are arranged in said channel as shown. The protecting and concealing strip 34 fits within the channel 33 and operates in all substantial and material respects the same as those already described.

In the modified form of picture moulding construction illustrated in Fig. 6 I have provided a mounting strip 35 secured to a wall by means of screws 19 and a superposed protecting and concealing member 36 having a lower dove-tailed edge 37 and an upper curved edge 38 fitting correspondingly formed portions on the strip 35 as indicated, whereby the moulding 36 will be properly secured in place and the securing screws 19 concealed and protected thereby.

In the window or door illustrated in Fig. 7, opposed muntin sections 39 and 40 are provided, the section 40 being provided with a longitudinal intermediate channel 41 having a dove-tailed and a curved side, said sections being clamped together by means of clamping bolts 42 to engage and secure the edges of the window panes 43 as indicated. A concealing or protecting strip 44 is fitted within the channel 41 as indicated and operates in all material and substantial respects the same as those already described.

In the wire moulding illustrated in Fig. 8 I have provided a member 45 adapted to be secured to the wall of a room as shown. The member 45 is provided intermediate its edges with the longitudinal channel 46 having a dove-tailed and a curved side, the securing screws 19 being located in said channel. A concealing and protecting strip 47 is fitted within the channel 46 as indicated and operates in all material and substantial respects the same as those already described.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred forms of construction for carrying my invention into effect, these are capable of variation and modification without departing from the spirit of the invention. I, therefore, do not wish to be limited to the precise details of the constructions set forth, but desire to avail myself of such variations and modifications as come within the scope of the appended claims.

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

1. A construction of the class described comprising a channelled member adapted to rest against a supporting surface and arranged to support the channel at a distance from said surface; securing members passed through the bottom of said channel to said surface adapted and arranged to adjust the width of the channel; and a member removably fitting said channel, substanitally as described.

2. A construction of the class described comprising two members, one being channelled to receive the other, one side of said channel being dove-tailed and the other curved; and securing members located and concealed in said channel, substantally as described.

3. A construction of the class described comprising a channel member adapted to rest against a supporting surface and arranged to support the channel at a distance from said surface, one side of said channel member being dove-tailed and the other curved; securing members passed through the bottom of said channel to said surface adapted and arranged to adjust the width of the channel; and a member removably fitting said channel, substantially as described.

4. A construction of the class described comprising two members, one being channelled to receive the other, one side of said channel being dove-tailed and the other curved; and securing members located and concealed in said channel, said securing members being arranged to vary the fit between said channel and said other member, substantially as described.

5. A construction of the class described comprising an elongated sheet metal member bent to form a longitudinal channel, the sides of said member being extended beyond the bottom of said channel to support said channel at a distance from a supporting surface, one side of said channel being dove-tailed and the other curved; securing screws passed through the bottom of said channel and into said supporting surface and arranged and adapted to draw the sides of said channel together upon tightening of said screws; and a member detachably fitting said channel, substantially as described.

6. A construction of the class described comprising an elongated sheet metal member bent to form a longitudinal channel therein, one side of said channel being dove-tailed and the other curved; securing members located in said channel; and a member removably fitting said channel, substantially as described.

7. A construction of the class described comprising an elongated sheet metal member bent to cause its edges to constitute supports, there being a longitudinal channel formed in said member intermediate its edges distanced from the supporting surface; securing members located in said channel and arranged to vary the size thereof;

and a member detachably fitting said channel, substantially as described.

8. A construction of the class described comprising an elongated sheet metal member bent to cause its edges to constitute supports, there being a longitudinal channel formed in said member intermediate its edges and distanced from the supporting surface, one side of said channel being dovetailed and the other curved; securing members located in said channel and arranged to vary the size thereof; and a member detachably fitting said channel, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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