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FIG. 1.

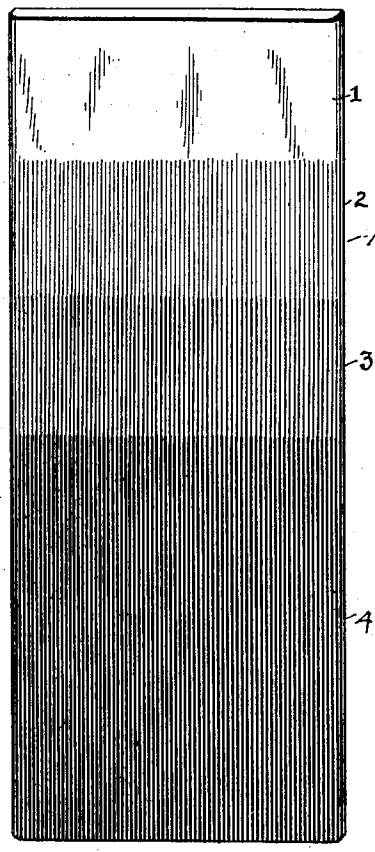
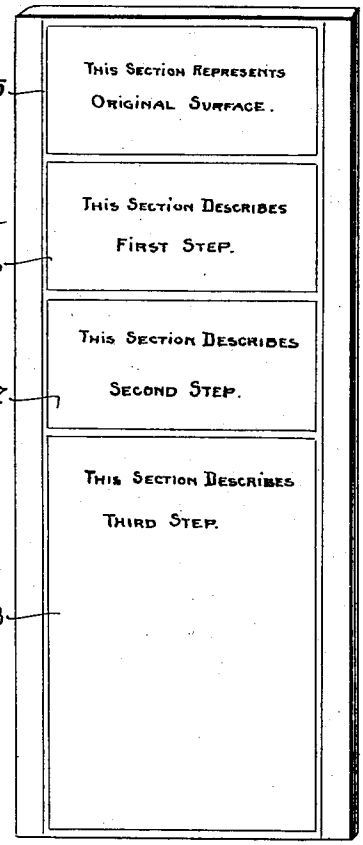


FIG. 2.



ATTEST.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK A. GLIDDEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Demonstration and Instruction Strip; and I do declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to a combined demonstrating and instruction strip for use in connection with a finish for wood floors and other wood surfaces, all substantially as shown and described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a flat strip of wood which serves on the side shown in this view to demonstrate the successive appearances of a floor or other wood surface from a plain and untreated condition at the top of the strip to a handsomely-grained or other perfectly-finished condition on the lower half of the strip. Fig. 2 is a plain elevation of the same strip, representing the opposite side thereof and subdivided transversely in sections corresponding to the like sections seen in Fig. 1 and hereinafter fully described.

In the practical handling of a floor-finish in which I am interested and which is designed more especially to rescue and render attractive old wood floors not originally intended to be exposed or uncarpeted I have found it necessary to provide the user with a progressive demonstration for the preparation of the floor and the application of the finishing material, and hence I have devised a strip A, substantially as shown, which corresponds to a piece of common flooring, of ash, pine, or other like wood, and which has its surfaces divided up into successive sections or subdivisions 1, 2, 3, and 4 transversely on one side and 5, 6, 7, and 8 on the other side. These several subdivisions of surfaces correspond in this that each represents the exact appearance of said section when it is ready to take on the next succeeding treatment or change, and the section opposite thereto contains the necessary directions for making such change, with statement of materials to be used and how to apply them. Thus section or subdivision 1 represents the floor as it is found before anything whatever is done thereto to change its appearance. Hence corresponding section 5 on the opposite side of the strip contains a description or acknowledgment of this condition and shows a user a sample of his own floor. Section 2 illustrates the appearance of the floor at the end of the first step in its transformation, and section 6 oppositely tells what to do and how to do it to produce this appearance or condition. Section 3 illustrates the appearance or condition of the floor after the second application of ground material to the floor, and this gives a fair approach to the ultimate and finished appearance, and section 7 oppositely in like manner contains all directions for producing this result. Finally section 4 represents the floor grained and complete, and the reverse section 8 tells what to do to get this particular effect. It follows that any one with ordinary intelligence can use the materials I employ with this demonstration and instruction strip and not fail to get the result desired, because he has the exact appearance of each completed step directly before him. This also helps him to do uniform work over an entire room and have every portion thereof equally finished as he goes, for the reason that he works from the strip and makes his comparisons as he goes along. In the end he obtains a hardwood finish according to the wood he has prepared for in his "ground." Usually the effect is in oak in one shade or another, and I can produce an appearance which is so faithful to life in all particulars that the eye cannot possibly detect whether it is a natural or an artificial production.

What I claim is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a com-

bined demonstration and instruction strip for use in treating wood surfaces, said strip having successive sections illustrating the changes the wood undergoes step by step in its treatment, substantially as described.

2. A combined demonstration and instruction strip for wood finishings, said strip having demonstration-sections successively on one side and corresponding instruction-sections on the opposite side, substantially as described.

Witness my hand to the foregoing specification this 14th day of March, 1903.

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