

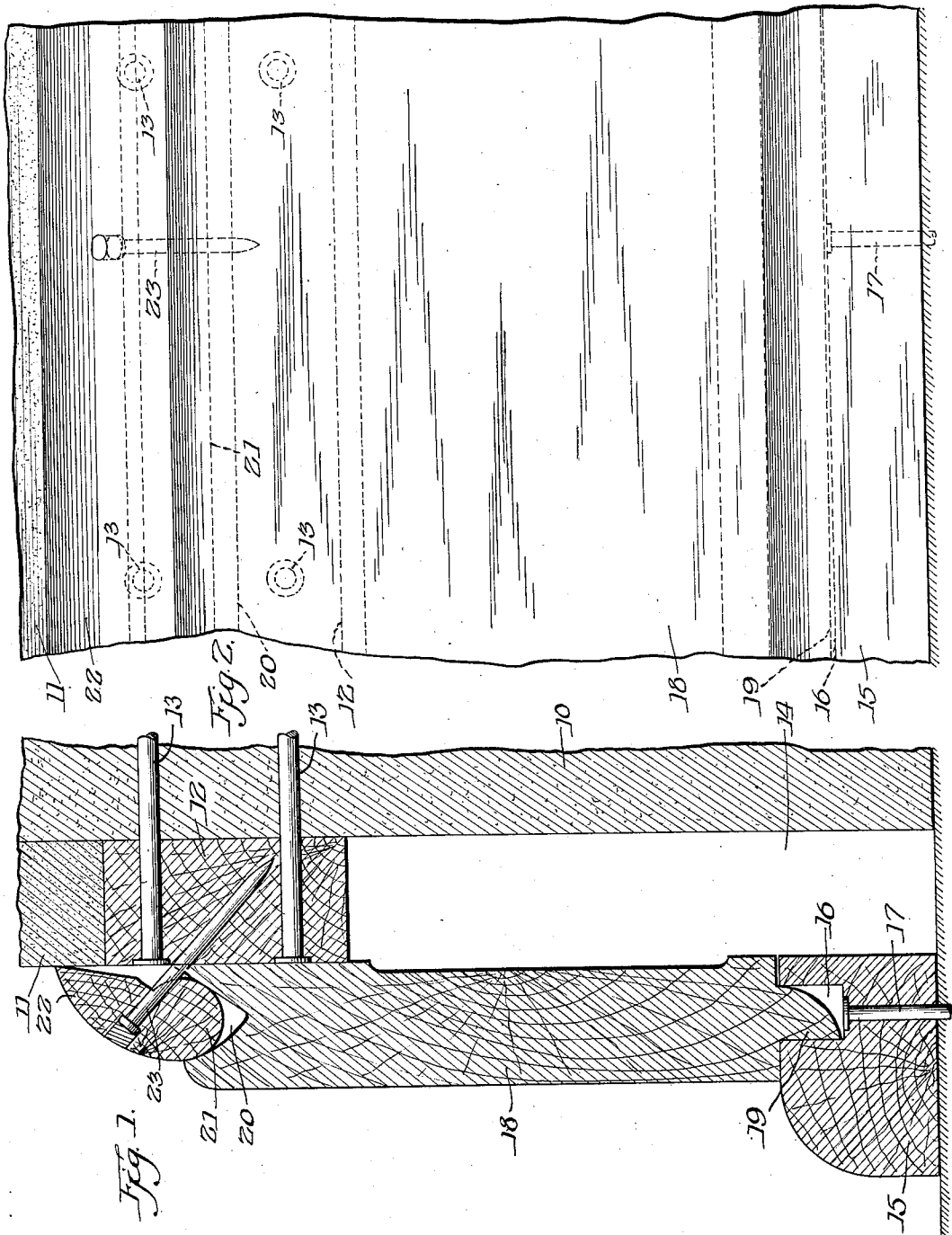
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My invention relates to finish molding such as baseboards cornices, etc. constituting parts of the interior trim of buildings, and particularly to a novel combination of elements adapted for simplicity of manufacture and installation.

A particular object of the invention is to provide trim members that may be held securely in place by the use of a minimum number of fastening devices, such as nails, and in which such fastening devices may be of small size. The advantage of this arrangement is in the reduction of labor in installing, the absence of marring of the surfaces and the ease with which the trim may be dismantled when necessary. A further object is to provide trim elements that will adapt themselves to variations or imperfections in the wall surfaces to which the trim is applied.

In the following description and claims, reference is made only to baseboard construction, but it will be understood that the invention contemplates the application of the same principle to other forms of interior trim.

The invention will be more readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawing, in which

Fig. 1 is a sectional view through a baseboard arrangement in which the novel features of my invention are included; and

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary front elevation of the construction shown in Fig. 1.

In the drawing I have illustrated the invention as applied to the base of a plastered tile wall. The tile is indicated at 10, the plaster at 11, and a plaster strip at 12, the latter being secured against the tile by means of nails 13. The space 14, beneath the plaster strip, is commonly used as a conduit for wire.

The trim construction comprises a shoe mold 15, having a groove 16, in its upper surface. This mold is held in place by means of a small nail or screw 17, seated in the groove. The baseboard 18, has a tongue 19 adapted to enter the groove 16 and thus to securely hold the baseboard against lateral movement. In the upper edge of the baseboard, I provide a longitudinal notch or groove 20, which may be arcuate in outline, as shown, or of any other convenient contour that will adapt it to receiving the rounded lower edge 21 of the scribe mold, that constitutes the finish for the upper edge of the baseboard. This scribe mold is so shaped that it may be rotated in its seat in order to adjust the free edge 22 to the plaster wall. Variations in the plaster or other wall surface frequently occur and the construction shown will readily adapt itself thereto. When the scribe mold has been located as desired, a small nail

23 is projected diagonally downwardly through the mold and into the plaster strip. The act of seating the nail tends to force the three parts of the trim into firm and permanent engagement and the only exposed nail heads will be those last mentioned.

In order to gain access to the wiring space it is only necessary to rotate the scribe mold by prying, and thereby easily remove it. This permits the removal of the baseboard without further operations.

While I have described and shown the molding elements as composed of wood, it will be understood that any one or all of the parts may be formed of sheet metal or other materials.

As stated heretofore the invention is not limited to baseboard construction, nor is it limited to the precise form and arrangement shown.

I claim:

1. In finish molding, the combination of a grooved shoe mold, a baseboard having a portion adapted to enter said groove, said baseboard having a groove on its upper edge, and a scribe mold having its lower edge shaped to enter the said groove in said baseboard and to permit rotation of the mold to effect an adjustment of the free edge thereof.

2. In finish molding, the combination of a shoe mold and a baseboard having tongue and groove engagement, said baseboard having a longitudinal groove in its upper edge, and a scribe mold seated in said groove with capacity for rotation on its longitudinal axis to adjust the position of the free edge of the scribe mold.

3. In finish molding, the combination of a shoe mold and a baseboard having tongue and groove engagement, said baseboard having a longitudinal groove in its upper edge, a scribe mold seated in said groove with capacity for rotation on its longitudinal axis to adjust the position of the free edge of the scribe mold, and a fastening device such as a nail projected diagonally downwardly through the scribe mold for holding both the baseboard and the mold in place.

4. In combination, a shoe mold having a groove, a fastening device projected downwardly through the groove, a baseboard having a tongue on its lower edge adapted to enter said groove and a groove on its upper edge, a mold having a lower portion adapted to enter said last named groove with capacity for oscillation to adjust the position of the free edge of the mold, and a fastening device projected through the mold and adapted to hold both the mold and the upper edge of the baseboard in place.

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