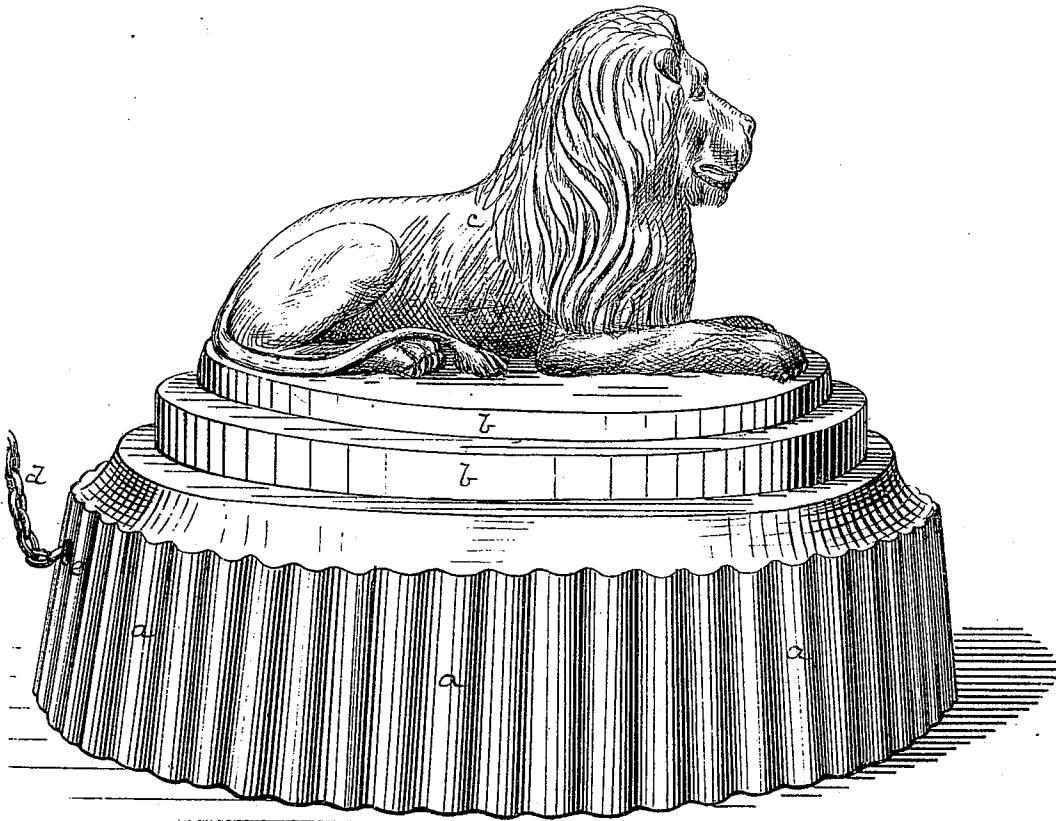


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PRESSED GLASS DOOR BLOCKS.

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IMPROVEMENT IN PRESSED-GLASS DOOR-BLOCKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WASHINGTON BECK, of Pittsburg, county of Allegheny, State of Pennsylvania, have invented or discovered a new and useful Improvement in Pressed-Glass Door-Blocks; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, concise, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, making a part of this specification, which represents my improvement in side perspective.

My invention relates to a glass door-block for holding doors open, or partly open, as against drafts or currents of air, which consists of a base or pedestal, *a*, surmounted by one or more platforms, *b*, the latter carrying an ornamented figure, *c*.

This entire block is made of pressed glass in one piece and at a single operation by the use of a suitably-shaped mold and plunger, the block being pressed in an inverted position, so that the plunger, entering the mold through the cavity of the base or pedestal, shall give a hollow product. In this way I make it of the desired size without undue increase of weight or waste of material.

To prevent the block from being stolen, removed, or getting out of place, I provide for

securing it at or near the place where it is to be used by means of a chain, *d*, one end of which is to be fastened to the wall or floor of the house, and the other end, passing through a hole, *e*, made in the base or pedestal, is secured inside the hollow cavity of the block by a T, or in other suitable way. This hole *e* may be made by the use of a sliding mandrel working through the side wall of the mold cavity, as described in the specification accompanying a separate application for a patent, or in other suitable way.

A door-block made of pressed glass in a single piece, of suitable size and weight for the purposes in view, and sufficiently ornamented to become an article of general use, I believe to be entirely new; hence,

What I claim as my invention is—

A pressed-glass door-block consisting of pedestal *a*, platform *b*, one or more, and figure *c*, substantially as set forth, as a new article of manufacture.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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