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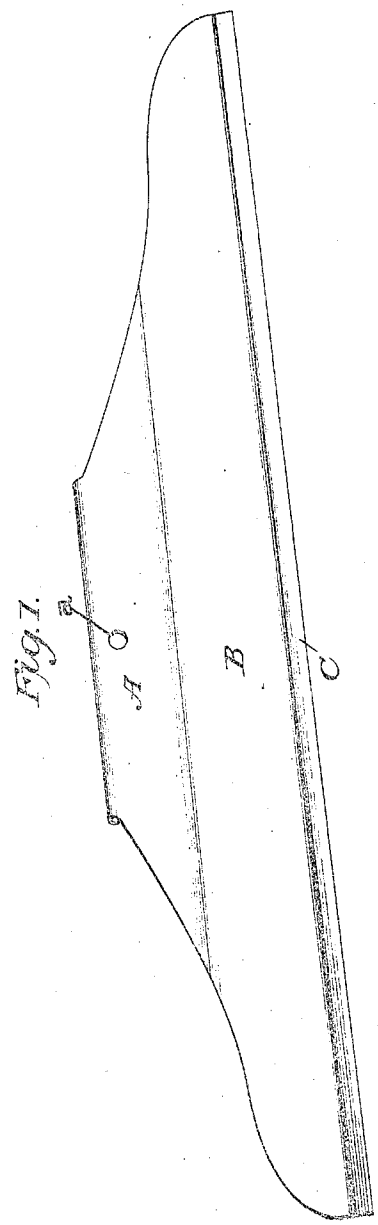

Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, FRANK L. TAYLOR and EDWIN C. TOLMAN, citizens of the United States, residing at Orange, in the county of Franklin and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Painter's Guard or Wall-Protecting Device, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to an article to protect papered, kalsomined, and painted walls while cleaning casings, base-boards, and all woodwork coming in contact with walls, also to protect walls and glass while finishing woodwork.

Our novel form of guard is shown in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view, and Fig. 2 a central cross-section, thereof.

The guard consists, preferably, of a single step of sheet metal of the general shape shown in Fig. 1, which may be punched and bent to its final form by a single operation of suitable machinery, or it may be made of cast metal or of other suitable material.

The central longitudinal body B is left flat and is formed with a straight edge, which is bent downwardly, as shown at C, so as to cause the body B to stand away from the working surface D, against which the guard is pressed, so as to prevent paint or other liquids from being drawn under the edge by capillary attraction. The body B at its opposite side may be conveniently shortened by oblique outlines, as shown, and is bent upwardly at an angle to form a handle A, by which the guard is held against the wall or other surface. A hole *a* is provided in the handle A, by which the guard may be hung up when not in use.

Having described our invention, we claim—

A painter's guard or wall-protecting device consisting of a longitudinal body B formed with a straight downwardly-bent edge C at one side, whereby liquids are prevented from being drawn under the body, and an opposite upwardly-bent side A forming a handle whereby the tool is grasped, as described.

In testimony whereof we sign our names to this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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