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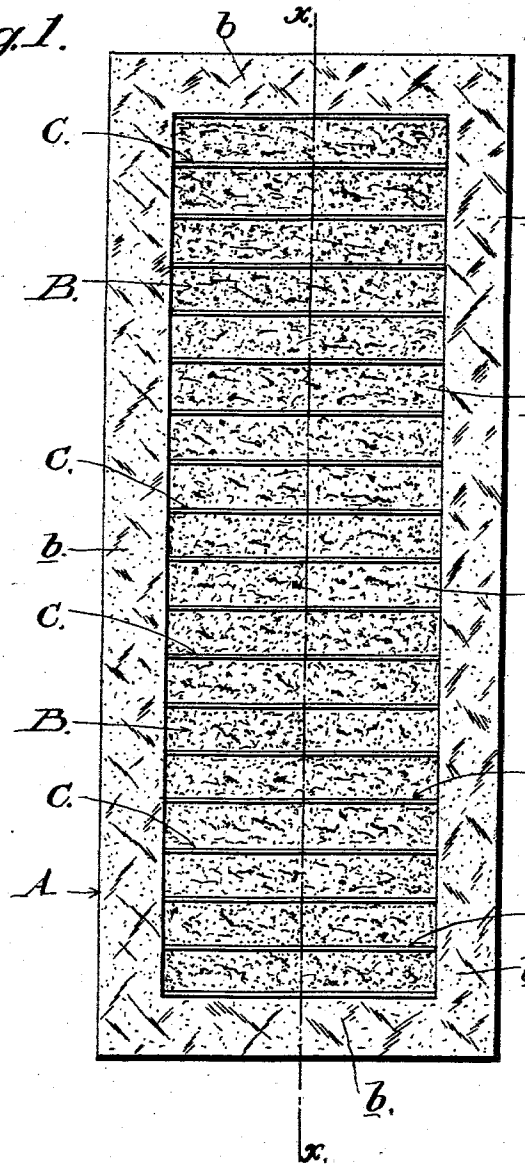
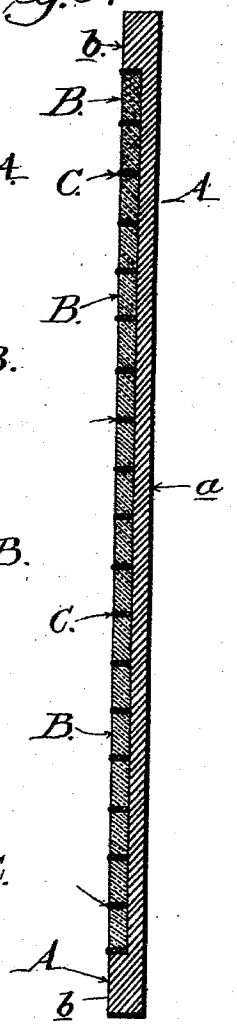


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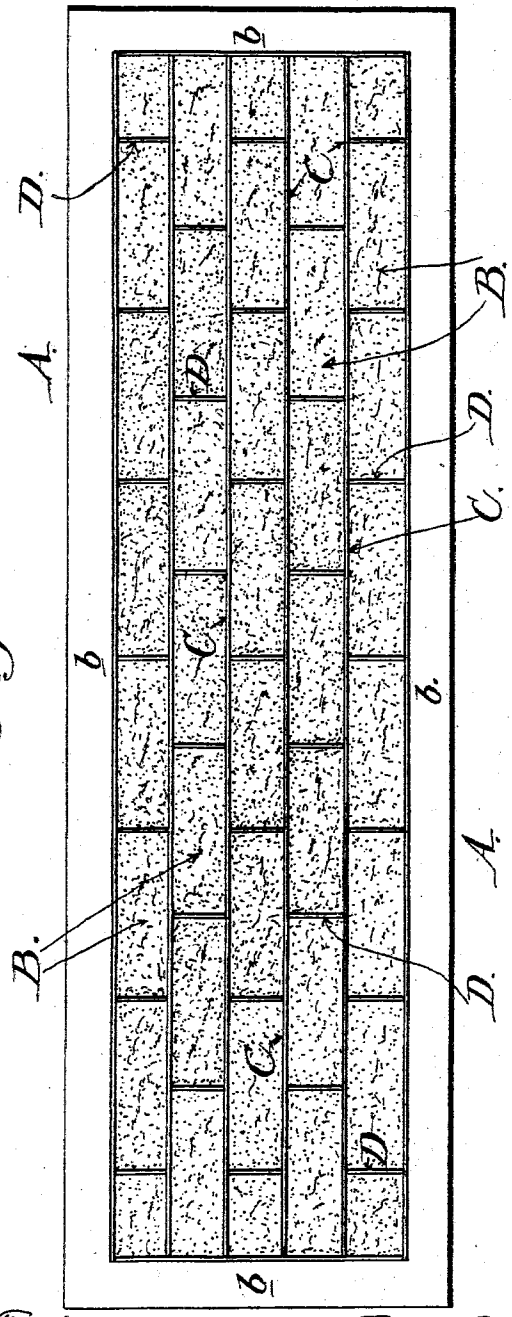
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID C. MEEHAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Advertising Sample-Exhibitors, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates generally to devices for exhibiting samples for advertising purposes, and particularly to means for exhibiting the face of bricks, and which is designed to avoid the necessity for carrying about a full-size brick, weighing five or six pounds, more or less, the face only of which is the chief attraction to the architect, the builder, or other person to whom it is desired to show the brick.

In carrying out my invention I use instead of a full-size brick the face portions only of the brick, these portions being in the form of tiles having, preferably, a width and length corresponding with or about the width and length of the full-size brick and a thickness much less than the full-size brick—say about one-half inch, more or less. These tiles or plates I will hereinafter refer to as "sample bricks," and while I do not limit the invention to any particular size in length, width, or thickness of brick I have found it preferable to make the same in its length and width about the dimensions of the full-size brick. The sample bricks weigh about twelve ounces, more or less, and are designed to be shown with imitation mortar or penciled joints between them and assembled in a frame or rack which is designed as a sample-exhibitor. An arrangement of this character provides for the best and most correct showing of brick effects that can be devised, including or not the proper showing of broken joints or "headers" and "stretchers." The same idea can also be used in the making up of brick effects in mantles, fireplace-facings, and hearths, which are in such demand at the present time and to which objection is often made because of the great weight of standard bricks, especially when desired for old structures.

My invention consists of a rack or frame and rigid spaced strips, forming between them recesses or compartments for my sample bricks, the said strips being colored to represent mortar lines or penciling between the bricks.

Figure 1 represents a plan view of a sample-exhibitor embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the bricks with broken joints or headers. Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line x x of Fig. 1.

In carrying out my invention I construct a frame or rack A of any suitable material having such size and design as may seem appropriate or desirable. As shown in the drawings, this frame or rack is of rectangular form and of sufficient capacity to hold enough sample bricks B to give the desired brick effect. The frame is of shallow depth and has a closed back a and a surrounding rim or border b, which is of sufficient width on the face to show any stone effect which is obtained by painting, sanding, or marbleizing the border, thereby giving to the sample-exhibitor the same effects and combinations as would appear in a finished wall using the same character of bricks and stone effects.

The frame or rack is formed or provided with rigid strips C, standing on edge and properly secured and spaced from each other a distance corresponding with the width or width and length of the sample bricks B, these strips forming between them recesses or compartments for said sample bricks and being colored by paint or other methods to represent mortar or pencil lines between the bricks, thereby giving the complete and natural brick effect and illustrating enough of a front or wall to see what the effect is and the result of the combination of different bricks with different stone effects.

In Fig. 1 the frame or rack has the strips running transversely only, and in Fig. 2 I illustrate the same strips in connection with other vertical strips D to produce the break-joint or header and stretcher effect, as known to the art.

A device of the character described is of great utility in advertising bricks and showing face-brick with stone effects. It is of a readily-portable character, designed to show

the face-color of bricks in any number together without involving the handling of the heavy full-size brick, and sample-cases may even be made small enough to be carried in the overcoat-pocket.

As it is customary for manufacturers and brick dealers and agents to fit up offices and show-rooms with full-size bricks on shelves for exhibition, I am enabled to dispense with these shelves and heavy bricks and construct racks of thin bricks, so that they may be hung on the walls of the office or room or arranged in revolving frames where space and light are limited and yet get all the best results obtainable from the full-size bricks.

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

1. A sample-exhibitor including a portable frame having spaced strips forming compartments, and sample bricks adapted to occupy said compartments, said strips being colored to represent mortar or pencil lines which divide the bricks from each other.

2. The combination of a frame having strips forming compartments, and sample bricks adapted to occupy said compartments said strips being colored to represent mortar or penciling effect and said frame colored to produce a stone effect.

3. The combination of a frame having a surrounding rim or border and transverse strips fixed therein, other strips connecting with the transverse strips and sample bricks fitting the compartments formed by the strips, said strips colored to produce mortar or penciling effects between the bricks.

4. A frame having a surrounding border and vertical and horizontal strips fixed therein and forming compartments, and samples representing whole and half bricks fitting said compartments.

5. A sample-exhibitor consisting of a portable frame of shallow depth and samples contained within said frame and consisting of the face portions of building-bricks separated from each other by lines representing mortar or penciling.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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