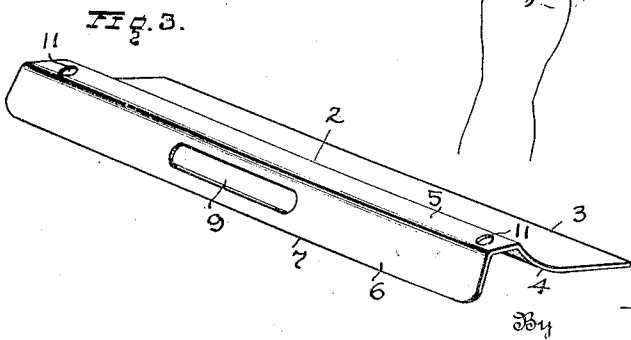
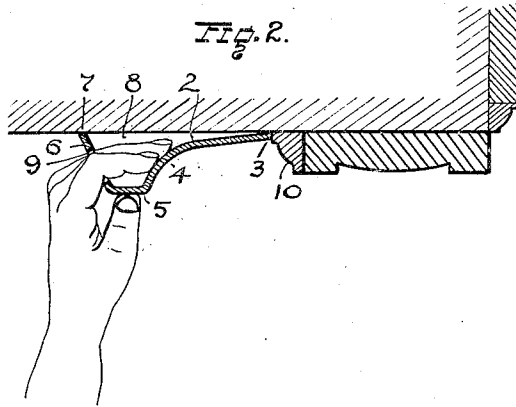
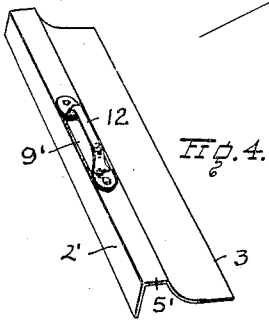
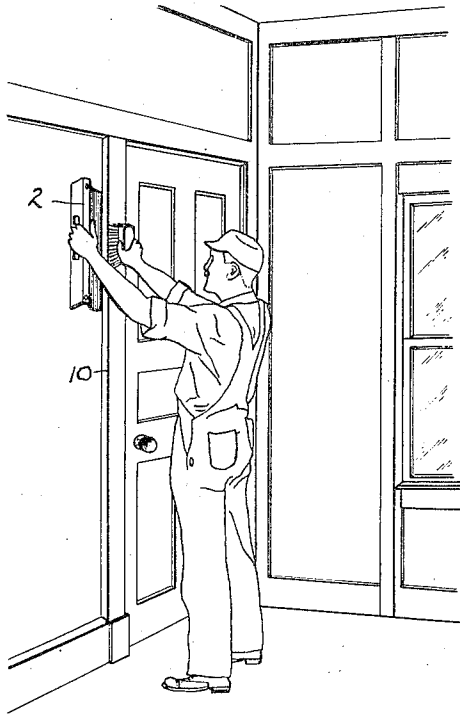


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Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN F. WENDT, 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 Wall Protector or Shield, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is especially designed to expedite the work of cleaning, painting or varnishing the woodwork bordering the decorated surface or wall of a room without soiling or marking said surfaces or walls, and the device is particularly constructed to facilitate handling thereof by one hand while the work of cleaning or painting proceeds adjacent thereto by the use of the other hand.

In the drawing accompanying this application, Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing my improved wall protector or shield as actually applied and used, and Fig. 2 is an enlarged cross sectional view of a portion of a wall and a frame or casing thereof together with a cross section of the device as held in the hand when the device is pressed against the wall. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of my improved wall protector or shield. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a modification.

The invention comprises a sheet metal guard or shield 2 of elongated form having a straight edge 3 and an arched portion of substantial width which extends to and joins with a narrow flat raised portion 5 having a projecting flange 6 with a straight edge 7. Flange 6 and the curved or arched wall 4 slope or flare apart in respect to each other to provide an open channel or space 8 within which the fingers of the hand may have freedom to move and engage the inner curved side of arched wall 4 when the fingers are inserted through an elongated opening or slot 9 in flange 6 as shown in Fig. 2. In this position of the hand, the thumb is adapted to engage and press against the raised flat side 5 of a shield, and the curved sloping

portion of the shield is adapted to flex or yield when pressure is applied in holding the shield against the wall, and in so doing the tendency is to spring-press the straight edge 3 against the molding or border frame 10 which is being cleaned or treated. The work of cleaning or painting the border frame or woodwork proceeds adjacent the shield which is shifted step by step as the work progresses, and inasmuch as the shield is made of thin sheet metal no appreciable weight must be supported and the work of cleaning or painting can proceed rapidly without endangering the decorative surface adjoining the border frame.

When the shield is not in use it may be suspended upon a nail or hook, each end of the shield having an opening 11 in its raised portion 5 to permit engagement with the hook or nail.

In Fig. 4 I show a shield 2' corresponding in the main to the shield hereinbefore described, except that an opening 9' is formed in the top side of the rib or raised portion 5' and a separate handle 11 is affixed thereto lengthwise opposite said opening. Any number of shields of either form as described may be nested together for shipment.

What I claim is:

1. A protecting shield, comprising an elongated sheet metal member formed with a spring portion terminating in a straight edge and a supporting flange spaced apart from said spring portion, said flange having a finger opening.

2. A protecting shield for the purposes described, comprising a sheet metal member of elongated form embodying parallel flaring portions terminating in parallel straight edges and having an opening hand grip centrally between its ends, one of said flaring portions being curved and sloping and flexible.

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