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LATH.

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Fig. 1

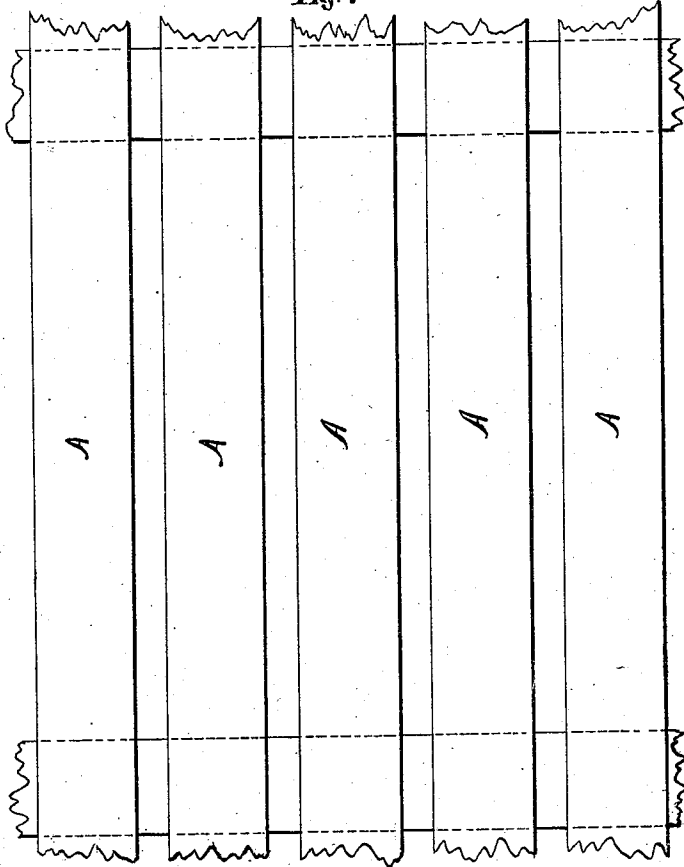
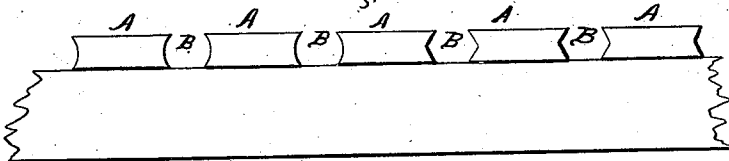


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN LATHS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EZRA COLEMAN, of Virginia City, county of Storey, and State of Nevada, have invented a new and improved Plastering-Lath, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 represents a front, and Fig. 2 an end, view of a portion of five of my improved plastering-laths.

The object of my invention is to produce a plastering-lath which shall hold the plaster much more firmly and securely than the one at present in common use.

It is a well-known fact that plaster, particularly on ceilings, frequently becomes detached from the lathing and falls when subjected to any sudden jar or to the effect of moisture, and this is because there is nothing to hold it to the laths except natural adhesion, which cannot always be depended on.

My improved lath A is constructed with a groove on each edge, as shown at B, Fig. 2, either V-shaped or circular in form, as may

be deemed best. When the plaster is put on the laths of this construction a portion of it is forced into this groove, and, when dry, of course this presents great resistance to the plaster being detached. The making of these grooves in the edges of the laths is a very easy matter, and can be readily done by two little saws, revolving one above and one below the lath, making the groove at the same time that the lath is being sawed. Laths of this construction can be nailed on as rapidly as the common ones, as of course it makes no difference which side of the lath faces outward.

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

A plastering-lath provided with grooves on each edge, either V-shaped or circular in form, cut lengthwise of the lath, substantially as described, or its equivalent.

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