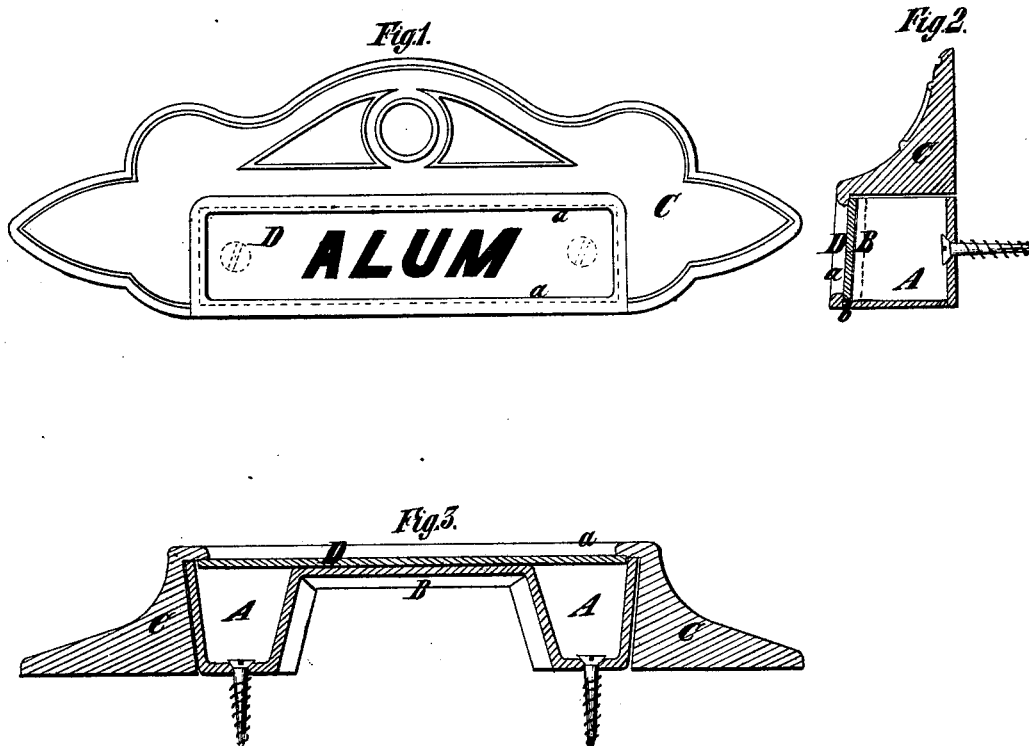


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## IMPROVEMENT IN DRAWER-PULLS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, LOUIS P. WHITEMAN, of the city, county, and State of New York, and BENJAMIN M. GERARDIN, of Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Drawer-Pulls, of which the following is a description:

This invention relates to a drawer-pull wherein provision is afforded for the insertion of a plate or piece of glass or other material upon which is marked a name for indicating the contents of a drawer, to which the drawer-pull is applied.

The invention consists in the combination, with a stock-piece adapted to be secured to a drawer by screws or otherwise, to cover and protect the back of the name-plate and to sustain the pull exerted to move the drawer, of a face-piece adapted to interlock with and conceal said stock-piece, and secure in place the name-plate, whereby a very superior article is produced.

The invention also consists in features of minor importance, which will be hereinafter explained.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a front view of a drawer-pull made according to our invention. Fig. 2 is a central transverse section of the same; and Fig. 3 is a central longitudinal section thereof.

Similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures.

The stock-piece is shown as consisting of two end pieces, A, connected by a bridge, B. These end pieces are preferably hollow, and receive the screws or other means, serving to secure the drawer-pull in place—for instance, upon the front of a drawer. The bridge B is of such construction that when the stock-piece is secured in place, opportunity is afforded for inserting the hand or fingers behind it, in order to pull out the drawer. The outer or most distant sides of the end pieces A preferably converge toward the drawer, as shown in Fig. 3, so that the stock-piece forms a dovetail tenon, upon which the face-piece C, presently to be described, may be fitted and secured. The face of the bridge B may

be inclined more or less, as shall be desirable to display the name-plate D properly. This name-plate may be of any suitable material, but will preferably be made of glass, and the name may be delineated upon it by gilding, painting, or otherwise.

The face-plate C may also be of any suitable material; and it may be of any desirable shape or form externally. It is provided with an opening, *a*, through which the name on the name-plate may be seen, and at the edges of this opening overlaps the name-plate and holds it in place upon the bridge B of the stock-piece. At the bottom edge of the bridge B is a flange, *b*, to sustain the name-plate at the bottom edge, and at the top the latter is held in place by the face-piece. It is, therefore, held in place securely in all directions.

If desirable, the face-piece may be retained in place vertically by a locking-pin; or it and the stock-piece may be so adapted to each other that the former may be wedged firmly upon the latter.

It will be seen that by this invention great facility is afforded for inserting a name-plate, for removing the same and replacing it by another; that the face-piece serves to conceal the stock-piece and the means which secure both parts of the drawer-pull to the drawer; that the name-piece is so fully protected from injury at the back that it may be made of the most fragile material; and that the face-piece, inasmuch as it sustains but little, if any, strain in the opening and shutting of the drawer, may, without liability of sustaining injury, be made of wood, porcelain, or, indeed, any other desirable material.

What we claim as our invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with a stock-piece adapted to be secured to a drawer or other article by screws or otherwise, and constituting a back protector to a name-piece, of a face-piece adapted to interlock with and overlap said stock-piece, conceal the means which secures it in place, and hold the name-piece in place, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, with a stock-piece having inwardly-converging outer ends, and con-

stituting a dovetail-tenon, of a face-piece provided with a dovetail groove or cavity adapted to interlock with said stock-piece, substantially as set forth.

3. A drawer-pull stock-piece, consisting of end pieces and a connecting-bridge, forming a pull-piece and protector to a name-piece, and so formed that a face-piece may interlock therewith and cover it, substantially as set forth.

4. A drawer-pull face-piece adapted to interlock with a stock-piece, and cover the same, substantially as set forth.

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