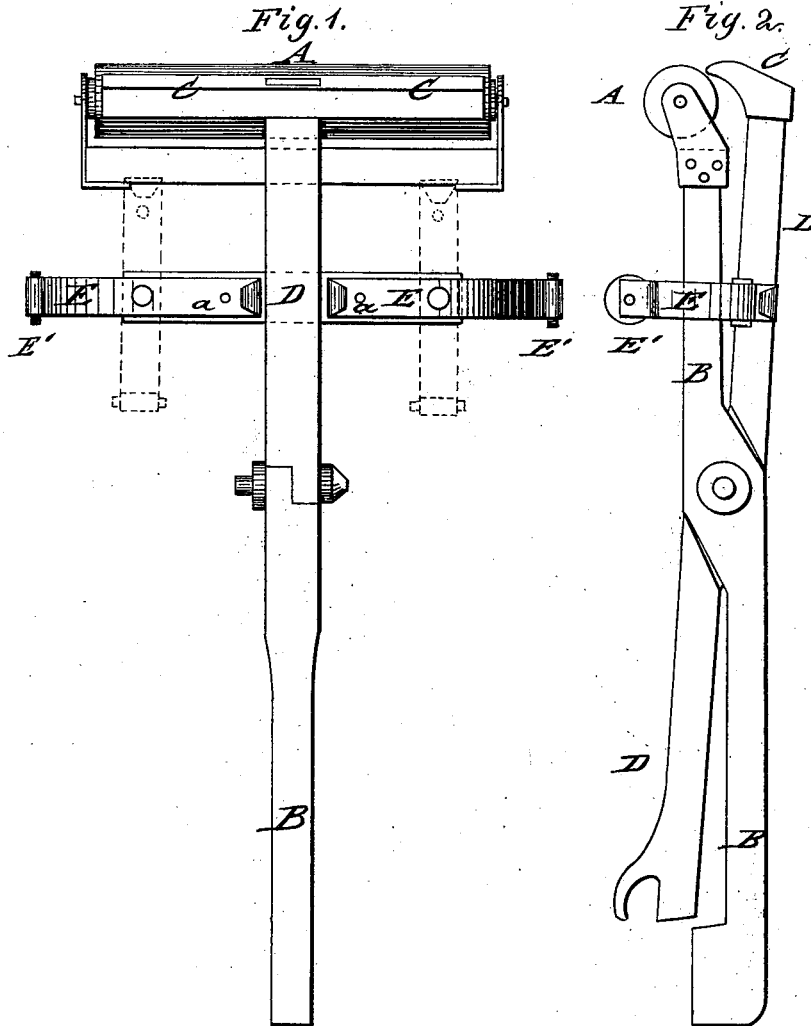


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## IMPROVEMENT IN DEVICES FOR HANGING WALL-PAPER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ANDREW JOHNSON, of Kewanee, in the county of Henry and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Device for Hanging Wall-Paper, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a front elevation, and Fig. 2 a side view, of my improved device for hanging wall-paper.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish an improved device by which wall-paper may be hung even by unskilled persons in quick and easy manner, and with less trouble of wrinkling than it can be done by hand, while saving, also, the trouble of getting on chairs or step-ladders; and the invention consists of a roller at the end of a handle in connection with a paper-retaining jaw at the end of a fulcrumed lever-handle, the lever having also a cross-bar with fulcrumed and locked arms, carrying outer guide-rollers that bear against the wall and prevent the paper from touching before it is placed in proper position.

Referring to the drawing, A represents a roller that turns in end bearings of a cross-bar at the end of a handle, B, which is of sufficient length for reaching readily up to the ceiling of any room. The roller A is made long enough to reach across the paper, and is padded and covered with oil-cloth or other soft material, which adjusts itself readily to the wall.

The wall-paper to be hung is grasped between the roller and a jaw, C, that is attached to the upper end of a lever-handle, D, which is fulcrumed to the handle A. The lower end of the lever D is notched to be worked with the forefinger, so that the paper may be readily taken hold of between the jaw and roller, and released when in proper place to be applied to the wall.

To the cross-arms D' of the lever D are fulcrumed curved movable arms E, which carry at their outer ends small rollers E', which bear against the wall, so as to keep the paper steadily in position and prevent it from touching before it is in the right position.

The inner ends of the fulcrumed arms E are locked firmly to pins *a* of the cross-arms, from which they may be released when it is desired to swing the arms at one or the opposite side into position at right angles to the arms D', so as to be out of the way and enable the roller to work close up into the corners of the room.

The distance between the guide-rollers has to be larger than the width of the paper to be hung, so that when the paper is held between jaw and roller it may be first brought by the side rollers into position on the wall, then released by raising the jaw, and finally applied quickly and smoothly to the wall by the roller.

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

1. The combination, with a paper-retaining roller and a jaw attached to fulcrumed handles, of curved arms and guide-rollers extending beyond the roller for bringing the paper in proper position on the wall, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with a padded roller and retaining-jaw applied to the ends of fulcrumed handles, of pivoted and curved arms, having guide-rollers at the outer ends, the arms being locked in position and capable of being swung into position inside of the roller, for the purpose specified.

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