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Fig. 1.

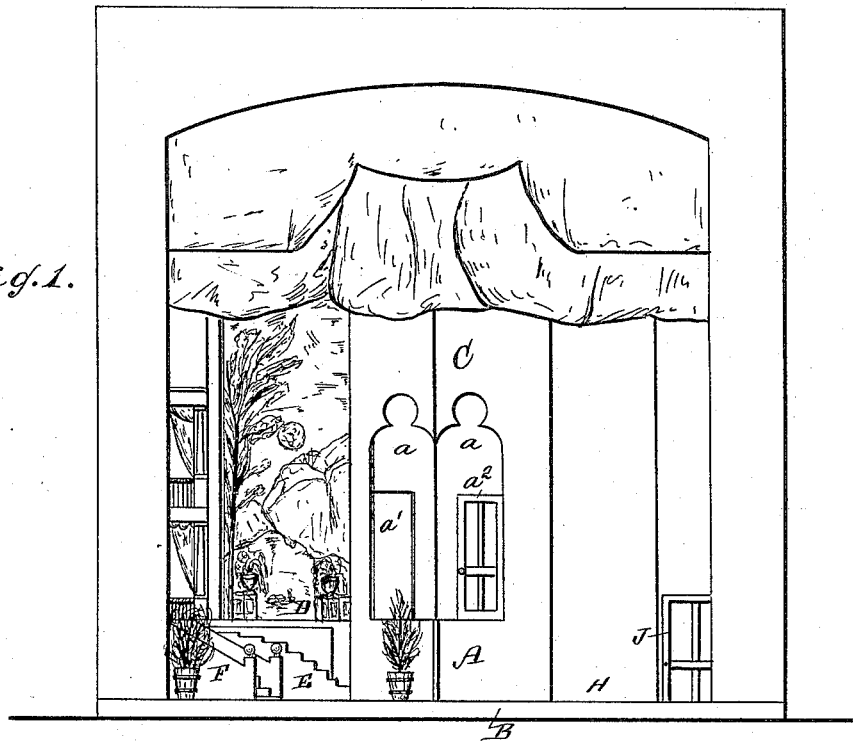
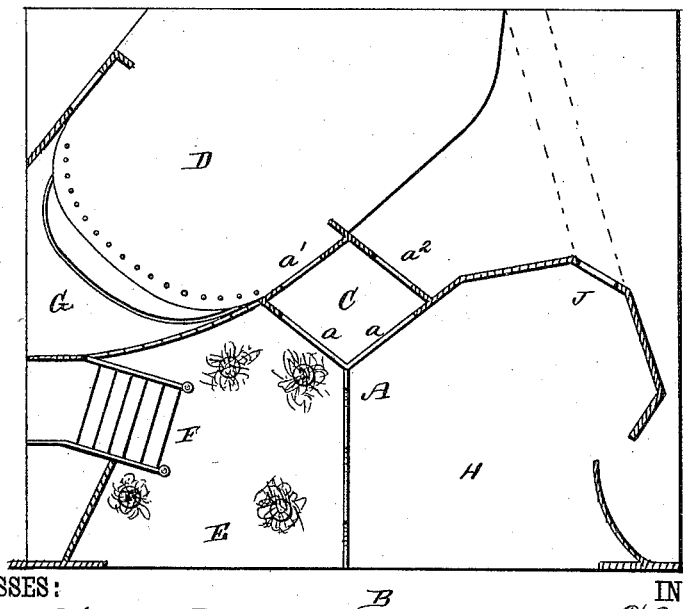


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK L. REES, of Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented new and Improved Scenery for Theatrical Plays, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide new and improved scenery for a new theatrical play, in which the actors must appear in five different apartments, each of which must be exposed to the view of the audience at the same time.

The invention consists in a stage having a partition running from the front toward the rear, and forming an apartment at each side of the stage. A proscenium-box is formed at the inner end of the partition, and a stage is formed behind one of the apartments formed by the partition.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved scenery for theatrical plays. Fig. 2 is a sectional plan view of the same.

A low partition, A, increasing from one foot to six feet in height, runs from the center of the front of the stage B toward the rear, and at the inner end of the same a box, C, is erected, against the front corner of which the inner end of the partition A abuts. The box is provided with a large opening, *a*, at each side of the partition A, the said openings being in the sides of the box facing the audience. The box is provided with two openings, *a'* and *a''*, in the rear sides, the opening *a'* leading to a stage, D, arranged in the left rear corner of the stage B. At the left of the partition A, and on the front of the stage B, a compartment, E, is arranged which is to contain flowers, plants, &c., to represent a conservatory,

the rear wall of which is open and connected with the auditory G in front of the stage D. A staircase, F, on the left of the conservatory E, leads to the foyer or hallway of the auditory G. The apartment H on the right of the partition A represents an actress's dressing-room, and is provided with a door, J, which it is to be assumed leads to the rear of the stage D. Part of the stage D and of the auditory G are visible from the auditory of the stage B.

The advantage of my improved scenery is that at the same time performers can appear in the box C, in the conservatory E, the room H, the stage D, and the auditory G.

In the play, actors in the box C represent spectators enjoying a view of the performers on the stage D, other actors perform in the apartment H, and others in the conservatory.

By my arrangement of the scenes five different apartments are shown at the same time, and a theater is shown within a theater.

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

1. The combination, with a stage, of a partition running from front to rear, a box at the rear end of the partition, and a stage at one side of the box, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. A stage provided with a partition running from front to rear, and forming an apartment at each side of the partition, a box at the inner end of the partition, which box has the sides toward the auditory open, and a stage formed behind one of the apartments at the side of the partition, substantially as herein shown and described.

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