

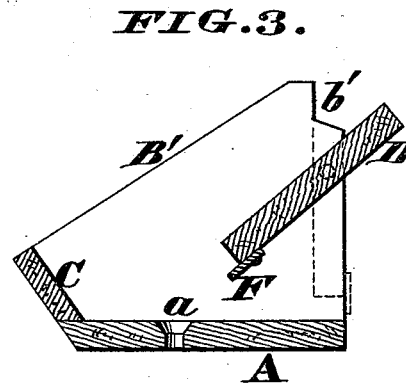
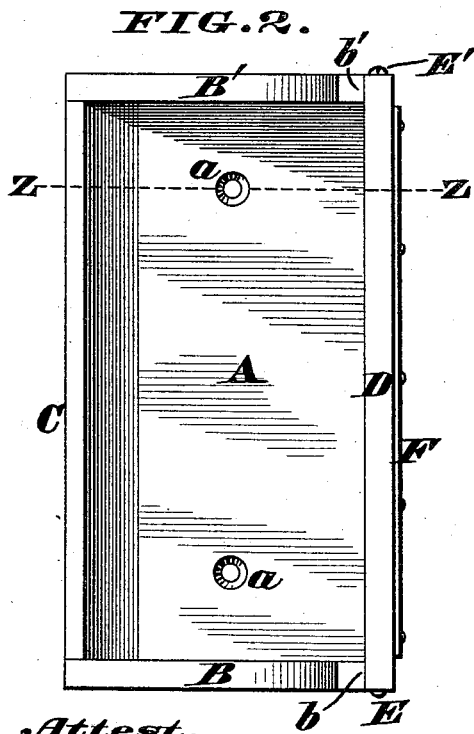
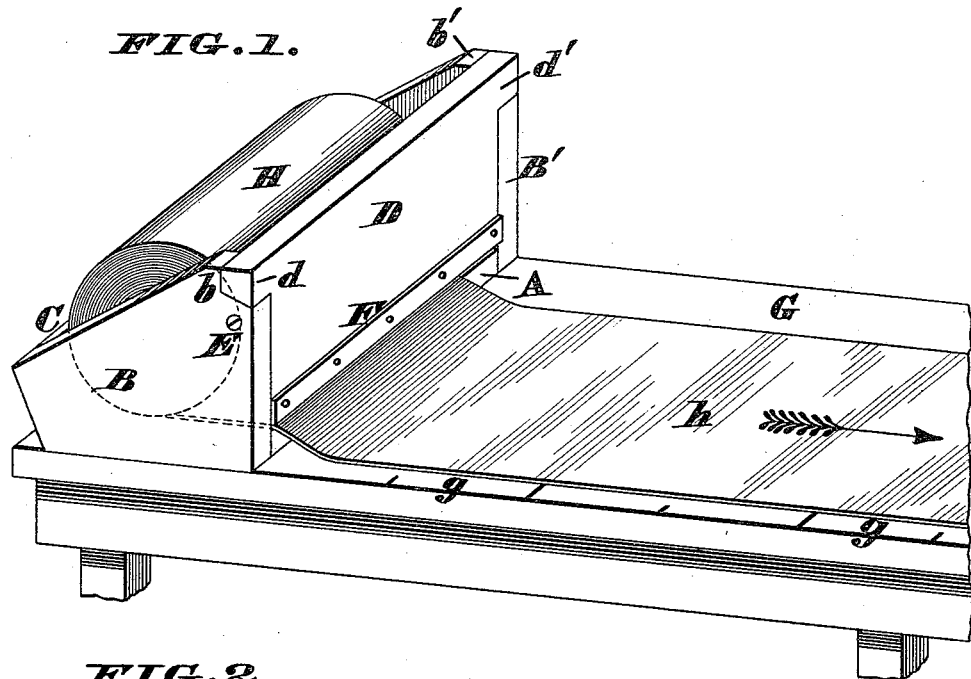
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## WALL-PAPER-BORDER MEASURER AND CUTTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD HOKE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fort Recovery, in the county of Mercer and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wall-Paper-Border Measurers and Cutters; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, reference being had to the annexed drawings, which form part of this specification.

This invention relates to those paper-holders and cutters which include a receptacle for the rolls, a swinging front applied to said receptacle, and a knife secured to the lower or free edge of said front; and my improvement comprises a specific combination of notched end-pieces, stops and pivots where-with such fronts are permitted to swing rearward; but are held against any forward movement, thus rendering the holders especially adapted for the rapid cutting of wall-paper borders, as hereinafter more fully described.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my wall-paper-border measurer and cutter, a roll of border being seen in the trough of the device, and in the act of being uncoiled and measured. Fig. 2 is a plan of the device. Fig. 3 is a vertical section thereof taken at the line Z—Z of the preceding illustration, the lower or free edge of a knife board being swung back to facilitate the passage of the loose end of the border under the cutter.

My device consists essentially of four boards A, B, B', C, of which parts the piece A is the base or bottom, and is pierced at *a*, to admit screws wherewith said device is fastened upon a table or work-bench. The end pieces B, B', are parallel, and have their upper edges cut down at an angle until they reach the back-board C, which latter slopes forward, as more clearly seen in Fig. 3. Furthermore, these end pieces B, B', are notched at their front, upper corners, as shown at *b, b'*, to admit stops or pins *d, d'*, projecting from the opposite ends of a swinging knife-board D, that constitutes the front member of the device. This knife-board is pivoted to the end pieces, as at E, E', and its lower edge is armed with a suitable cutter F, sufficient clearance being afforded between said cutter and the bottom A, to permit the ready passage of a piece of border, or other similar material.

G is a table or work-bench upon which the device is secured, and *g* is a foot or yard measure or scale arranged at the near edge of said table.

H is a roll of paper border to be measured and cut.

In the normal position of the device, the front D is vertical, and, consequently, said front, in connection with the bottom A, ends B, B', and back C, form a trough-shaped receptacle capable of holding any sized roll of wall-paper border; but previous to the insertion of such a roll, H, within said trough, the front D is swung back about to the position seen in Fig. 3, to permit the loose end of the border being readily passed under the knife F, and then said front is permitted to assume its normal position. The roll is then placed in the trough, and in such a position as to uncoil from the bottom, the part *h*, to be cut off being drawn forward upon the table, as indicated by the arrow in Fig. 1. As soon as this part of the border has been drawn out to the desired length, indicated by the scale *g*, the operator grasps the farther edge of said border and gives it a sudden upward-pull 80 against the knife F, the result being an immediate severance of the paper and squarely across it. During this forward travel of the border, the friction against the knife has a tendency to swing the board D in the same direction, but this swinging motion is resisted by the stops *d, d'*, bearing against the vertical shoulders of the notches *b, b'*.

I claim as my invention—

The within-described wall-paper border-cutter, including a receptacle consisting of the bottom board A; end pieces B, B', notched at their front, upper corners *b, b'*; a back C; a swinging front D, having stops *d, d'*, at top, and a knife F at bottom; and the pivots E, E', inserted in the ends B, B', at a point below their notches *b, b'*, and engaged with said front, whereby the latter is free to swing rearward; but is held against any forward movement, all as herein set forth and illustrated.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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