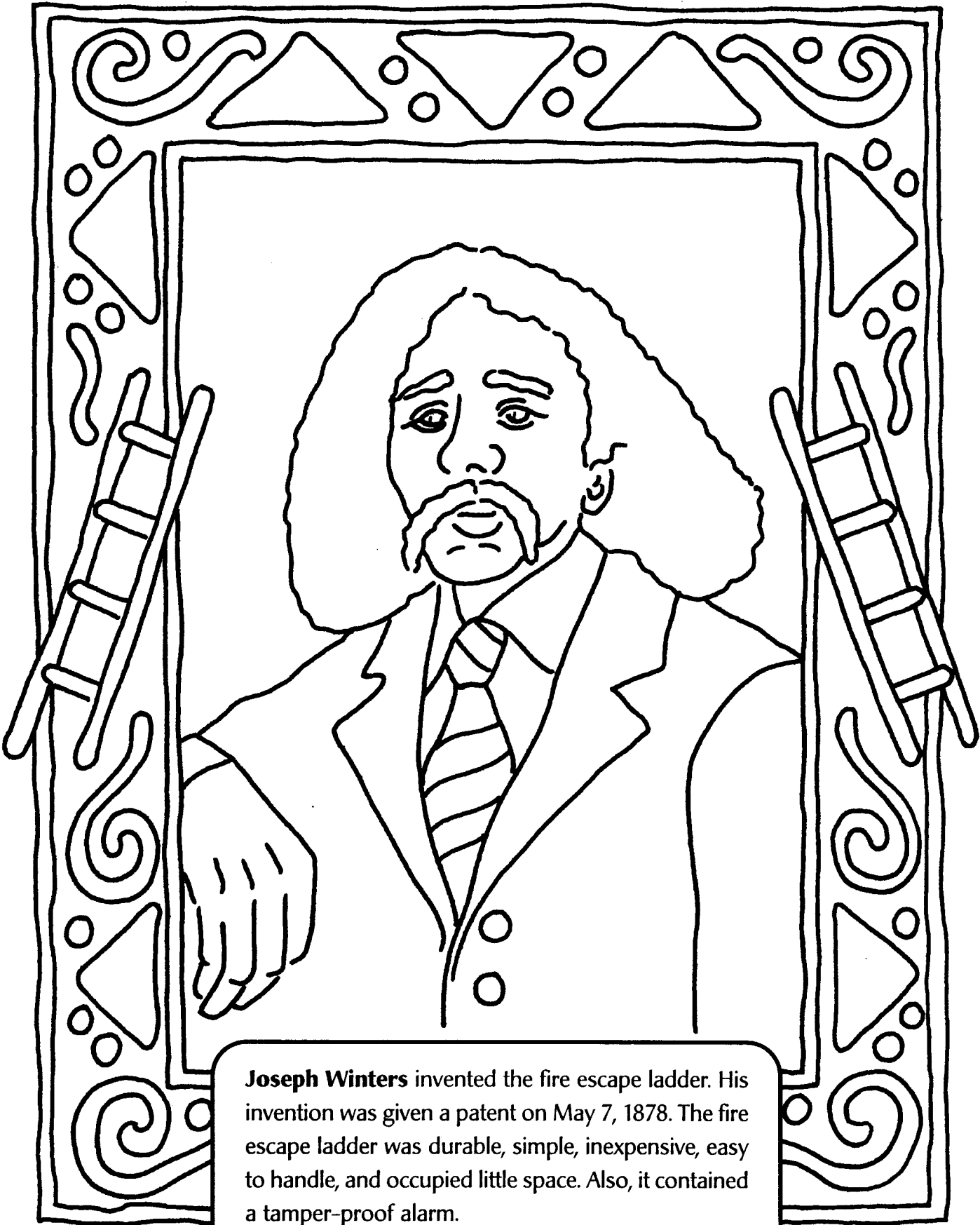


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Joseph Winters invented the fire escape ladder. His invention was given a patent on May 7, 1878. The fire escape ladder was durable, simple, inexpensive, easy to handle, and occupied little space. Also, it contained a tamper-proof alarm.