

Written Arguments in Response to Examiner's Written Opinion

The Examiner seems to regard the member 19 in citation (i), the member 11 in citation (ii) and the member 7 in citation (iii) in the same light with the attachment of the present invention. However these members are only one of the two or more pieces constituting the two or more piece construction of lower frame member; they are not provided so as to bear the function of the attachment of the present invention, that is, to provide a substantively flat sill configuration at the entrance portion of the window. In citation (i), the lower frame member composed of the members 18 and 19 shows a step-like configuration and does not provide a substantively flat sill. In citation (ii), the lower frame member composed of the members 5, 11 and 15 has at least a step configuration at the portion of member 8 and does not provide a substantively flat sill at the entrance portion opposite to the portion occupied by the fixed outdoor side sash 9. In citation (iii), the lower frame member composed of members 6 and 7 has the projecting portions 6b, 10, 7a and 7b which project from the substantively flat upper surface of the member 8, and therefore does not provide a substantively flat sill.

To make the above described difference clear, we would amend claim 1 as seen in the attachment.