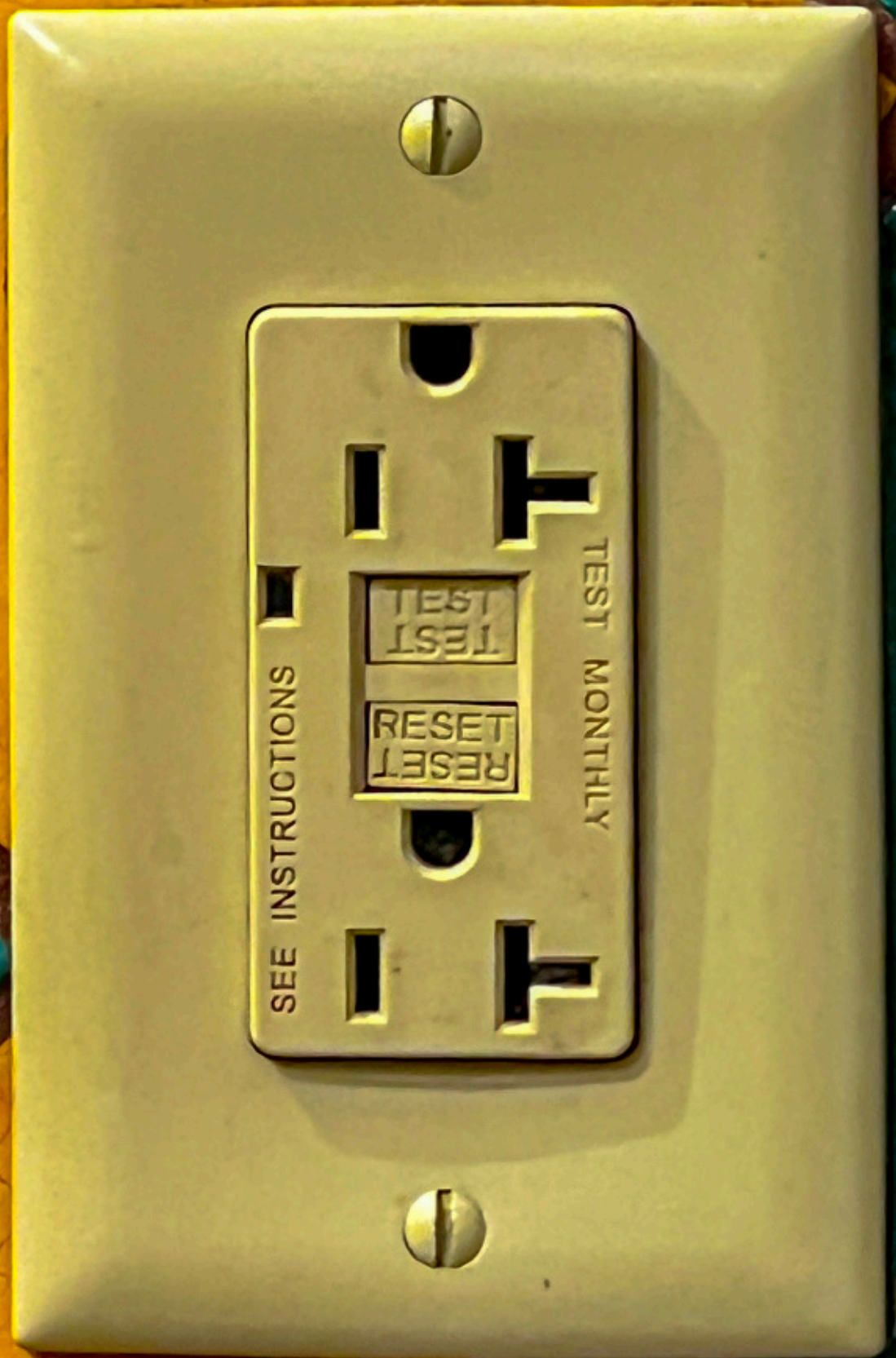


Receptacles



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My guess would be
that those who've earned degrees
in decoration
had lectures
learning how to camouflage
receptacles.
Ugly boxes with six holes.

But had they taken physics
they might instead
have told the owners
paying them
to paint them purple,
add yellow stripes,
make them as prominent
as the Degas'
on the walls.



The standard height
for wall outlet boxes
is about 12 inches
from the top of the floor covering
to the bottom of the receptacle box.



The US National Electrical Code,
Section 210.52,
states that there should be
an electrical outlet
in every kitchen,
bedroom,
living room,
family room,
and any other room
that has dedicated living space.
They must be positioned
at least every twelve feet
measured along the floor line.



You never know
if there's enough.
You never know
if there is more.
You never know
what lies behind
closed doors.



Flat against the wall
a foot above the floor
painted so they blend
into the trappings of the room,
demurely resting patiently
until the prongs are pushed,
quiet as they liberate
the energy
that lights the lamp
the writer needs
to pen her poem.



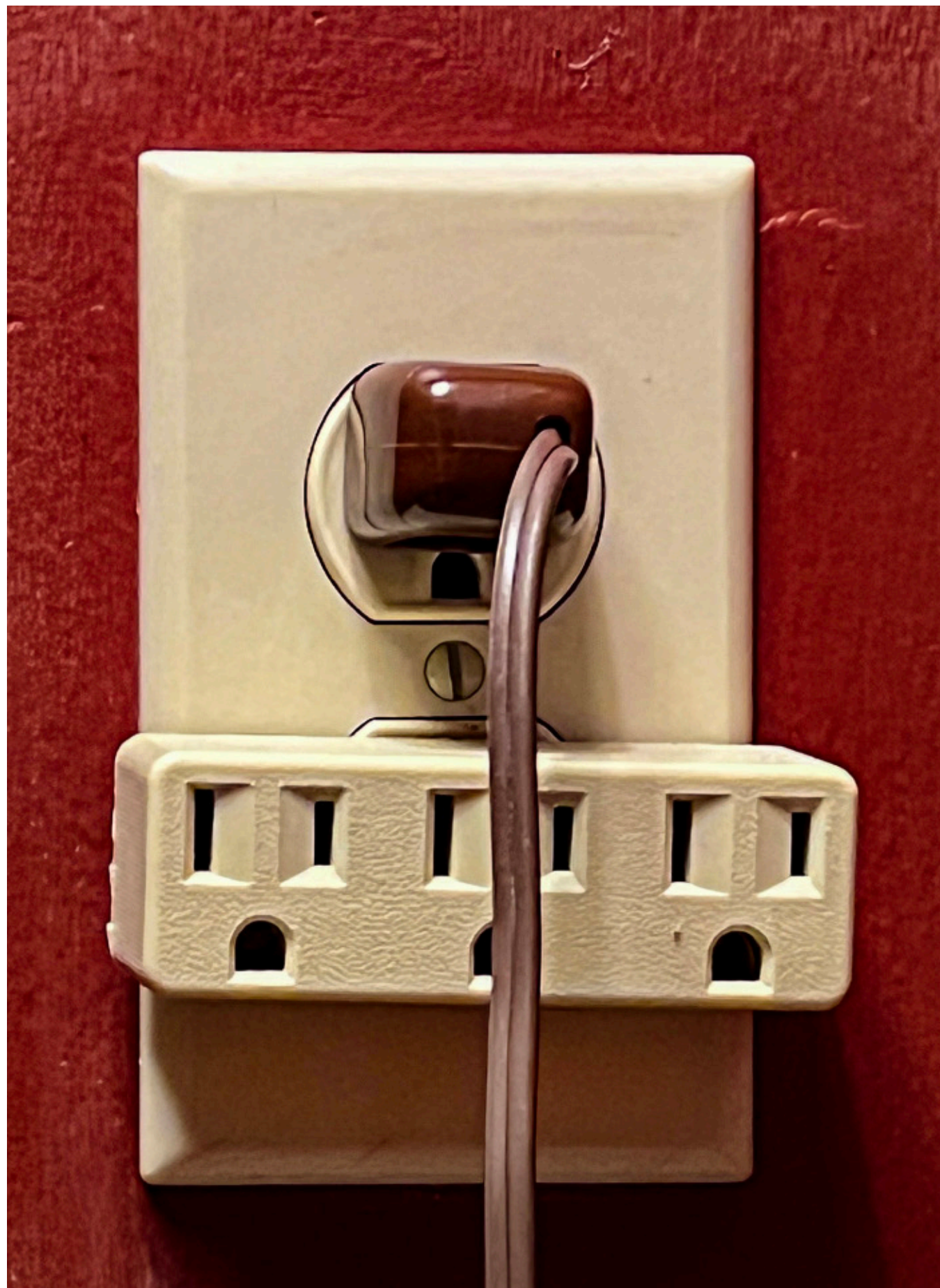
Someone
trying to protect
the innocent?
Or attempting to prevent
a radio
from blaring out the news?



What would Freud have said
about envy?
But what did Freud know
about receptacles?







Muses every one of them
delivering messages
from power plants
and Midwest windmills
and Hoover Dams
and Three Mile Islands in their prime.



INSTRUCTIONS

Plug (one blade is wider
to prevent the risk of electric
shock. Insert only one way.
Do not reverse the plug.
If a qualified electrician. Never
can be fully inserted.

Sad
sometimes
that when you're grounded
you don't get a shock.

Two-prong outlets were standard in homes
built before the 1960s.
They are safe to use
as long as they are working properly,
according to the National Electrical Code.
Test the two-prong outlet
with a circuit tester
to ensure it is safe to use
for your small household appliances..

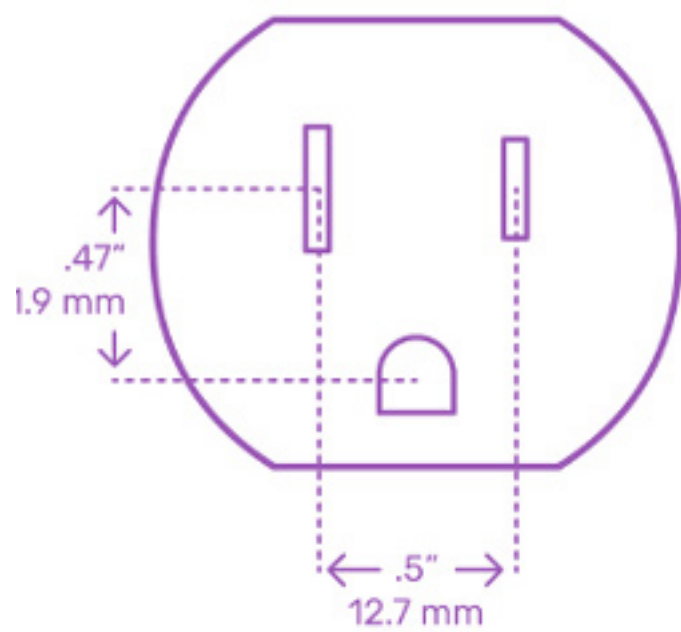




Conduits
carrying
energy.
Useless
ugly
without
energy.

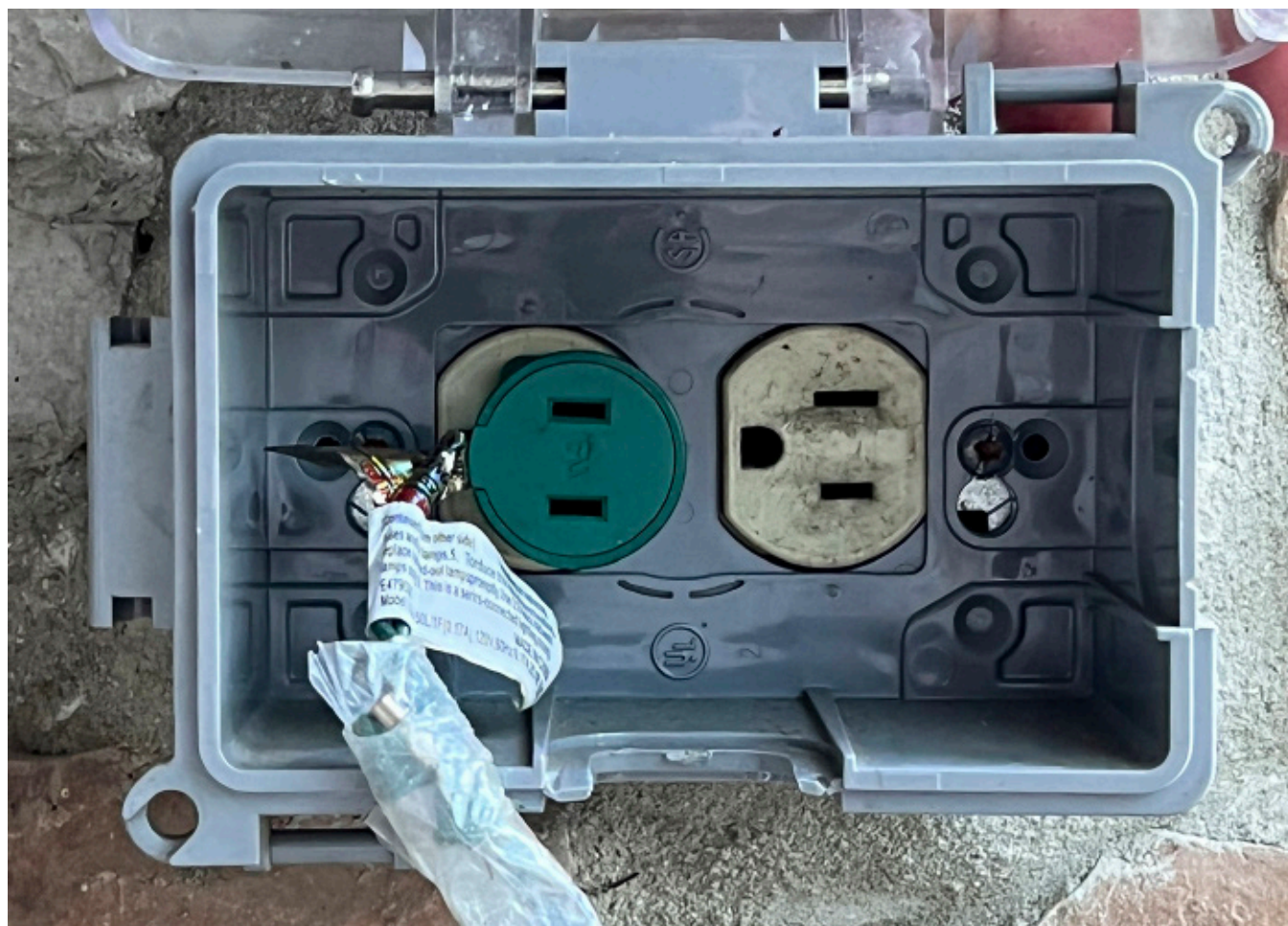
circuit 2 125VAC 20A





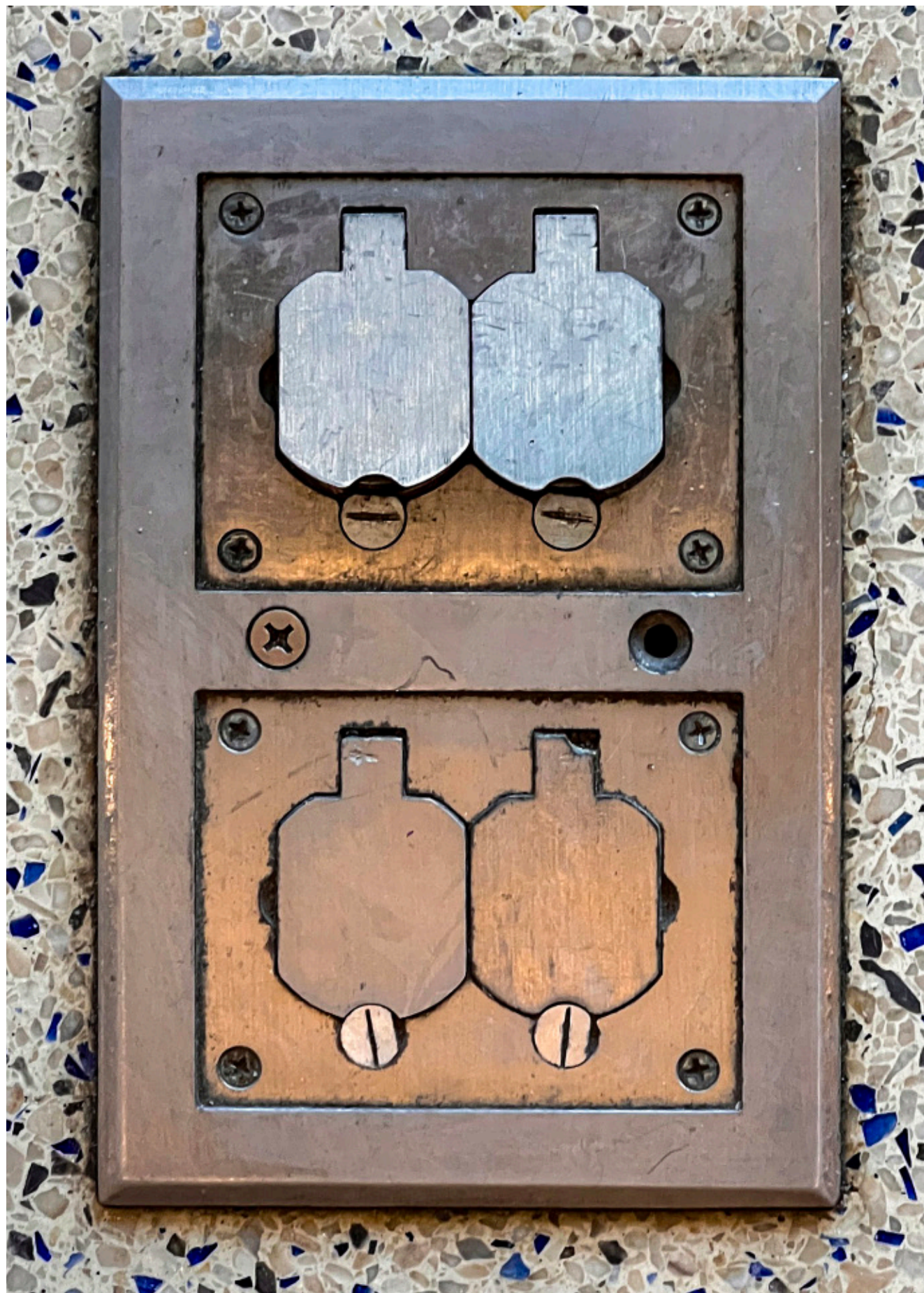


The equipment grounding wire is connected to the grounding prong at the receptacle outlet, which is connected to an equipment grounding wire in the branch circuit wiring back to the main electrical panel. There, the equipment grounding wire is connected to the home's grounding system and Earth. This ensures that under normal operating conditions, the appliance is "grounded" and should not pose a hazard for electrical shock.





One receptacle outlet slot
is bigger than the other
to keep you safe
from a rogue wire
in your hairdryer, vacuum or coffee maker.



If the two slots are parallel,
it is a 15 amp outlet.
If one slot is 'T' shaped and the
other is straight,
it is a 20 amp outlet
that will also accept 15 amp plugs.
If the two slots are perpendicular
the outlet is 20 amp only.

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USB WALL PLATE WITH PHONE HOLDER



UNIVERSAL
PHONE
STAND

ULTRA-SLIM
DESIGN

2 USB-A | 6 AC OUTLETS





Marys
visited
by Gabriel and God
mounted
on the wall.

