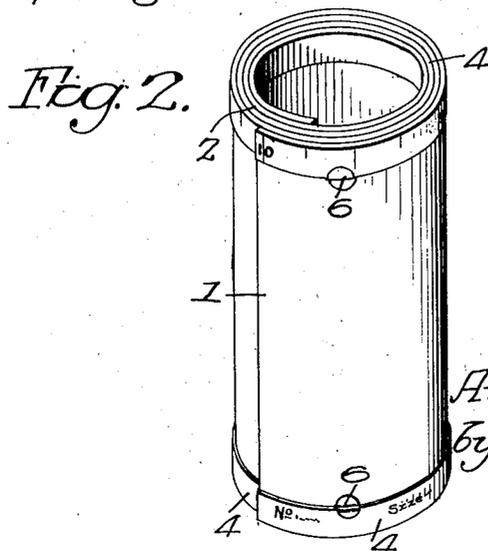
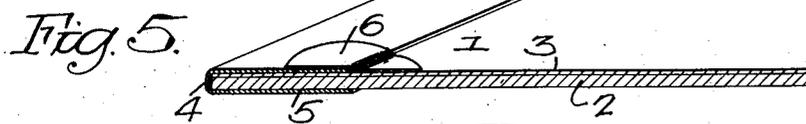
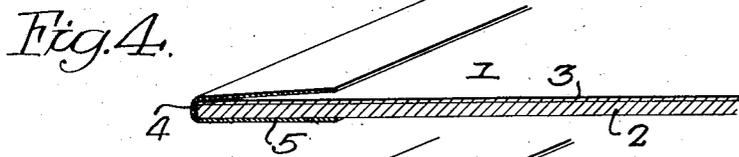
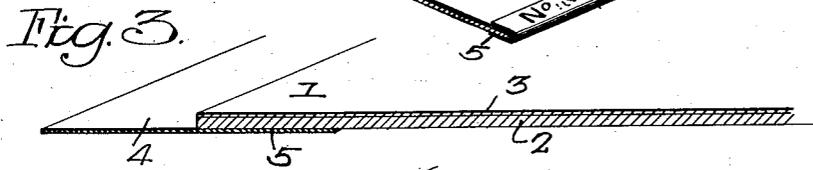
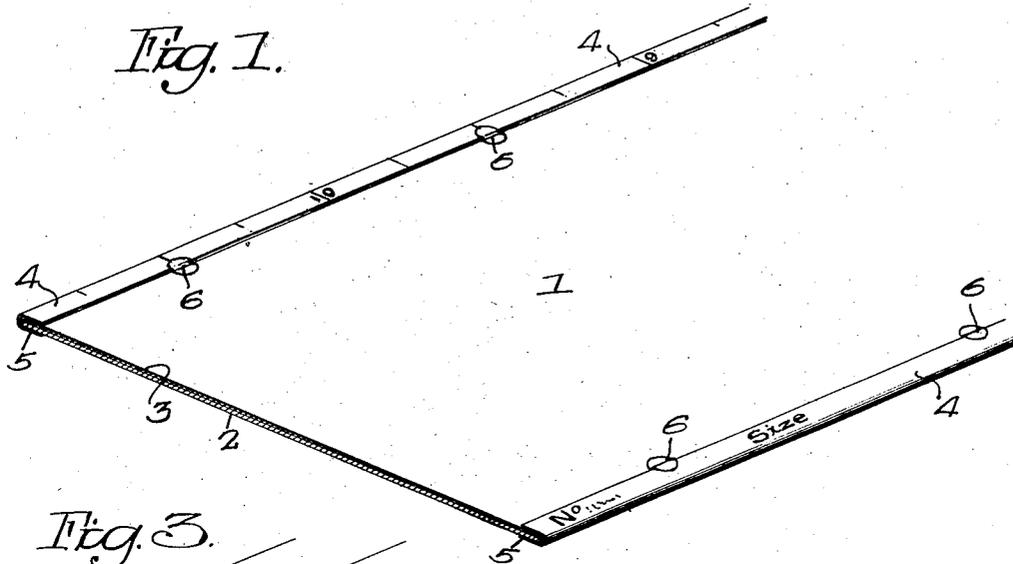


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ARTHUR E. VAN BIBBER, a citizen of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in Binders for Floor Coverings, of which the following is a specification.

The main object of my invention is to provide a temporary binder for a floor covering of the oilcloth and linoleum type and preferably of the type having a felt base so as to reinforce the edge of the material and prevent tearing of the base while the material is being handled prior to being laid upon a floor.

A further object of the invention is to provide a binder which can be readily removed when desired and to provide means for retaining the free edge of the binder to the face of the material.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a binder with means for indicating the amount of material in a roll to which it is applied.

In the accompanying drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a strip of floor covering showing my improved binder at each edge of the strip;

Fig. 2 is a view showing the strip rolled in the form in which it is shipped and handled in stores; and

Figs. 3, 4 and 5 are sectional perspective views showing the different steps in applying the strip.

1 is the floor covering of the oilcloth type having a felt base 2 and a wearing surface 3 of linseed oil and pigments, in the present instance.

When this material is handled carelessly, especially when in the form of a large rug, the edge is liable to tear and become uneven. If handled carefully, this will not occur. To prevent the tearing at the edge, I provide a temporary binder 4 of paper, cloth, or other suitable material. This binder is attached to the under side of the floor covering by any suitable adhesive at 5, Fig. 3. It is then turned over the edge of the material, as in Fig. 4, and the free edge of

the binder may be attached to the face of the material at intervals, preferably by seals 6, as shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 5.

The binder thus applied can be readily rolled with the material and not only prevents the tearing of the edge of the material, due to careless handling, but also protects the edge during transit, and when the roll is standing in a warehouse or store.

The binder is also used as a means for indicating the amount of material in a roll of floor covering. This is accomplished by printing graduations in yards, or other lineal units, on the exposed portion of the binder.

The size and number of the pattern may also be indicated on the binder. It may also be used as a means of advertising, if found desirable.

When the covering is laid in a permanent position on a floor, then the exposed portion of the binder may be detached by breaking the seals and tearing, or cutting, the binder at the edge, or the binder may be turned under the edge of the material, in which case it will act as an additional reinforcement.

The printed matter, such as directions for laying and advertisements, may be printed on the underside of the loose section, or may be printed on the back of the strip, if found desirable.

I claim:

1. Improvements in means for protecting the edges of floor coverings, comprising a temporary binder secured to the underside of the floor covering at each longitudinal edge with its free edge turned over the edge of the floor covering and detachably secured to the face thereof.

2. Improvements in means for protecting the edges of floor coverings, comprising a temporary binder secured to the under side of the floor covering at each longitudinal edge, said binder having a portion extending over the edge of the floor covering and secured to the wearing surface thereof at intervals.

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