

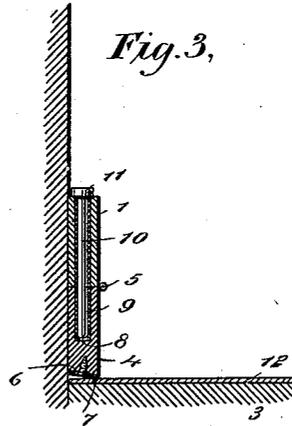
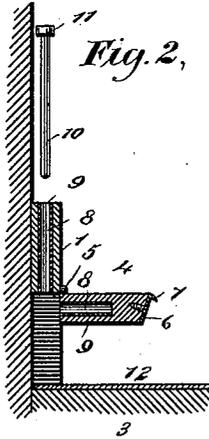
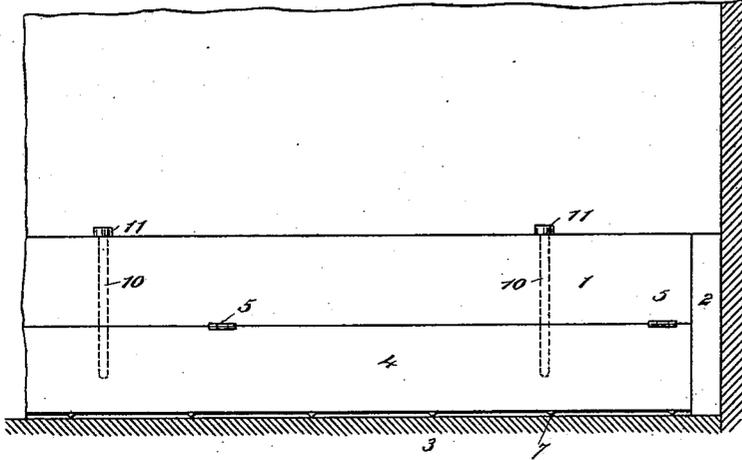
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*Fig. 1,*



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## CARPET-FASTENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN J. MOORE, of Lima, in the county of Beaverhead and State of Montana, have invented a new and Improved Carpet-Fastener, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to certain improvements in carpet-fasteners, and has for its object to provide a device of this character which shall be adapted to serve as a retaining or holding device for carpets and other floor-coverings, whereby it becomes possible to dispense with the employment of tacks and the like for holding the carpet in place.

The invention consists of a device of this character presenting certain features of novelty and advantages for use over other similar devices heretofore employed, all as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

The novel features of the invention will be specifically defined in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a face view of a base-board embodying my improvements. Figs. 2 and 3 are vertical sections taken through the base-board and showing the hinged lower part of the same in different positions.

In the views, 1 represents the fixed or upper main portion of the base-board, which is held in place at the lower part of the wall in any approved manner, being provided at the corners or angles of the room with vertical posts 2, extending down to or nearly to the floor, as indicated in Fig. 1. The lower edge of the upper section or main part of the base-board is arranged at a suitable elevation above the flooring 3 of the room, and to the said movable lower edge is hinged the lower section 4 by means of hinges 5, which may be of any approved construction.

The adjacent edges of the sections 1 and 4 of the base-board are arranged to abut against one another, as indicated in Fig. 3, and at its lower edge the section 4 is beveled or inclined and provided with a metal shoe 6, consisting of a metal strip provided at suitable intervals with projecting spurs or teeth 7.

At suitable intervals the base-board is pro-

vided with vertical sockets 8, extending entirely through the upper section 1 and partially through the lower section 4 thereof, as indicated in Figs. 2 and 3, and these sockets are provided with metal linings 9, constructed in sections, as is clearly shown.

The sections 1 and 4 of the base-board are adapted to be locked together by means of pins or bolts 10, adapted to be dropped into the sockets 8, said bolts being of such a length as to extend through the upper section 1 and into the socket 8 in the lower section 4 of the base-board, and being provided with heads 11, whereby they may be removed.

The operation of the device is as follows: The lower section 4 of the base-board is first placed in a substantially horizontal position, the bolts or pins 10 having first been removed, as indicated in Fig. 2, to permit the lower or hinged section 4 to be raised, after which the carpet or other floor-covering 12 is arranged with its edge adapted to be engaged by the spurs 7 at the lower edge of the hinged section 4. While the carpet is being arranged in position the section 4 may, if desired, be maintained in its raised position by the insertion of one or more of the bolts or pins 10 in the sockets 8 of the upper section 1, so that the lower end or ends of the same will be engaged by the rear side of said hinged section 4 and serve to prevent the same from assuming a vertical position. When the carpet has been arranged in position, the section 4 is allowed to drop or swing on its pivots into a vertical position, as indicated in Fig. 3, whereupon the spurs 7 will engage the edge of the carpet. The bolts 10 are now inserted in the sockets 8 in such a manner as to hold the respective sections of the base-board firmly together. After having secured the carpet at one side of the room, as above described, the operation is repeated at the remaining sides.

The device above described is of a very simple and inexpensive construction and is very effective for securing carpets or other floor-coverings in position, and renders it possible to remove the carpets and put the same in place with comparatively little labor.

It will be evident that the construction and arrangement herein shown may be considerably varied without materially departing

from the spirit of the invention, and for this reason I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the exact form herein set forth.

5 Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A carpet-fastener comprising two sections hinged together and provided with corresponding sockets, metal sleeves arranged  
10 in the sockets, the lower section being provided with spurs to engage and hold the carpet, and pins adapted to enter the sockets in the respective sections, whereby the same are held locked together, substantially as set  
15 forth.

2. A carpet-fastener comprising two sec-

tions hinged together one above the other, the upper section being adapted to be secured to the wall of a room, and the lower section being provided with devices to engage and  
20 hold the carpet, said sections being provided with sockets extending through them in vertical planes, and pins adapted to pass through the sockets in the upper section and having their lower ends arranged to engage the sock-  
25 ets in the lower section, substantially as set forth.

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