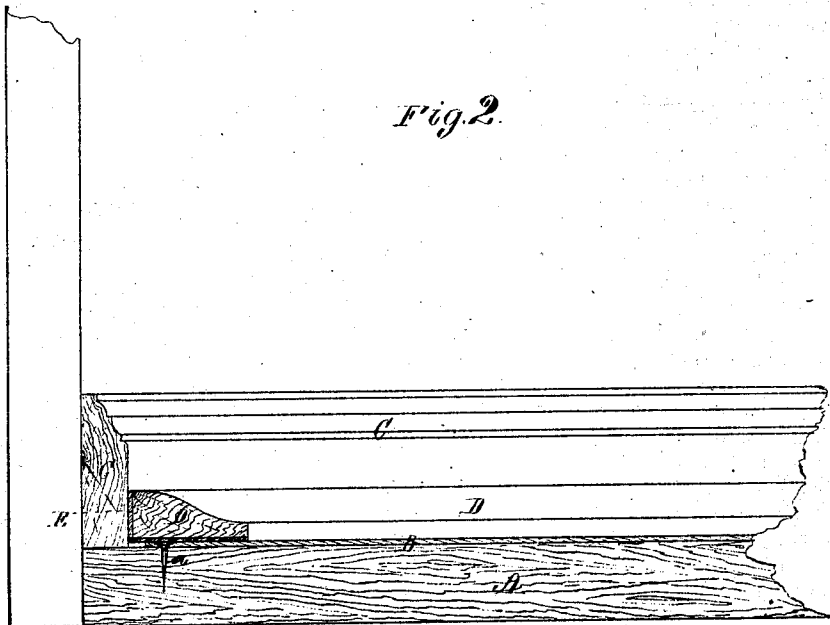
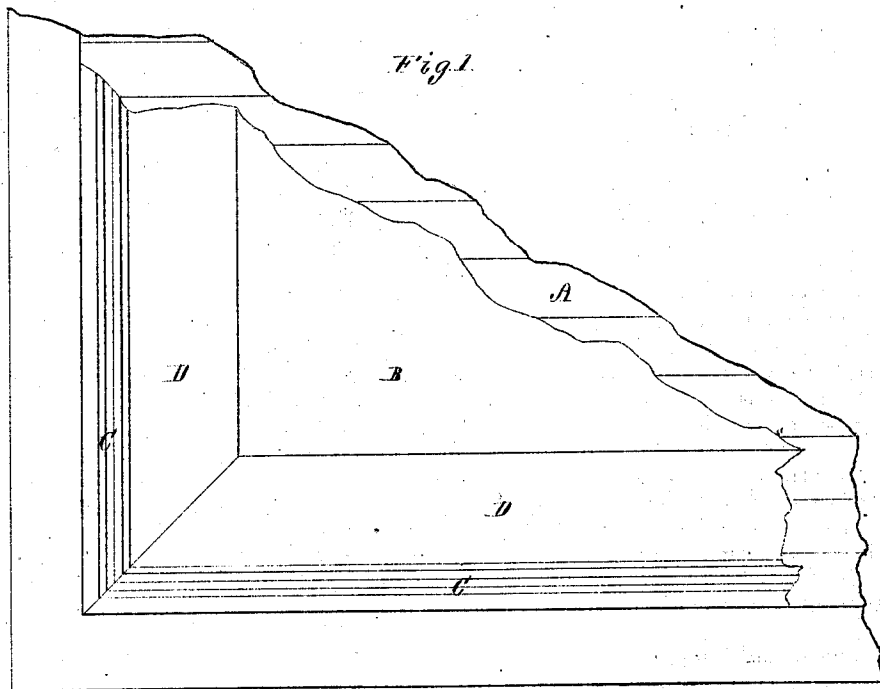


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Henry W. Eskildson's Invention having reference to rooms and the carpets thereon



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IMPROVEMENT IN CARPET-PROTECTORS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY W. ESKILDSON, of Boston, of the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have made a new and useful invention having reference to rooms and the carpets thereof, such invention being termed a "Carpet-Protector;" and do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawing, of which—

Figure 1 is a top view, and Fig. 2 a vertical section of the floor, the carpet thereof, and the contiguous sides of a room as provided with my invention.

A carpet, as usually nailed to a floor, has no covering for the nails and the edge next to the base-board of the next contiguous side of the room, in consequence of which not only are the heads of the nails liable to be seen, but dust and other matters accumulate between the carpet-edge and the base-board, and are often difficult of removal therefrom. Furthermore, the spaces usually left between the edge of the carpet and the base-board afford shelter for moths and insects. It is very desirable to cover such space or spaces, as well as the nail-heads.

In carrying out my invention I lay along in the angle between the base-board and the upper surface of the carpet, and close up to the base-board and on the carpet, and over and so as to cover the heads of the nails used in fastening the carpet at or near its edge to the floor, a narrow strip of India rubber or the equivalent thereof, and cover such with a molding, which may be of metal or other suitable material. Such strip or molding I fasten down by means of screws going through it and the carpet and into the floor, or going through the strip and into the base-board.

Such strip not only makes an ornamental finish to the boundaries of the floor and about the carpet, but serves, with the strip of rubber, the

purposes of covering the nail-heads and the space between the carpet and base-board, and makes a tight joint with the latter, thereby preventing the moths or insects from getting underneath the carpet and the nails from being pulled or working out of place, the carpet from drawing away from the nails, dust from accumulating in the space between the carpet-edge and the base-board, the cleansing or sweeping of the carpet to be sooner effected, and serving as a guard to prevent chairs and furniture from doing injury to the base-board and side of the room, and being advantageous in other respects.

In the drawing, A denotes the floor; B, the carpet; C, the base-board; D, the strip or piece of molding; E, the strip of India rubber or packing; and a, a tack going through the carpet and into the floor.

I make no claim to the application of a strip of molding to a ceiling and wall, my invention having special reference to a carpet nailed to a floor. With my invention not nearly so many tacks are required to fasten down the carpet as would be necessary without it, in consequence of which the carpet is not so liable to injury from the tacks, especially during the subsequent removal of it from the floor.

I claim—

1. The molding B and the strip of rubber E, constructed and arranged together as and for protecting and securing a carpet in manner substantially as described.

2. The molding D and the strip E of rubber, constructed and arranged together and with a carpet B, floor A, and base-board C, as and for the purpose set forth.

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