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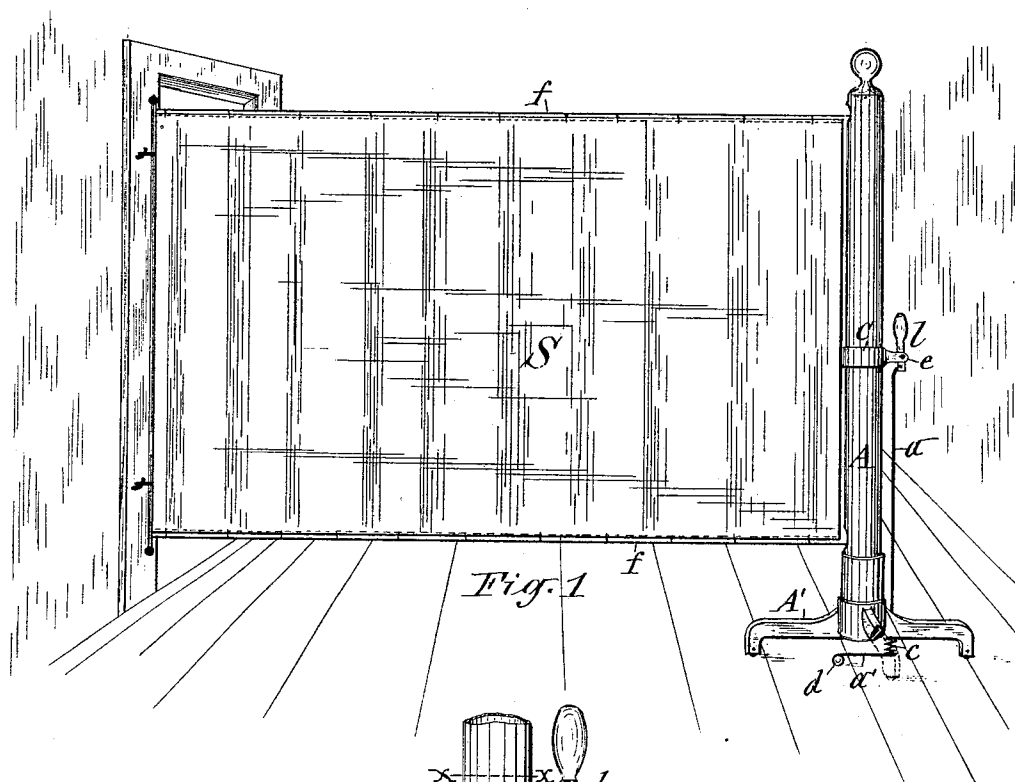


Fig. 1

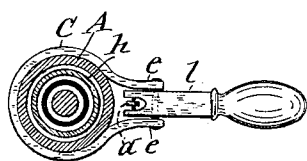


Fig. 3

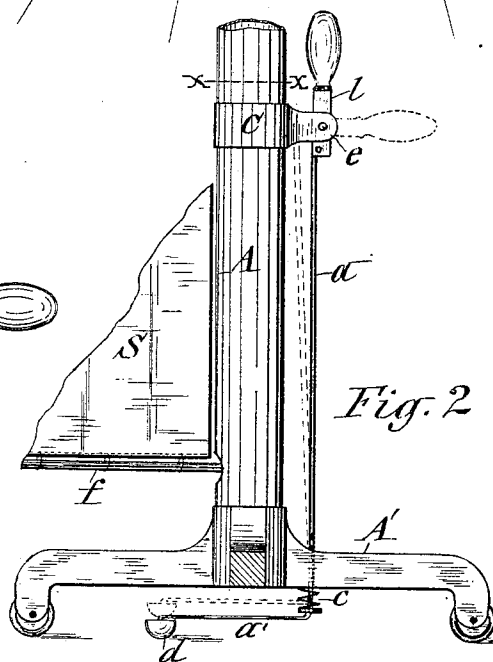


Fig. 2

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY C. TRIPP, of Auburn, in the county of Cayuga, in the State of New York, have invented new and useful
5 Improvements in Folding Screens, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to the class of folding screens in which the screen proper is hung on cords wound upon and adapted to be distended from a spindle pivoted in the interior of a movable standard which supports one end of the screen, while the opposite end thereof is attached to suitable fastenings on the wall or other suitable object in the room, as illustrated in the Patent No. 354,450, granted to me December 14, 1886.

In the use of this screen I find it necessary to properly sustain the movable standard so as to enable it to resist the draft of the screen, and it is to accomplish this by effective and convenient means which my present invention has for its object; and to that end it
25 consists in the combination, with the folding screen and movable standard supporting one end of said screen, of a check connected to the standard and adapted to engage the floor to sustain the standard in opposition to the draft of the screen, as hereinafter more fully described, and specifically set forth in the claims.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of the screen in its distended position. Fig. 2 is an enlarged elevation of the lower portion of the movable standard, one of the feet of the standard being broken away to better illustrate the check; and Fig. 3 is a further enlarged transverse section on line
40 *x x*, Fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

S denotes the folding screen proper, hung on cords *ff*, wound on the spindle *h* in the
45 movable standard A, which is composed of a tube, as illustrated in Fig. 3 of the drawings. Said standard is provided with feet or a suitable base, A', preferably mounted on casters. To the said standard I connect a vertical
50 slide-rod, *a*, which passes through an aperture in the base A', or other suitable vertical guide on said base, and is preferably formed at its lower end with a lateral extension or offset,

a', which terminates with a downward-projecting foot, *d*, by which it is adapted to engage the floor, so as to effectually confine the standard in its position for resisting the tension of the screen S.

The foot *d* may be cushioned by rubber or other suitable material to obviate injury to the carpet or floor. The vertical portion of the rod *a*, between the under side of the base A' and offset *a'*, is surrounded by a spiral spring, *e*, which forces the said rod downward. On the standard A is clamped a collar, C, which is formed or provided with perforated ears *ee*, between which latter is the end of a lever, *l*, fulcrumed on a pin passing through the said ears. To the end of the said lever adjacent to the standard is connected the upper end of the slide-rod *a*. By means of this lever the said rod can be drawn up so as to cause the foot *d* to be lifted from the floor, as represented by dotted lines in Fig. 2 of the drawings. The standard A can then be moved
75 as may be desired.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In combination with the folding screen S and movable standard A, supporting one end of said screen, the slide-rod *a*, connected to the standard and having its lower end adapted to engage the floor, the spring *e*, pressing the rod downward, and the lever *l*, fulcrumed on the standard and connected with the upper end of the slide-rod, substantially as described and shown.

2. In combination with the folding screen S and movable standard A, supporting one end of said screen, the slide-rod *a*, connected to the standard and provided with the offset *a'*, terminating with the foot *d*, the collar C, secured to the standard and formed with ears *ee*, the lever *l*, pivoted on said ears and connected to the slide-rod, and the spring *e*, pressing the rod downward, substantially as described and shown.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name, in the presence of two witnesses, at Auburn, in the county of Cayuga, in the State of New York, this 30th day of March, 1888.

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