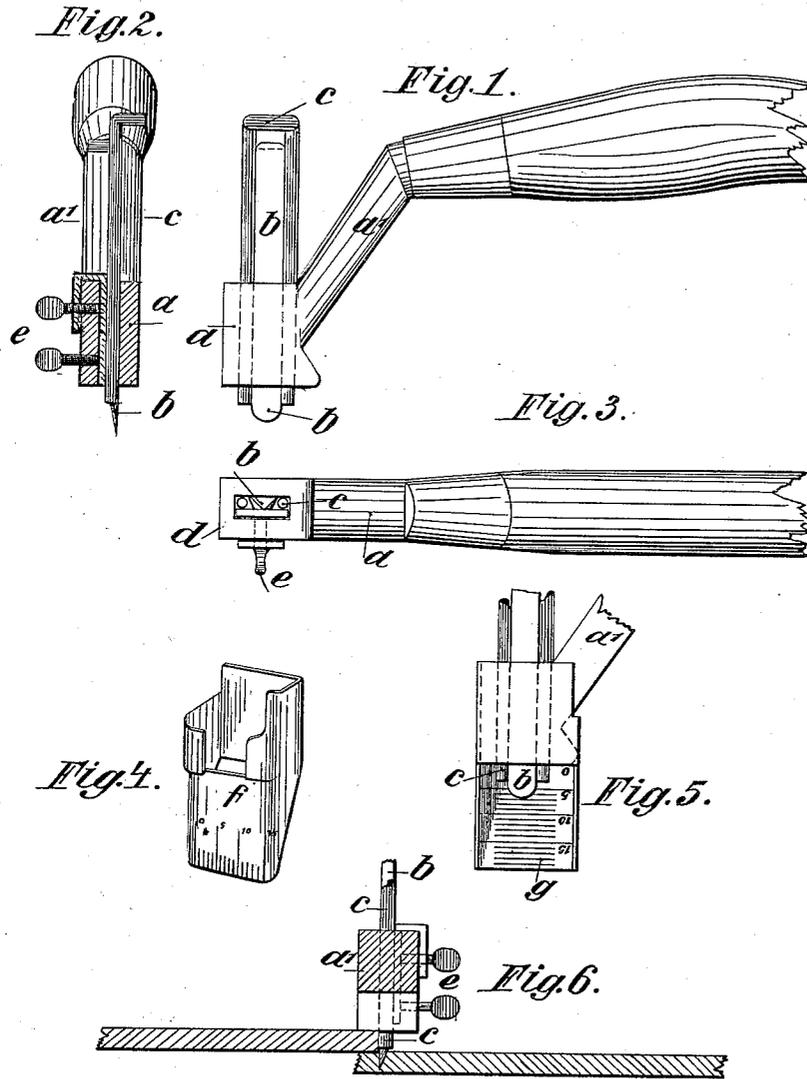


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHRISTOPH MÜLLER, carpet manufacturer, a subject of the King of Bavaria, residing at Frühlingstrasse 19, Munich, in the Kingdom of Bavaria and Empire of Germany, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fabric-Cutting Devices, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Hitherto no suitable instrument has been introduced for the cutting of linoleum, paste-board, paper, &c., which would meet several simultaneous requirements.

In the cutting of linoleum for covering floors, which first comes into consideration, it frequently happens that the pieces which come into contact with one another are not straight. As it involves a greater labor to make both pieces perfectly straight by trimming than by laying the edge of one piece on the other and then cutting the lower piece exactly according to the edge of the upper one, the latter process is preferred. In this way the pieces fit together as if their edges were perfectly straight, owing to the irregularities therein being mutually compensated, and there is not the least gap between them. In carrying out this operation it happens very frequently, for instance, that the cutter cuts into the upper piece of linoleum serving as a rule or diverges from the proper direction. Further, it happens frequently as soon as the pressure of the hand is relaxed on the upper piece that the latter, being pressed by the cutter, is pushed out of the proper line. Finally, it is prejudicial to the cutting edge when it cuts through the linoleum, together with the flooring on which the linoleum is rolled out, especially when the flooring is of stone. If the cutting be effected only as far as the under piece, the cutting edge is preserved and the under piece can be easily cut by an ordinary cutter. In the cutting of paper, cardboard, &c., similar conditions prevail. The rule or the drawing-board is often exposed to being cut. The trouble taken to avoid this leads, moreover, to the cutter being insecurely held and to improper cuttings being made adjoining the cutting-line. When the pressure on the rule is relaxed, the rule can easily slip, and in this case also improper cutting is impossible. Owing to the cutting being often

too deep the cutter is injuriously affected, as is also the cutting or drawing board. The improved cutting instrument obviates all these disadvantages and fulfils many different requirements. It is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view. Figure 2 is an end view showing the cutter-head in section. Figure 3 is an inverted plan; and Figs. 4 and 5 are back and front views, respectively, of a device for facilitating the adjustment of the cutter. Figure 6 is a sectional elevation of the cutter-head, showing the instrument in use.

Through the cutter-head *a* runs a groove in which the cutter *b*, together with a bent-wire piece *c*, is placed, the two being held in the fixed position by means of a small plate *d*, pressed against them by means of screws, Figure 2. The cutter can be taken out of or pushed into the bent-wire piece. The cutter-head has an oblique arm or extension *a'*, to which the handle is fixed.

The measuring part, Figs. 4 and 5, is furnished on the side *f* with a vertical measuring-scale and on the side *g* with a horizontal one. The first serves for measuring the thickness of the linoleum, the second after being placed on the cutter-head, Figure 5, being employed for adjusting the cutting edge and the ends of the bent-wire piece at a certain distance from the under surface of the cutter-head in the manner indicated below. The measuring device is widened at its upper part, forming, as it were, a casing, so that when placed on the cutter-head it incloses the same and is so cut away on one side that room is formed for the end of the small plate *d* and for the screws *e*.

Assuming that the linoleum is only four centimeters thick and of two overlapping pieces the lowermost only has to be cut through, Figure 6, the cutter must be adjusted downward accordingly, a millimeter, however, being deducted from the depth of the lower piece for clearance, the total depth of the cutter, allowing for the four millimeters corresponding to the thickness of the upper piece, being thus seven millimeters from the cutter-head, as shown in Figure 5. The ends of the bent-wire piece should project nearly as far as the thickness of the upper piece, nevertheless, with a similar deduction of about one

meter in order that they may not graze the
 under piece when the cutter in cutting has
 reached the greatest depth and the cutter-
 head is pressing on the upper piece. The ad-
 5 justment being effected, the cutter and bent-
 wire piece are firmly pressed by tightening
 the screws *e*, and the measuring-piece is re-
 moved. In the cutting operation, Fig. 6,
 10 wherein the handle and the arm *a'* are turned
 toward the workman, the cutter-head is
 pressed firmly down from above and from the
 side against the edge of the upper piece. Be-
 ing kept down by the vertical pressure, the
 upper piece cannot slip and no incision can
 15 occur in the edge, as the front end of the bent-
 wire piece, which guides the cutter along the
 edge, prevents any movement of the cutter
 against the upper edge. Finally, the cutter
 cannot penetrate farther than to what is be-
 20 neath the lower piece, as it prevents the cut-
 ter-head from lying on the upper piece.

If in consequence of the peculiar conforma-

tion of the room a different position of the in-
 strument or cutter is necessary, the latter can
 be turned about accordingly. 25

In the case of paper and the like being cut
 the cutter is replaced by another with an ob-
 lique edge ground for paper cutting.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Let-
 ters Patent, is—

A cutting device consisting of a cutting-
 head supported by a suitable handle, an ad-
 justable cutting-blade *b* and the bent-wire
 piece *c*, adapted to slide within the head,
 means for securing the blade in position and 35
 a removable gage having scales indicated on
 its opposite sides, substantially in the man-
 ner set forth.

In witness whereof I subscribe my signature
 in presence of two witnesses.

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