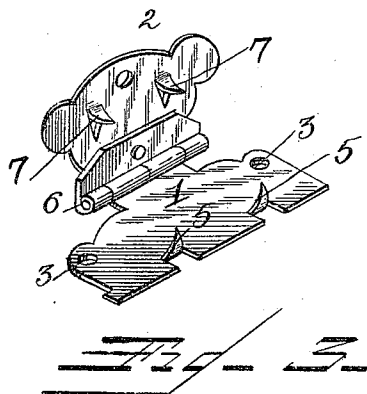
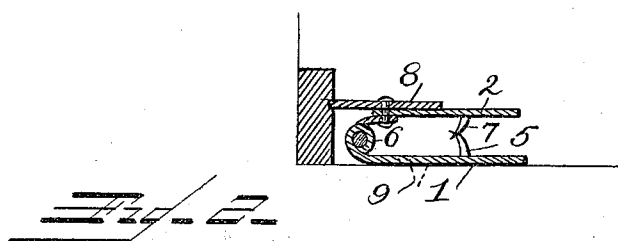
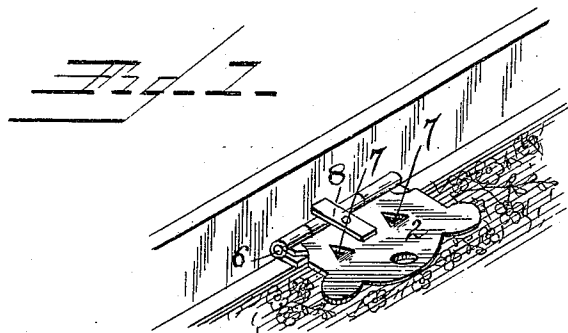


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY F. PETRAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ottumwa, in the county of Wapello and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Carpet-Fasteners; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to carpet-fasteners.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple, strong and inexpensive fastener of this character, by which carpet may be easily and quickly secured in position, and by means of which it can be quickly taken up without the danger of tearing it.

With these objects in view the invention consists of certain features of construction and combination of parts which will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view showing my fastener applied. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical sectional view of a flooring, washboard, carpet and fastener. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the fastener.

In the drawings, 1 denotes the lower plate and 2 the upper plate of the fastener. The lower plate is provided with holes 3, through which nails are adapted to be driven for the purpose of securing it to the floor, and with upwardly-projecting prongs 5 to penetrate the carpet. The upper plate, 2, is hinged to the lower plate by the pintle 6, and is pro-

vided with downwardly-projecting prongs 7 to penetrate the carpet. A turn-button 8 is pivoted on the upper plate, 2, and is adapted to hold it down in engagement with the carpet.

The fastener is secured to the floor near the washboard by screws or nails 9, and the carpet is stretched and its edge is placed upon the prongs 5, which will penetrate it. The upper plate, 2, is now swung down and its prongs will also penetrate the carpet, thus securely holding it to the floor. To lock the upper plate to the carpet and thereby keep the carpet in engagement with the prongs of the plates, I swing the turn-button 8 around into the position shown in Fig. 2, so that its outer end will be forced into the washboard. This will prevent the upper plate from being accidentally raised and the carpet becoming disengaged from the prongs.

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

A carpet-fastener consisting of two hinged plates, provided on their inner faces with oppositely-projecting prongs to engage the carpet, of a turn-button carried by the upper plate and adapted to be swung into engagement with the washboard to lock the upper plate to the carpet, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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