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Carpet-Fasteners.

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Fig. 1.

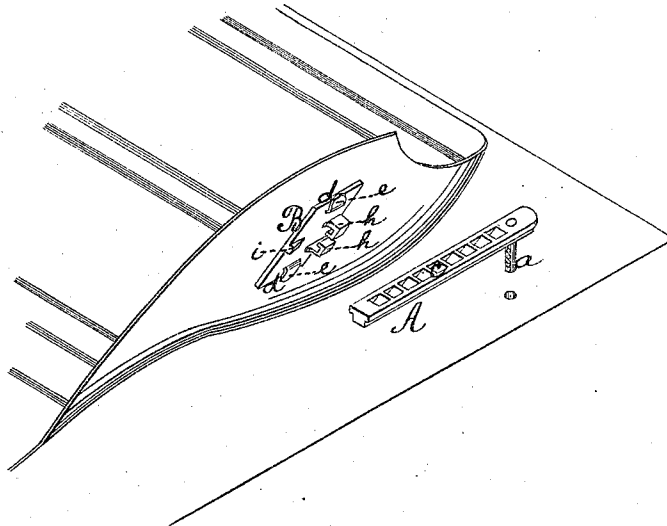


Fig. 2.

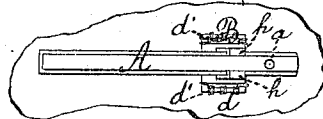


Fig. 3.

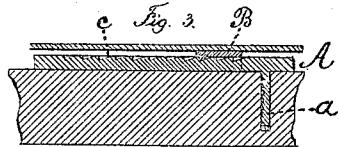


Fig. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CARPET-FASTENERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, J. CREW CRAFT, of Baltimore, in the county of Baltimore and State of Maryland, have invented a certain Improvement in Carpet-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification:

The object of this invention is to greatly reduce the labor of putting down and taking up carpets, and at the same time to hold the carpet securely when put down.

The invention relates to serrated bars that are attached to the floor along the edges thereof in such manner that they can be pulled up easily, but cannot by any means be pulled back away from the wall, in combination with plates attached to the under side of the carpet, along the edges thereof, said plates having sockets which enable them to be slipped upon and slid along said bars, and, while offering no resistance to the pushing of the carpet toward the wall, prevent it utterly from moving away from the wall.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the under side of the plate B and upper side of the bar A, the edge of the carpet being turned up. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the under side of the bar A detached from the floor and attached to the plate B. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal, and Fig. 4 a transverse section of the bar and plate, when the carpet is fastened to the floor.

A is one of the metal bars aforesaid, the same having a prong, *a*, properly secured to it near one end and extending from its under side at right angles three-fourths of an inch, more or less. This prong is to be placed in a hole, previously prepared for its reception, in the floor near the wall. In the upper side of the bar is a row of notches, *c*. B is one of the plates aforesaid; the same having transverse

slots, *d'*, one near each end, forming rails *d* at the ends, by means of which slots and rails the plate can be fastened to the under side of the carpet, either by sewing or by means of a copper staple, *e*, passed through the carpet from the upper side, entering the slots *d'* and clinched under the rails *d*. The top of the staple, as it shows on the upper side of the carpet, should be an ornamental plate. The plate B has lugs *h* cast on its under side, which form a socket to receive the bar A, and it has a tooth, *i*, also cast on its under side, or, if preferred, attached by means of a flat spring. The holes having been drilled in the floor of the room to be carpeted, a sufficient number of bars A should be put in position, their prongs in said holes, and the bars at right angles to the wall, at regular intervals. The plates B having been attached to the carpet at the same interval the carpet is put down by slipping the sockets *h* on the ends of the bars A along one side of the room, and then pushing or stretching the carpet up to the wall, which can be very easily done, the teeth *i* in connection with the notches *c* holding the carpet as it is pushed up. To take up the carpet, it is only necessary to pull the plates B out of the holes in the floor, which can be done for a whole carpet in a very few minutes.

I claim as my invention—

The combination of the bar A, provided with the prong *a* and notches *c*, with the plate B, provided with the lugs *h* and tooth *i*, as described.

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