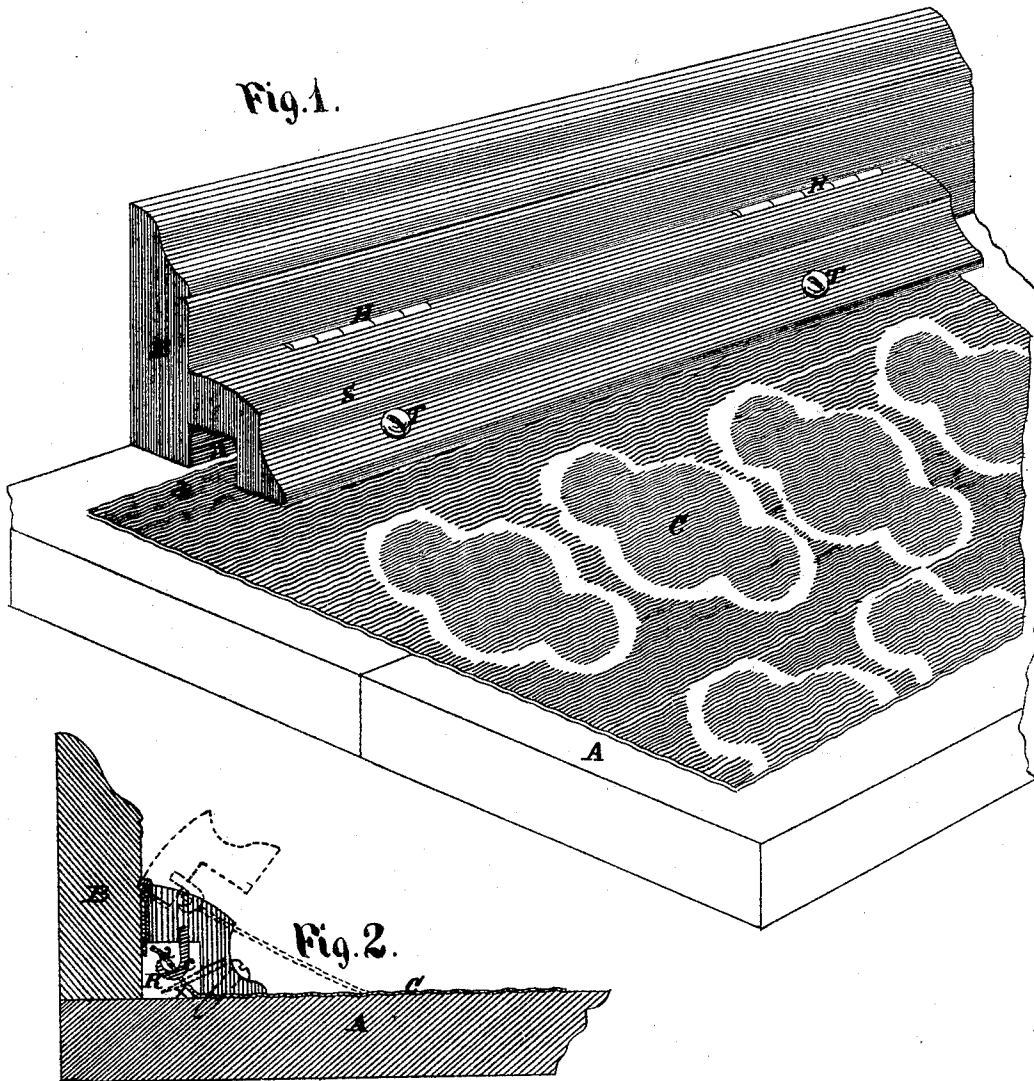


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IMPROVEMENT IN CARPET-FASTENERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BRADLEY D. KESTED, of the town of Glen, county of Montgomery, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in the Mode of Securing Carpets to Floors; and I do hereby declare that the following is a description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the improvements in this invention. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view of the same.

My invention relates to the combination of an edge-strip provided with a rabbet or recess, with hooks or their equivalents; and consists of a piece of wood of a length equal to the length of the room to be carpeted, and of a width of about one and one-fourth inch and a depth of about the same, and provided with a groove, recess, or rabbet made in its longitudinal direction, in which recess are placed at intervals of about six inches hooks provided with sharp points, which will be capable of engaging with the edge of the carpet. The said piece may also be hinged to the base-board, and is to be secured to the said base-board or the floor by screws, or their equivalents, when in place, the object of this invention being to secure the edges of carpets at the base-boards of the room in a secure and expeditious manner, and to give to the whole a neater appearance.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention I will proceed to describe it in reference to the drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, the same letters indicating like parts.

In the drawings, A represents the floor. B is the usual base-board. C is the carpet to be laid. To secure the carpet C in place, at its edge *a*, next to the base-board B, I form a strip, S, of wood, or several lengths, sufficient to reach along the base-boards of the several sides of the room to be carpeted. The said strips may be made of any suitable wood, and are about one and one-fourth inch square, more or less, and may be made plain or molded, as fancy might suggest. In the lower side of the said piece, which I denominate the edge-strip, and at the rear side of the same, I

form the rabbet or recess R of any proper width and depth, as shown. Into the said recess, which is made throughout the whole length of the said edge-piece S, I place, at intervals of about six inches, more or less, apart, hooks *c* provided with sharp points, as shown in Fig. 2. The said hooks may be either driven in or screwed into the wood. As substitutes for the said hooks I would use pins *x*, shown by dotted lines in Fig. 2, which I would drive or screw in, as shown, which would operate to engage with the edge of the carpet; yet preference is given to the hooks, as they would not be liable to disengage with the carpet when it was being operated with. H H are hinges secured to both the base-board and the edge-strip S at proper intervals apart, which hinges would permit the said strip being turned up at any time, and always preserve the said edge-strips in place for use.

It is not essential for the practical working of this invention that the said strip S should be so hinged, as the hinges can be dispensed with and the pieces be rendered removable. To secure the said piece down when the carpet has been laid, I use the screws T at intervals of two or three feet apart, which screws, passing through the strip S, enter the floor, as shown, or they may be made to enter the base-piece B, if desired, in lieu of the said screws. Any known equivalent may be used, which would operate to secure the said edge-piece in place.

The manner in which this invention is to be operated is as follows: The edge-strips S, having been previously fitted to the base-boards B, are placed parallel with the edges of the carpet, and the hooks *c* are made to engage with the same about one-half of an inch from its edge, as shown in Fig. 2 by dotted lines. When this has been done the edge-strips on one side and end of the room are secured to their place by the screws T, or their equivalents; after which the remaining side and end are also crowded to the base-board and secured in the same manner. Being thus secured the said edge-piece will hold the carpet secure in its place at the base-board, and the jointure of the carpet will not present to the eye any spaces as is now shown in carpets as heretofore laid and secured.

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

The combination of the recess R, hooks c, and hinges H with the edge-strip S and the screws T, whereby the said strip, when hinged directly to the base-board, will be capable of turning the hooks toward the same and per-

mit the edge of the carpet to enter the recess in the said strip, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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