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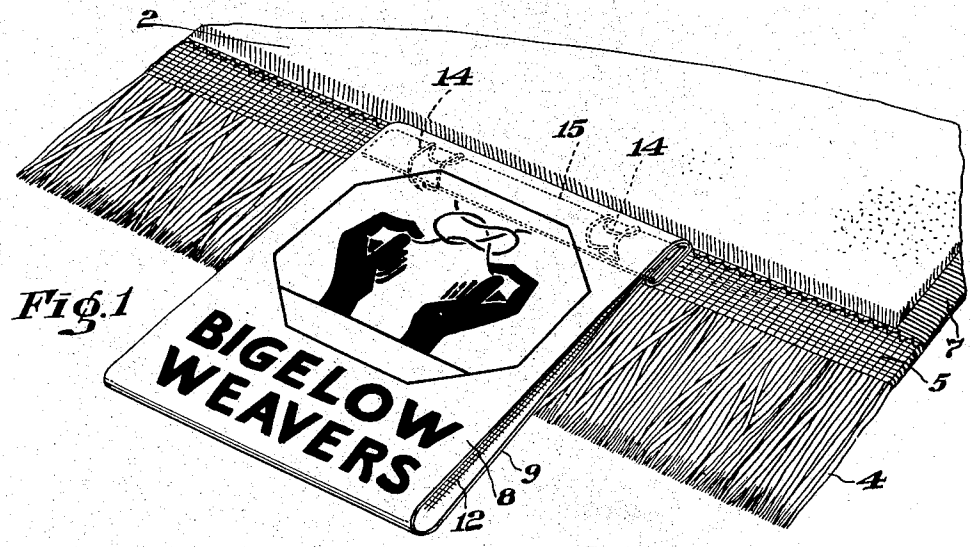


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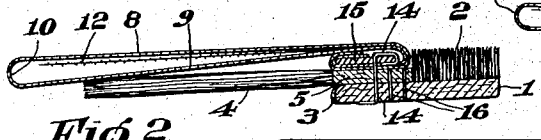


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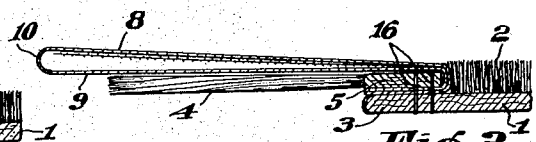


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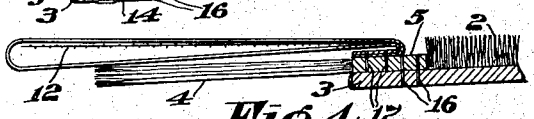


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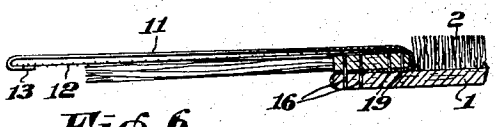


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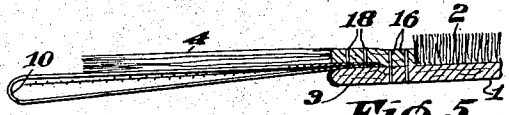


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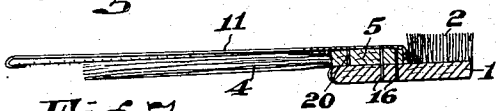


Fig. 7

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This invention relates to the combination of a floor covering, such for instance as pile carpets and rugs, and an identifying marker or label.

It is usually desirable to display upon carpets and rugs offered for sale sufficient information to identify the kind of fabric, its maker, and possibly other information, and it has been the general practice heretofore to mark or display this information upon the back of the rug or carpet.

This practice is open to the objection that it requires the floor covering to be turned or folded back to display the marking upon its lower face, and when a number of floor coverings are arranged in a stack or pile the marking upon the back of one cannot be examined until the rugs or carpets resting thereupon are shifted.

The present invention is, therefore, directed to the combination of a pile floor covering such as a carpet or rug and a flexible label secured thereto and projecting beyond the end or edge of the carpet or rug, so that it may be readily seen when the floor covering lies on the floor face up or is placed in a stack with other rugs or carpets. As a result of the present invention the identifying information carried by a carpet or rug can be readily observed without the necessity of turning the floor covering over so as to display its under face.

A further feature of the present invention resides in the construction for securing an identifying marker or label to a carpet or rug so that the label attaching means will not crush or otherwise injure the pile surface.

Still a further feature resides in the construction whereby the label may be readily removed from the carpet or rug after the rug or carpet has been sold and is placed in use.

The invention and novel features thereof will best be made clear from the following description and accompanying drawing showing good practical forms thereof:—

In the drawing:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the end portion of a rug having a fringe and the identifying marker or label secured to extend at one side of or over the fringe in accordance with the present invention by means of metal clips;

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view through the rug and label of Fig. 1 showing the label above the fringe;

Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view of a modified construction in which the ends of the looped label are secured under the fringe head of a rug to project outwardly above the fringe;

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3 showing a modified construction in which the ends of a looped label are secured to the upper face of the fringe head;

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 3 showing a further modification in which the looped label is secured in place below the fringe;

Fig. 6 is a longitudinal sectional view through a rug having a label of one thickness extending over the fringe and folded under and secured to the fringe head;

Fig. 7 is a view similar to Fig. 6 showing a modification in which the label is secured to the upper face of the fringe head.

The carpet or rug illustrated in the drawing comprises a ground fabric 1 from which extends the pile forming yarn 2 usually presenting a pattern effect on the surface of the carpet or rug. The terminal end portion 3 of the carpet or rug is shown as woven without the pile to form a plain surface adapted to receive a fringe 4 having the fringe head 5, as shown in Figs. 1 to 7 inclusive. The rug or carpet may be provided with a selvage edge, as usual, or may have its edges overcast as indicated by 7 in Fig. 1.

The identifying marker or label comprises a sheet, ribbon or strip of textile material upon the face of which is printed, stamped or woven the desired information or mark, and the label may have the doubled or looped construction, as shown in Figs. 1 to 5 inclusive, or the label may have a single thickness, as shown in Figs. 6 and 7.

The doubled or looped label of Figs. 1 to 5 inclusive extends at one side of the fringe and comprises an upper data bearing portion 8 and a lower portion 9 and the two portions are connected at their outer ends by the fold 10, the arrangement being such

that the portions 8 and 9 are relatively movable and the outer finished surface of the label forming material is exposed at both the upper and lower face of the doubled label to present a pleasing appearance.

In the construction shown in Figs. 6 and 7 a label 11 of single thickness is provided to extend at one side of the fringe and the upper face of the label constitutes a data bearing surface.

It may be desirable to increase the stiffness of the label to prevent it from becoming rumpled or folded and this is accomplished by associating therewith a strip of stiffening material 12, such as crinoline, hair cloth, buckram or other stiff woven fabric which will stiffen the label to a substantial degree without making the same objectionably rigid.

The stiffening material 12 may be placed within the fold of the label as shown in Figs. 1 to 5 inclusive or the outer end of the label may be folded under and secured to the stiffening material, as indicated by 13 in Figs. 6 and 7.

The inner end or ends of the identifying marker or label may be variously secured to the rug or carpet, and the label may be so attached to the carpet or rug that it may be readily removed after the floor covering is sold and is to be placed in use.

The means shown in Figs. 1 and 2 for securing the label to the rug comprises the staples 14 attached to a piece of cardboard or the like 15 and having the ends of the label portions 8 and 9 folded about the cardboard and secured thereto. This construction is readily secured to the rug on top of the fringe by inserting the prongs of the staples 14 through the fringe head 5 and end portion 3 of the rug and clinching the staples at the lower face of the rug.

In the construction shown in Fig. 3 the inner ends of the label are positioned between the portion 3 and head 5 and the label is folded outwardly over the head 5 so that it overlies the fringe 4. In this construction the stitches 16 provided to bind the fringe head 5 to the portion 3 of the ground fabric may serve also to sew the ends of the label to the rug. In this construction when the label is to be removed it should be severed between the inner end of the head 5 and the pile 2.

Fig. 4 discloses a construction in which the inner ends of the label are folded under and are secured to the upper face of the head 5 by the stitches 17. The arrangement is such that these stitches may be severed when the label is to be removed.

In accordance with the disclosure of Fig. 5 the label lies below the fringe 4 and the inner ends of the label extend between the head 5 and underlying portion 3 and are secured to the head by the stitches 18.

Fig. 6 shows a single label construction in which the inner end of the label is folded around and under the head 5 and is secured thereto by the stitches 19 so that the data bearing portion of the label overlies the fringe.

In Fig. 7 the single label is secured to the upper face of the fringe head 5 by the stitches 20 and the end of the label may be tucked down between the head and pile as shown.

From the constructions described it will be apparent that the label may be secured in various ways to a carpet or rug having a pile surface and a border fringe so that the label may project outwardly from the edge of the carpet or rug at one or the other side of the fringe. That is, it may be wholly above or wholly below the fringe and afford an attractive and readily observable identifying means for the carpet or rug whether displayed singly or in piles. In the case of the looped label both the upper and lower portions of the label may be provided with data of desired character, and since the label is at one side of the fringe and preferably extends beyond the ends of the fringe elements, either surface of the label is readily inspected without the necessity of bodily manipulation of the carpet or rug. The same is true also of the single label which may have appropriate markings on both or either surface.

What is claimed is:—

1. The combination of a floor covering having a ground fabric and a pile surface, an edge fringe secured to the floor covering and extending outwardly from the floor covering, an identifying flexible label for the floor covering formed of flexible sheet material having a data bearing portion and projecting outwardly from the floor covering wholly at one side of and in non-enclosing relation to the fringe so that the entire fringed edge may be exposed for ready inspection and examination, and means for securing an end portion of the label to the floor covering in non-crushing relation to the pile.

2. The combination of a floor covering having a pile surface and an edge fringe, a flexible label formed of flexible textile material folded intermediate its ends to provide an upper data bearing portion and a lower portion connected by the fold to the upper portion at a distance from the pile surface, and means for securing the ends of the upper and lower portions to the floor covering so that both the upper and lower portions of the label shall extend outwardly from the floor covering in non-enclosing relation to and at the same side of the fringe so that the latter may be exposed for examination throughout its extent.

3. The combination of a floor covering having a pile surface and a fringe head having an outwardly extending fringe, a flexible

looped label of greater length than the fringe formed of flexible textile material folded intermediate the ends beyond the end of the fringe and providing a data bearing portion, and means for securing the ends of the upper and lower portions of the label to the floor covering at the same side of the fringe head so that both the upper and lower portions of the looped label shall extend outwardly from the floor covering in non-enclosing relation to and at the same side of the fringe to expose the latter for examination throughout its extent.

4. The combination of a floor covering having a pile surface and a fringe head having an outwardly extending fringe, a flexible looped label of greater length than the fringe formed of flexible textile material folded intermediate the ends beyond the end of the fringe and providing a data bearing portion, and means for securing the ends of the upper and lower portions of the label to the floor covering below the plane of the fringe head so that both the upper and lower portions of the looped label shall extend outwardly from the floor covering wholly below the fringe and expose the latter for ready examination throughout its extent.

5. The combination of a floor covering having a ground fabric and a pile surface, an edge fringe secured to the floor covering and extending outwardly from the floor covering, an identifying flexible label for the floor covering formed of flexible sheet material having a data bearing portion and projecting outwardly from the floor covering wholly at one side of the fringe, a bendable label stiffener wholly at one side of the fringe, and means for securing an end portion of the label to the floor covering.

6. The combination of a floor covering having a pile surface area, an identifying flexible label secured to the floor covering and formed of flexible sheet material having a data bearing portion and projecting outwardly beyond the edge of the floor covering, and a bendable label stiffener of less flexibility than the label and positioned to support the label in its outwardly projecting position.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification.

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