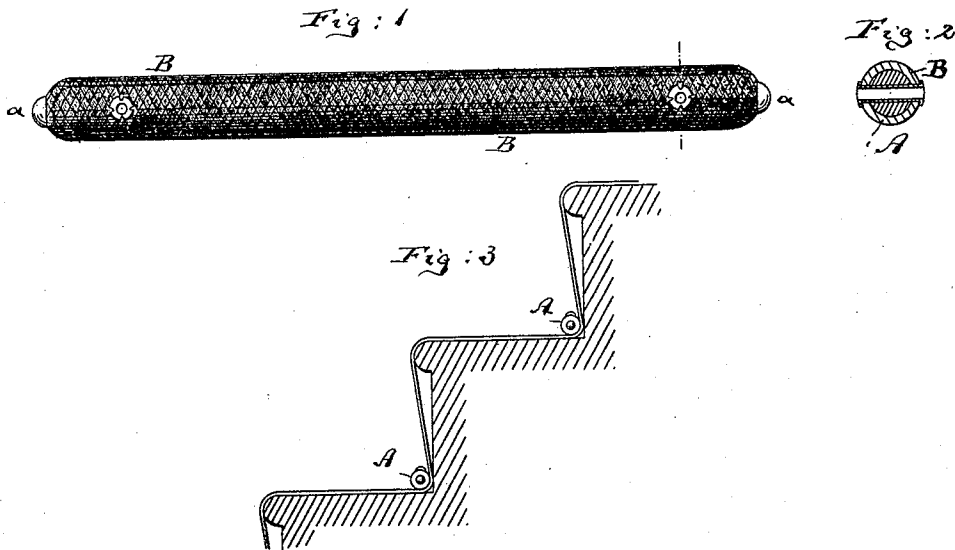


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STAIR-RODS.

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IMPROVEMENT IN STAIR-RODS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MORITZ KRICKL, of New York city, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Stair-Rod, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a face view of my improved stair-rod. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the same, and Fig. 3 a transverse section of part of a staircase provided with my improved rods.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

This invention has for its object to produce a stair-rod which will keep its color, and which may be cleaned by brushing or sweeping in the same manner as the carpet to which it is applied.

The invention consists in producing a stair-rod with a wooden core, and with a braided covering of wool, cotton, or equivalent fiber. This rod is at once inexpensive and eminently practical.

A in the drawing represents a stair-rod, of wood, metal, or other material, wood being

preferred. It is of cylindrical or other suitable form. B is a braided covering, of cotton, wool, or equivalent colored yarn or thread, braided around the rod A, so as to cover the same entirely. At the ends of the rod the braiding is confined by suitable tacks *a a*, or by caps or other means. The braided textile covering may be made in different colors, to match the colors of the stair-carpet, and will retain its color to the same extent as the carpet. When covered with dust or dirt the braided rod can be brushed or swept the same as the carpet, and the difficult and tedious labor of polishing the metallic stair-rods now usually employed is, in consequence, dispensed with. The rod can be secured in place by any suitable fastening.

I claim as my invention—

The stair-rod A, as a new article of manufacture, covered with braided yarn or thread, substantially as specified.

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