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COMBINED PICTURE-HANGER AND CARPET-STRETCHER.

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Fig. 3

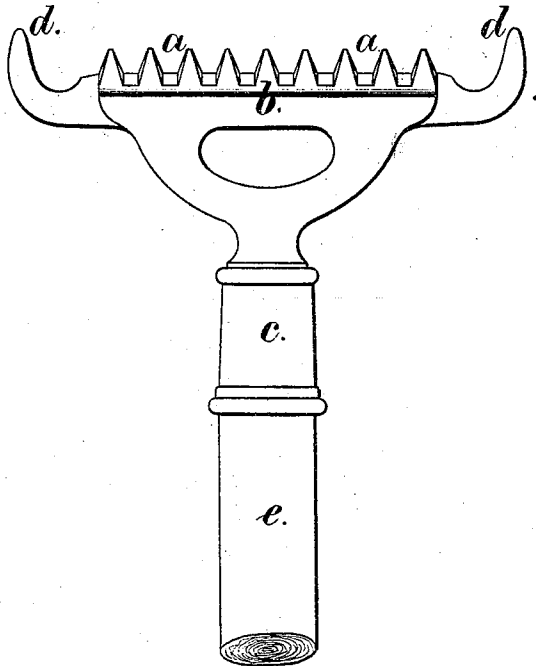


Fig. 1.

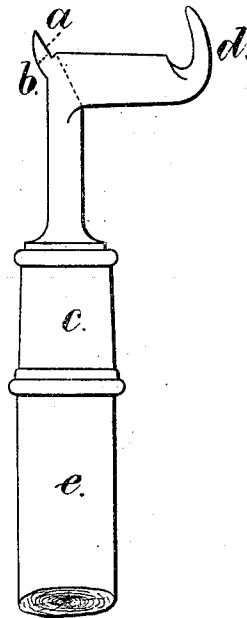
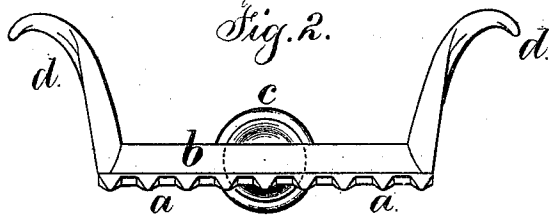


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED PICTURE-HANGERS AND CARPET-STRETCHERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **179,718**, dated July 11, 1876; application filed April 6, 1876.

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, CHARLES G. MILLER, of New Britain, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented a Combined Carpet-Stretcher and Picture-Hanger, of which the following is a specification :

In house-cleaning it is usual to take down pictures to keep them from the dust, as well as to allow of the dust being removed from the pictures, and this should be done before carpets are taken up; hence the pictures require to be rehung at about the same time that the carpets are put down.

A multiplicity of implements in house-cleaning is a disadvantage, and, as a carpet-stretcher generally has a handle that can be used in reaching up to lift down or hang pictures, I avail of the same by my combined carpet-stretcher and picture-hanger, and I construct the instrument so that the picture-hanging portion is also available in moving the carpet.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a side view of the instrument. Fig. 2 is an end view of the same, and Fig. 3 is a face view in the position in which the instrument will be used in hanging pictures.

The carpet-stretcher is made of the teeth *a*, upon a bar, *b*, that is connected with the

socket *c*, that receives the handle *e*, of any suitable character. The horns *d*, that extend backward from the ends of the carpet-stretcher *a b*, are curved down and then up, so as to be adapted to hold across them the picture cord or wire, whereby the same can easily be removed from the nail or knob upon the wall, or else replaced upon such knob or nail in hanging the picture, and there is a sufficient space between the back of the stretcher and the horns that hold the cord for the knob in hanging or removing the cord therefrom.

The carpet-stretcher portion of the instrument operates in the ordinary manner, and the horns *d* may be used, when turned over, for catching in the carpet and pushing it into position before the stretching operation is commenced.

I claim as my invention—

The combined picture-hanger and carpet-stretcher, constructed with the horns *d*, extending from the back of the carpet-stretcher bar *b a*, substantially as set forth.

Signed by me this 20th day of March, A. D. 1876.

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