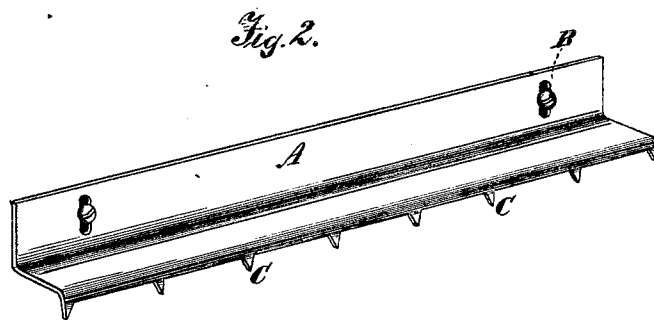
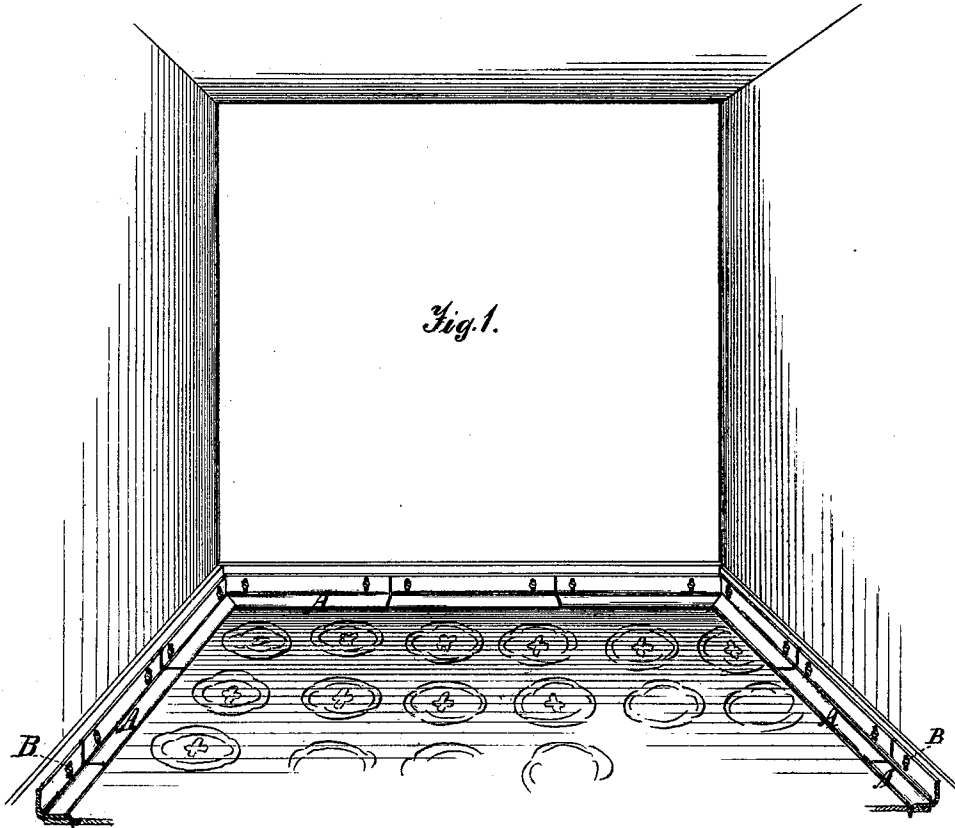


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Specification describing certain Improvements in Carpet-Fasteners, invented by JOHN W. SAUMENIG, of the city and county of Baltimore and State of Maryland.

Figure I is a perspective view, showing a portion of a carpet and the method of applying my improved fastener thereto; and Fig. II is an elevation of one section of the fastener, showing the projecting parts for holding the carpet, and the slots for the reception of the screws which enter the mop-board and hold the fasteners in position.

Corresponding letters refer to corresponding parts in both figures.

This invention relates to that class of devices which are used for holding carpets in position upon floors; and it consists in providing for that purpose strips of metal which are provided with projecting points upon its horizontal portion for entering the carpet, and with slots in its vertical portion, through which screws enter for the purpose of holding the strips of metal in position.

In constructing devices of this character I use strips of sheet or of cast metal, or of other suitable material, either bent or formed as shown in Fig. II, the body thereof being in the form of a right angle in its cross-section to enable it to fit into the corners where it is to be used, its vertical portion being provided with slots at suitable distances from each other, in order that as one end of each strip or section is put in position it may be pressed down and secured to the mop-board while the carpet is being put under its opposite end. These slots also furnish facilities for raising the sections of the holder when it becomes necessary or desirable to remove the carpet, at which times it is only necessary to slacken the screws B, when each section may be raised vertically far enough to permit the carpet to be drawn out from un-

der them; and when the same is returned to its position the sections can be again pressed down and the screws tightened. The outer edge of the horizontal portion of each section of the holder has formed upon it downwardly-projecting points C C for entering into the carpet, and thus it is prevented from being drawn out from under the holder. At the corners of the rooms, and at any other points where it is necessary to form an angle, the ends of the sections are to be cut at such an angle as will cause their ends to meet and form a close joint, as shown in Fig. I. These strips or sections may be made of sheet-brass and polished, and, if desirable, they may be silver-plated; or they may be of iron, steel, or wood, and be painted. In any case they may be made quite ornamental, and at the same time they furnish a ready and convenient means for holding the carpet, and do not leave any cracks or corners for dust to enter which cannot be easily swept out, and they are peculiarly adapted for use where the floors are made of stone.

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

A carpet-holder or fastener, consisting of strips of metal or other suitable material, their horizontal portions being provided with downwardly-projecting points for holding the carpet, and the vertical portions with slots for the reception of the screws which hold them in position and allow them to be raised and lowered, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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