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Fig. 1.

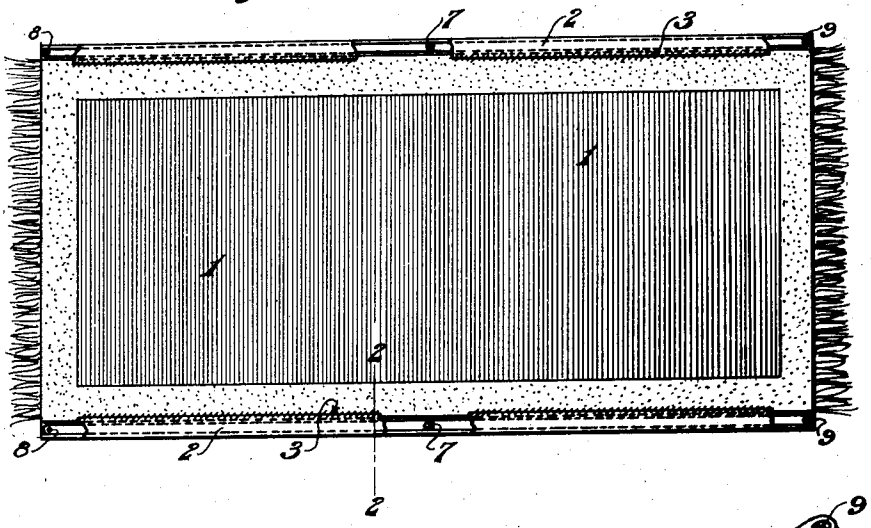


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

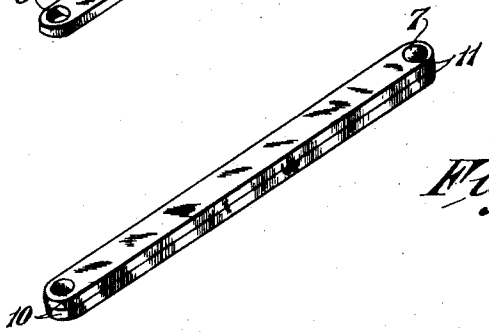


Fig. 4.

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This invention relates to improvements in stays for washable rugs for maintaining the rug in a flat or smooth condition.

An object of the invention is to provide a device which may be attached to and withdrawn from pockets that are located on the opposite side edges of the rug. These pockets are formed by securing a suitable binding material to the edges of the rug by stitching or the like. The stays, which are preferably strips of flat steel are inserted in these pockets. The stays are formed with eyelets at their opposite ends for the purpose of securing the stays to the rugs. The stays are preferably made in two pieces or parts which are pivotally connected together at their inner ends, whereby, when the stays are withdrawn from the pockets they may be folded into a small compass; when the stays are removed the rug may be folded or rolled for shipping or storage.

This invention permits the rug to remain in a flat condition and prevents the rug from becoming ruffled up when in use, since washable rugs are usually of light material.

The improvement is particularly designed to be used with the smaller sized rugs, as for example, 24 x 48 inches.

Referring to the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a plan view showing the complete rug, with the strips of binding material attached to the opposite side edges with a portion of the binding material broken for illustrating the insertable stays.

Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1 illustrating a portion of the rug, the binding material and the insertable stiffening stay member in the loop which is formed by the binding material.

Fig. 3 is a detail view of one of the stay members which are pivoted together at their inner ends and formed with openings at their outer ends.

Fig. 4 shows the stay in its folded position.

Referring to the drawings in detail:

1 designates the body portion of a washable rug; 2 the binding material which is secured to the opposite edges of the rug by means of the stitches 3. This binding material is of such width that when it is folded it forms a loop or stay receiving pocket or opening 4, into which the stay is inserted. 5 and 6 designate the two members of the stay which are pivoted together at their inner ends by means of the pivot pin 7. Their outer ends are formed with openings 8 and 9, for the purpose of securing the stays in the pocket 4 by means of threads which are passed through these openings and the binding material, as readily understood.

The ends of the stay are preferably formed with curved surfaces indicated at 10 for the purpose of preventing them from tearing or catching on the binding material when they are inserted, in the pockets 4. Their inner ends are also rounded as indicated at 11 to prevent the stays from catching on the binding material. When the stays are removed they may be folded into the position shown in Fig. 4 then placed on the rugs, whereby the rug and stays are rolled up together for transportation. The dimensions of these stays are preferably about 3/8 of an inch wide and composed of steel that will bend or flex; but always retain their flat or straight lines, thus always maintaining the rug in a smooth or flat position when in use. It is well known that this class of rugs are easily puckered or ruffled when in use and my present improvement is designed to maintain the rugs in their flattened position when in use. Also to permit the stays to be readily removed when the rug is to be washed, stored, or for shipping purposes when the stays are withdrawn they are folded about their pivot pin 7 as shown by the arrow 7'.

It is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the use of flat steel as other suitable elastic material may be used as fibre, or even strips of wood, the main purpose is to provide an insertable stay for causing the rug to be flat and is designed more especially for washable rugs. The rods or stays may, if desired, be made of round rods of suitable diameter. The length of the stays, when folded, is equal to the width of the rug.

What I claim is:

1. In combination, a washable rug having tubular borders of cloth material along opposing edges throughout the length there-

of and elastic stays co-extensive with the length of the borders, slidably held and concealed therein, the stays being removable for facilitating washing operations.

2. In combination, an elongated rectangular washable rug having tubular borders of cloth material accompanying the long edges thereof throughout their extent and elastic stays co-extensive with the length of the borders, slidably held and concealed therein, the stays being removable for facilitating washing operations.

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