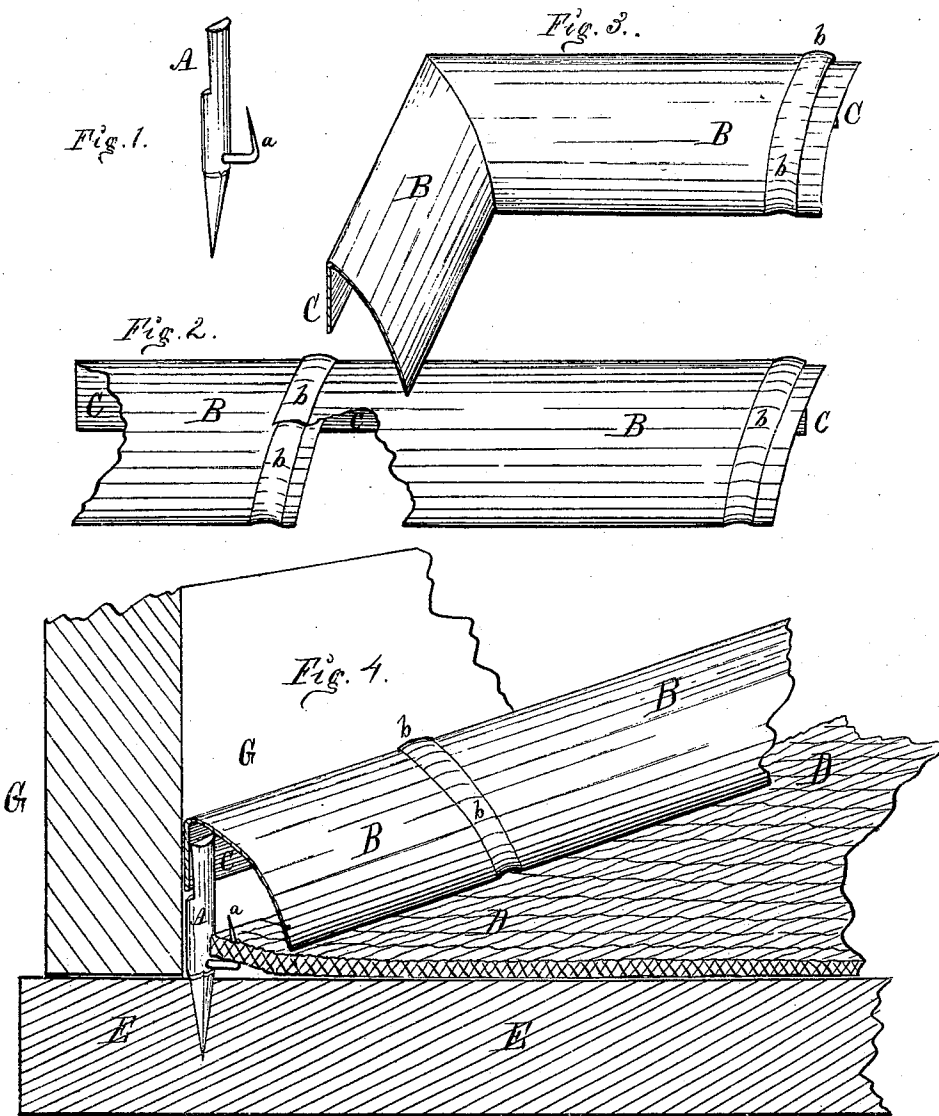


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### SPECIFICATION.

Specification describing certain Improvements in Carpet-Fasteners, invented by FRANCIS O. CLARK, of Des Moines, in the county of Polk and State of Iowa.

The object of my invention is to provide a means of fastening carpets to a floor in such a manner that the carpet-nails will be concealed, and will allow the carpet to be taken up without drawing the nails. It consists in forming and combining nails having hooks and shoulders with ornamental and adjustable carpet-strips, as hereinafter fully set forth.

Figure 1 of my drawing is a full-sized perspective view of my carpet-nail. A is the body of the nail. At the top and rear side, and about one-half inch down, a part is cut away and a shoulder is formed for the purpose of allowing a part of my carpet-strip to enter between the nail and the wooden base. *a* is a hook attached on the front side and about one inch from the top. This hook may be formed and made part of the nail in any common way by welding on or splitting off and turning up. The part below the hook is about three-fourths of an inch long, and is pointed to drive into the floor. The size of the nail and its different parts may vary to correspond with the carpet-strips of different sizes and patterns and materials.

Fig. 2 represents two sections of my carpet-strip, and illustrates the manner of forming and joining them. B B is the body and the exposed part; C C, the part that enters between the nail and the wall or base. The right end has a corner cut out to admit the two pieces to lap and lay even and tight against the base. *b b* represent a swell on the ends formed in such a manner that one will lap over the other and form a joint that

will disguise the ends and aid in keeping the sections from sliding out of place.

My adjustable carpet-strip is formed of sheet-metal, by means of machinery, and may be in the form of various ornamental moldings, and painted and gilded to suit the fancy.

Fig. 3 represents a corner piece, formed by uniting two separate pieces of my carpet-strip in any common way.

Fig. 4 is a view illustrating the manner of applying, combining, and operating my invention. A represents one of my nails drove into the floor E E aside of the base G. B C represent the carpet-strip covering the nail, and also the edge of the carpet D D. The nails are first inserted along the base about one foot apart. The carpet is stretched over the floor and its edges hung upon the hooks *a*, and then covered by inserting the C-part of the carpet-strip and pressing it into place. The ornamental strips will exclude dirt from the corners and give a neat finish. They are readily removed, and the carpet can be lifted whenever desired. The carpet-strips, nails, &c., may be allowed to remain as a permanent fixture, or can be removed from house to house, as required.

### Claim.

I claim as my invention—

The carpet-nail A, having a shoulder, as shown, and the hook *a* attached on the opposite side, and the metal carpet-strip B C, constructed as shown, combined and used together substantially as described, and for the purposes specified.

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