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Fig. 1

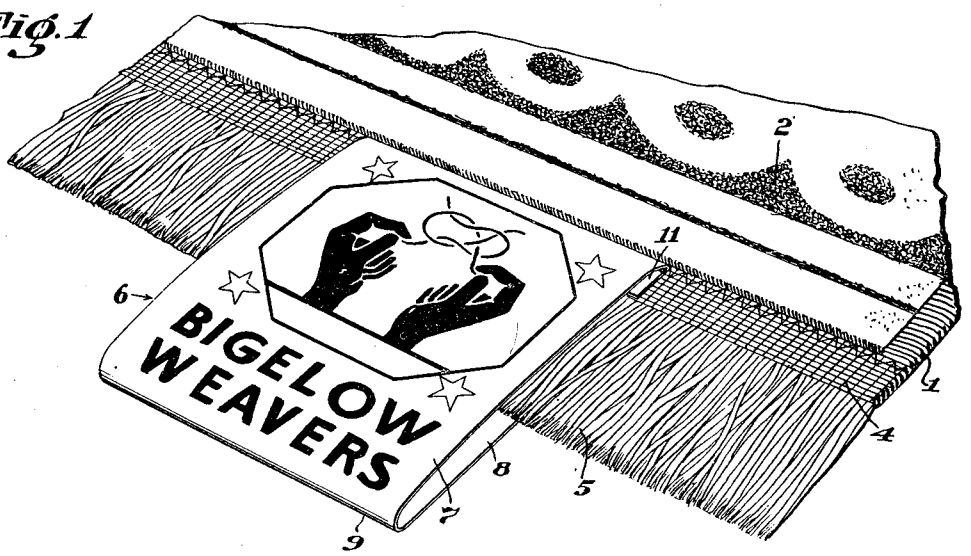


Fig. 2

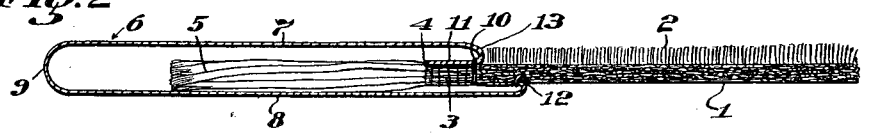


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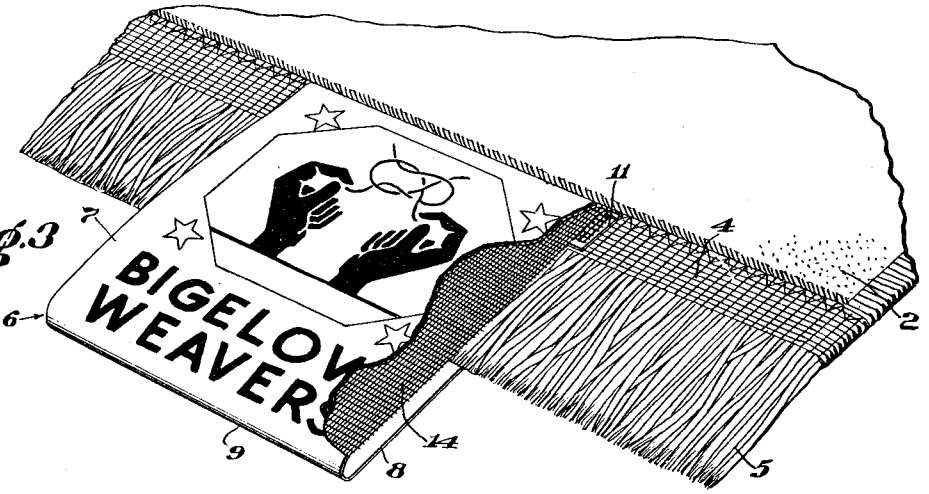
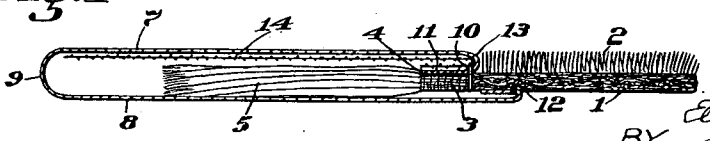


Fig. 4



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This invention relates to a combined floor covering and marker or label therefor.

It has heretofore been the practice to provide floor coverings such as carpets and rugs with printed matter applied to the back thereof identifying the maker and other information desired. Such prior conditions require that the floor covering be turned back when a view of the printed matter thereon is desired.

Carpets and rugs which are exhibited for sale are sometimes laid upon floor singly, but the more common practice is to pile such floor coverings, such as carpets and rugs, one on top of the other so that the identifying marks printed on the back of the carpet or rug can only be inspected or examined by turning back either the singly exhibited carpet or rug or turning back a number where they are piled one on top of each other.

The present invention seeks to provide a floor covering such as a carpet or rug combined with an identifying marker or label such that the practice heretofore existing and the objections thereto may be entirely overcome.

Carpets and rugs frequently have a pile surface and the terminal end portions thereof are usually formed with a "heading" and an end fringe, and it is more particularly to this type of floor covering that the present invention relates.

More specifically stated the present invention comprises a floor covering having a pile surface and an edge fringe so combined with a marker or label that the fringe portion of the floor covering will be enclosed by the marker or label which may be provided with identifying information readily observable whether the floor covering is displayed singly or in piles for sale.

The invention and novel features thereof will best be made clear from the following description and accompanying drawing:—

In the drawing:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a pile carpet or rug containing the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a sectional view thereof through the marker or label of a carpet or rug;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a modification of the marker or label, parts of the latter being broken away for clearness of illustration; and

Fig. 4 is a sectional view through the marker or label of the modification shown in Fig. 3.

The carpet or rug comprises a ground fabric 1 from which extends the pile forming yarn 2 usually presenting a pattern effect on the surface of the carpet or rug.

The terminal end portion 3 of the carpet or rug is woven without the pile and forms a heading to which is secured the fringe 4, the fringe forming elements 5 of which project some distance beyond the terminal end portion of the carpet or rug.

The marker or label 6 is formed of textile material and comprises an upper portion 7 and a lower portion 8, such portions being united at 9 to form an enclosing envelope for the fringe.

The upper portion 7, as shown, is secured to the heading or plain woven terminal portion of the rug by means of stitches 10 which pass through the inturned end 11 of the upper portion 7.

The lower portion 8 of the marker or label is secured to the under surface of the carpet or rug as indicated at 12, it being understood that the upper portion 7 and the lower portion 8 being united at the point 9 form an enclosing envelope for the fringe elements 5.

The enclosing envelope formed as described, extends beyond the fringe elements 5, as indicated in Fig. 2, so that the enclosed fringe forming elements 5 are free while still enclosed in the envelope.

By reason of the connection between the upper portion 7 being secured to the heading by stitches passing through the inturned end of the upper portion 7, the bend of the upper portion at 13 is caused to extend upwardly and may position the upper portion 7 in the plane of the pile surface, as indicated in Fig. 2.

From the construction described it will be apparent that the fringe at the end of the rug will be enclosed between the upper and lower portions 7 and 8 of the label or marker and the upper portion 7 will thereby present such data as may be employed for iden-

tification of the rug or carpet for ready inspection at all times.

Since the marker or label which is identified as a whole by the numeral 6 is formed of textile material, it may be desirable at times to employ a stiffener between the upper and lower enclosing members 7 and 8.

Such stiffener, as indicated in Figs. 3 and 4, may be formed of any sheet material, but as shown in the present instance of the invention, such material comprises a woven fabric such for instance as crinoline, hair cloth, buckram or the like which, while lending a certain amount of stiffening effect to the marker or label as a whole, will nevertheless be non-rigid.

The stiffener 14, Figs. 3 and 4, is shown in the present instance as being secured to the heading of the carpet or rug and extends longitudinally of the fringe forming elements 5 toward the closed end of the label or marker and bears upon the fringe forming elements to not only lend flexible stiffness to the label as a whole, but to maintain the fringe forming elements in their proper extended relation from the heading of the rug. In the present instance the stiffener 14 extends beyond the end of the fringe forming elements 5, but is preferably not connected to them nor to the label or marker 6, the effect being that the latter may yield to a degree while held in a position extending from the end of the rug or carpet.

From the construction described both as to the preferred and modified form of the invention it will be apparent that the pile carpet or rug has an identifying marker or label extending well beyond the end of the enclosed fringe which while yieldable by reason of its textile character yet presents the identifying marks of the rug or carpet beyond the end thereof, whether the rug or carpet is individually displayed or arranged in piles.

What is claimed is:—

1. In combination with a floor covering having a pile surface, a plain woven terminal end, and a fringe secured to the latter, a looped label formed of flexible textile material and having an upper portion and a lower portion united together beyond the free end of the fringe, the end of the upper portion being turned outwardly beyond the pile surface to form an upward bend in the upper portion adjacent to the pile surface, means for securing the outwardly turned end of the upper portion to the floor covering with the upper portion of the label free of the securing means to cause the top surface of the upper portion of the label at the bend to extend upwardly substantially in the plane of the pile surface, a bendable stiffener having its securing end turned outwardly to form a bend within the bend of the upper portion of the label to support the bend of the label with its top surface substantially in the plane of the pile, and means for securing the lower portion of the label to the floor covering.

2. In combination with a floor covering having a pile surface, a plain woven terminal end, and a fringe secured to the latter, a looped label formed of flexible textile material and having an upper portion and a lower portion united together beyond the free end of the fringe, the end of the upper portion being turned outwardly beyond the pile surface to form an upward bend in the upper portion adjacent to the pile surface, means for securing the outwardly turned end of said upper portion to the floor covering with the upper portion of the label free of the securing means to cause the top surface of the upper portion of the label at the bend to extend upwardly substantially in the plane of the pile surface, stiffening means within the upper bend of the label to support the bend of the label with its top surface substantially in the plane of the pile, and means for securing the lower portion of the label to the floor covering.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification.

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