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CARPET HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

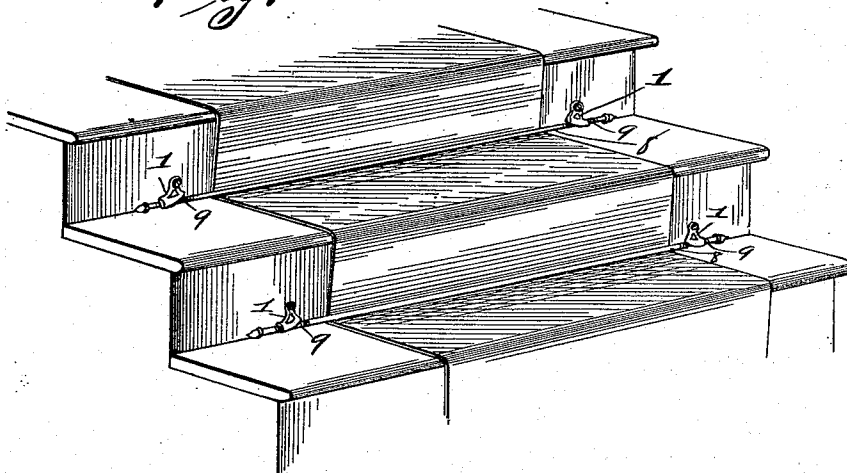


Fig. 2.

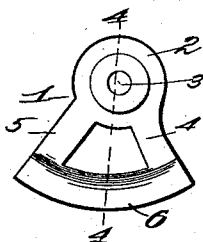


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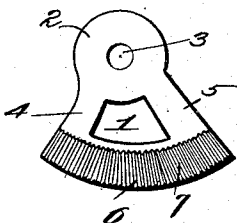


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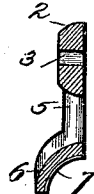
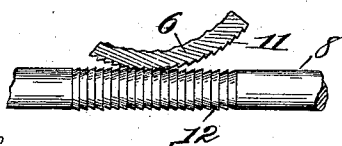


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CARPET-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MICHAEL J. KEHOE, of the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Carpet-Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to carpet-holders; and it consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter shown, described, and claimed.

Figure 1 is a perspective showing the application of my improved carpet-holder to a stair-carpet. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the segmental portion of the carpet-holder. Fig. 3 is a rear elevation of the part shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view on the line 4 4 of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is an enlarged detail view showing the ratchet-faced connection between the segmental portion and the rod.

In the construction of my improved carpet-holder I make use of the segmental portion 1, which consists of the disk 2, having the central aperture 3, the arms 4 and 5, extending radially from said disk, and the curved portion 6, attached to the outer ends of said arms. The arm 5 is somewhat longer than the arm 4, thus making the outer edge of the curved portion 6 eccentric relative to the aperture 3. The lower inner surface of the curved portion 6 has the ratchet-faced concave surface 7, which follows the curve of said portion 6.

The rod 8 has the ratchet-faced surfaces 9

near each of its ends, which surfaces are designed to be engaged by the concave ratchet-faced surfaces 7 of the segmental portion 1.

In the practical operation of my improved carpet-holder the carpet is placed upon the stairs in the position desired, and the rods 8 are laid transversely of the carpet with the ratchet-faced ends 9 extending outside of the edges of the carpet and resting upon the step and against the lower edge of the risers of the stairs. The segmental portions 1 are placed directly above the ratchet-faces 9, and screws are inserted through the apertures 3 of said portions 1 and into the stair-risers in such a position that the ratchet-faces 7 will engage the ratchet-faced ends 9 of the rods. When it is desired to hold the carpet in position for use, the curved portions 6 are pressed under the screws in the apertures 3 until the ratchet-faces 7 engage tightly against the ratchet-faced ends 9 of the rods.

A carpet-holder of my improved construction possesses many advantages over the carpet-holders heretofore in use.

I claim—

In a carpet-holder, a rod having a ratchet-faced portion and an eccentric having a ratchet-face designed to engage the ratchet-faced portion of said rod, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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