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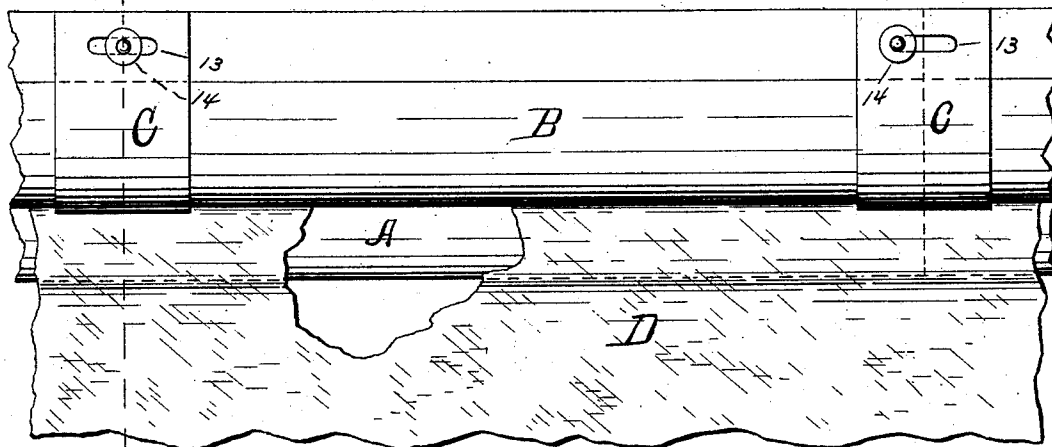


FIG-1-

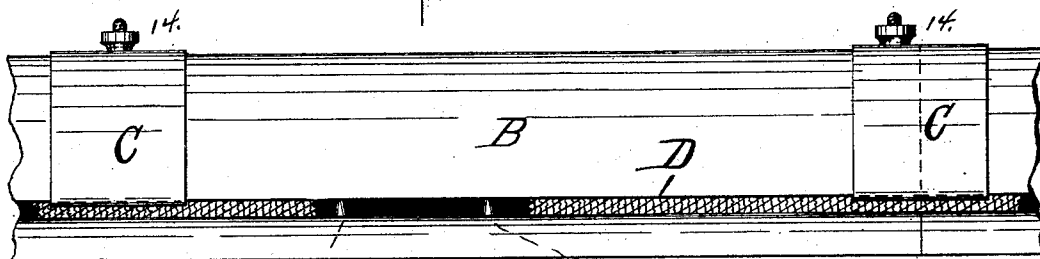


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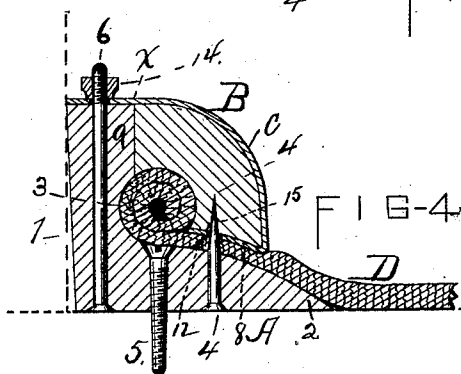


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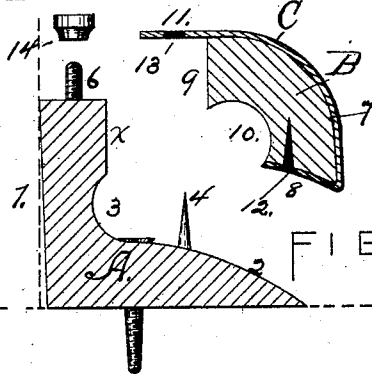


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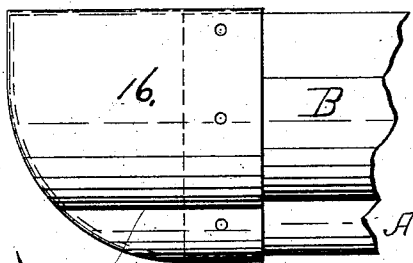


FIG-5-

Witnesses -

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## CARPET-FASTENER.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 358,049, dated February 22, 1887.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MINNIE BRINTON McCASTLINE, of Geddes, county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, a citizen of the United States, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Carpet-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view; Fig. 2, a front elevation; Fig. 3, a vertical cross-section, parts disconnected; Fig. 4, a like view with carpet inserted and secured; Fig. 5, a top plan view of the holder adjacent to a door-opening.

It consists in the several novel features of construction and operation hereinafter described, and which are specifically enumerated in the claims hereto annexed.

The object of my invention is to provide a means for holding carpets upon a floor without driving tacks, or removing them one by one whenever I may desire to remove the carpet or examine it adjacent to the edges.

My invention relates to that class of holders in which one part is secured to the floor, and the carpet is held by the addition of another piece, and between these pieces.

It is constructed as follows:

A is the base, consisting of a molding constructed with flat bottom, upright or beveled back 1, a top of any ornamental design, and a front beveled at its front lower edge, 2, said bevel rising toward the back, and rounding into a partially-circular groove, 3, and thence the front,  $x$ , rises direct to the top, all substantially as shown. This base is provided with vertical or hooked spurs 4, projecting above the front of the base, about as shown, consisting of nails, screws, or their equivalent. It is secured to the floor by nails or screws 5, located at suitable intervals, and usually in front of the spurs 4. It is also at intervals provided with the set-screws 6.

B is the front-piece, consisting of a molding having an ornamental front, 7, a beveled bottom, 8, a straight back, 9, and a circular concavity or longitudinal groove, 10, between the bottom and the back. The bottom is beveled about the same as the bevel 2, adjacent to the groove 3, and the back 9 is of the same form

as the front  $x$ , so that they will fit together or against each other. In the bottom 8 I provide recesses 12 to receive the spurs 4.

C C are bands of sheet metal fitting over the front piece, B, as shown, and extending back, as at 11, beyond the back 9, about as shown, and there perforated or slotted at 13, and also perforated, as at 15.

D is the carpet.

It operates as follows: I secure the base to the floor, place the carpet upon the spurs 4, pressing it down so that they project above it, then place a strip of the front B upon the spurs and crowd it downward, the spurs entering the recesses 12, and also passing through the perforations 15 whenever they encounter the bands C, and when properly forced down the extensions 11 of the bands will receive the screws 6; and the knobs 14, when screwed down, will securely lock the front and base together and secure the carpet. The longitudinal circular cavity formed by the combination of the grooves 3 and 10 receives the edge of the carpet, and will permit of its being bunched or gathered somewhat therein. When I wish to remove the carpet, I remove the knobs 14, raise up the front B, and take the carpet off from the spurs 4, the base A being left upon the floor. The bands C also perform the function of covering the joints where the ends of the front pieces, B, meet each other along the sides of the room, and can be made angular, so as to fit the corner joints in the same manner.

I can adjust the back of the base closer and tighter against the base-board—overcoming inequalities in the base-board—better by having the back beveled than when it is vertical.

In Fig. 5 I show a metallic cap, 16, which I can use, when desired, to inclose the ends of the front B adjacent to a doorway, the front being rounded or scarfed off to permit of the swinging of the door. I can also, if desired, extend the carpet paper or lining used under the carpet through under the base and upward between the back and base-board.

The drawings show the screw 5 as placed back of the spurs 4; but I prefer to use it in front of the spurs to prevent the strain of the carpet upon the spurs from splitting the base.

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

1. A carpet-fastener consisting of a base, A, 5 constructed with flat bottom, beveled back, front groove, 3, front bevel, 2, upright face  $\alpha$ , and provided with set-screw 6, spurs 4, and retaining-screws 5, a front piece having an ornamental outer face, 7, beveled bottom 8, 10 upright back 9, groove 10, and recesses 12, and a cap, C, fitting over the front piece, provided with perforations 15 and 13, and secured to the top of the base A by the set-screw 6, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a carpet-fastener, a retaining-band, C, 15 fitting over and under the front piece, B, and secured as to one end by the set-screw 6, and as to the other by a spur, 4, passing through it, in combination with the base A and front B, substantially as described. 20

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 28th day of July, 1886.

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In presence of—

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