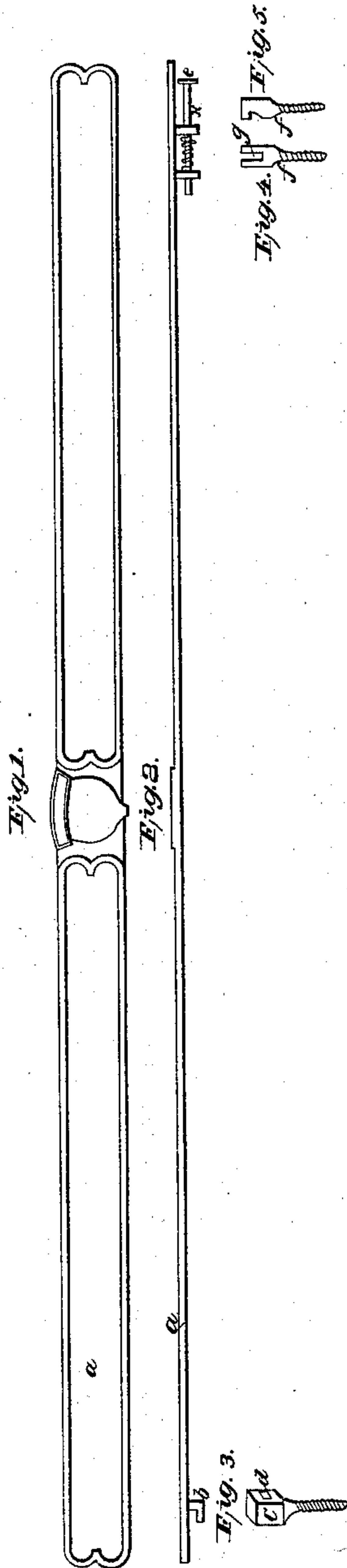


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STAIR-CARPET FASTENER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, C. RICE, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Stair-Carpet Fastener; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

10 Figure 1, is a front view of my invention as it appears when in use. Fig. 2, is a lateral view of that portion of my fastener which may be detached from the stairs. Figs. 3, 4, and 5, are perspective, lateral and
15 back views of those parts of my invention which are fixed permanently to the stairs.

The construction and operation of my invention I will now explain:

I make the main-piece of the same (*a*,
20 Fig. 1,) either plain or ornamental as to design—of any proper metal or combination of metals and of any proposed size.—the latter being dependent upon the width of the stairs. Upon the inner side of the said
25 “main-piece,” I construct at a short distance from the end a “hook,” (*b*, Fig. 2,) and at the other end and upon the same side of the “main-piece” at a distance far enough from the extreme end to permit of
30 its being readily worked I attach a “spring-bolt,” *x*, (Fig. 2) furnished with a “thumb-piece,” *e*. Then upon one side of the “carpet-way,” and in (or near) the inner angle of the step I securely screw the “eye” *c*
35 (Fig. 3,) and upon the opposite side of the “carpet-way,” also in or near the inner angle aforesaid and at such a distance from the “eye” *c*, as will correspond to the distance of the “spring-bolt” *x*, from the

“hook” *b* of the “main-piece,” I screw in 40 the “slot-headed catch,” shown by Figs. 4, and 5.

In order to use my stair-carpet-fastener, the “eye” *c* and the “slot-headed catch,” Figs. 4 and 5, being in their proper places, 45 and the stair carpet being laid upon the stairs, I first place the “hook” *b* in the “eye” *c*, and then bring the “main-piece,” down over the carpet, pressing it forcibly into the “slot-headed catch,” till the 50 “spring-bolt,” catches, and thus holds all firmly, and without danger of either the fastener or the carpet becoming displaced. To take up the carpet it is only necessary to press upon the thumb-piece *e* of the 55 spring-bolt, which will free it from the catch and enable the main-piece to be removed away from the “eye” *c*.

I am aware that strips composed of metal or of various metals combined, and similar 60 to that shown by *a* Fig. 1, have been heretofore employed in the construction of stair-carpet fasteners, and also that “spring-bolts,” and the “hook” *b*, similar to those described herein, have been before used but 65 for other purposes, and I disclaim the same or either of them separately, but

What I do claim and which I desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The general combination and application 70 of the “main-piece,” with the hook and eye, and the spring-bolt and catching apparatus as above described, and for the purposes as set forth:

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