

R. K. Lee,
Carpenter Fastener.
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Fig. 1.

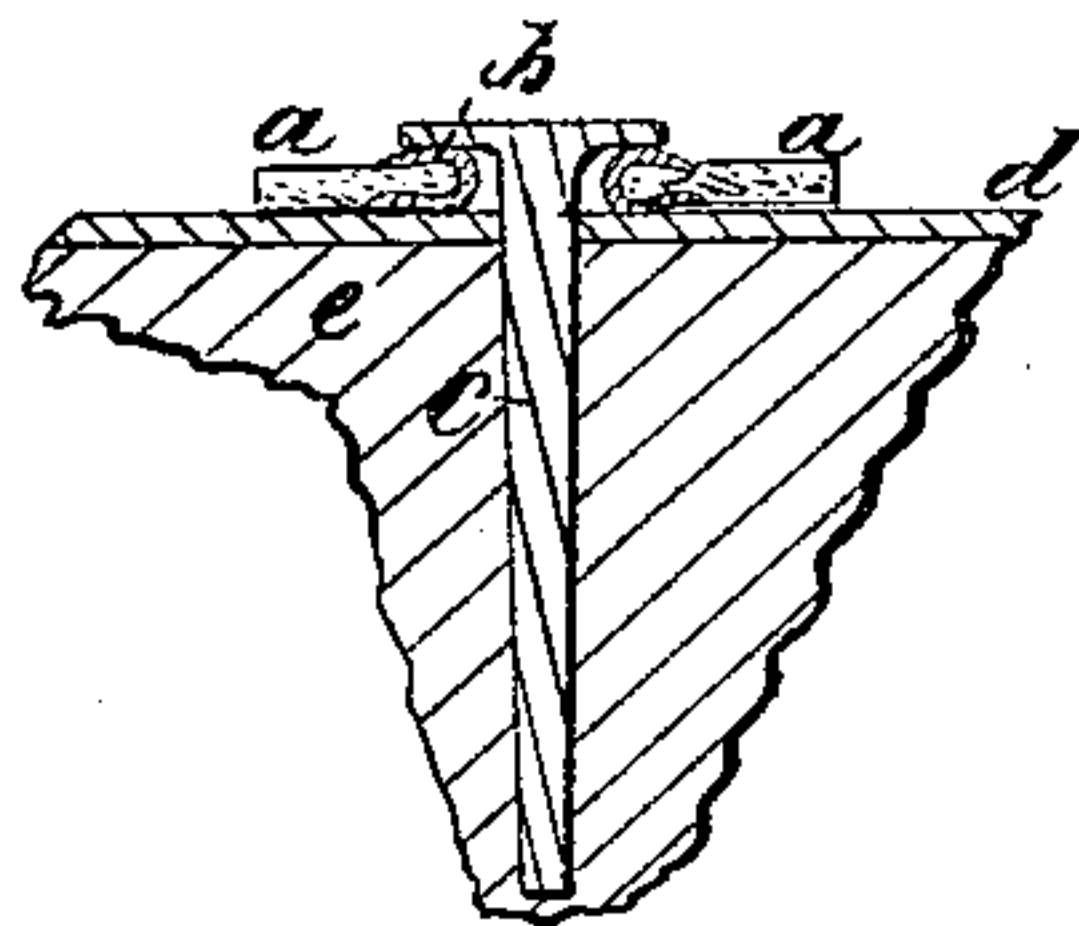
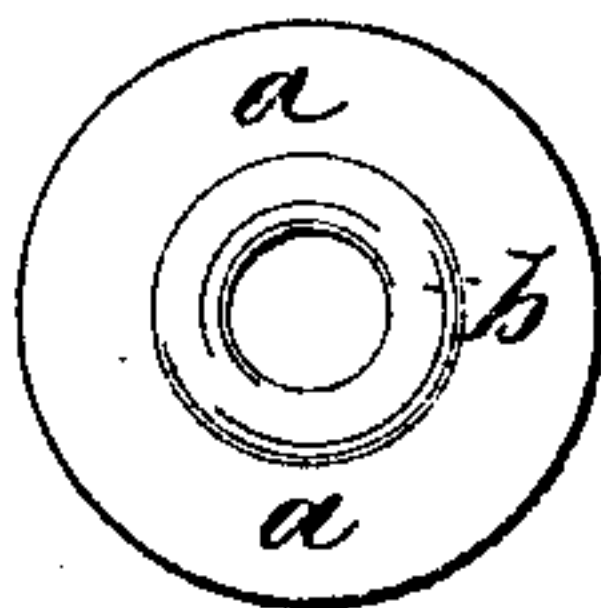


Fig. 2



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IMPROVED CARPET-TACK PROTECTOR.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 41,160, dated January 5, 1864.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUFUS K. LEE, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented, made, and applied to use a certain new and Improved Tack-Protector; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1 is a section of my tack-protector as in use, and Fig. 2 is a plan of said protector separate from the tack, both figures being of about twice the actual size.

Similar letters denote the same parts.

Tacks have heretofore been provided with a washer of leather or other material between the head and the article to be secured by such tack; but the head becomes embedded in the leather, and is apt to draw through when the tack is pulled up.

The nature of my said invention consists in an eyeleted washer combined with a tack to form a protector for the same, whereby the heads of the tacks are prevented from injuring the carpet or other article secured by such tacks.

In the drawings, *a* represents a disk of leather. It may, however, be of any other shape or material; and near the center thereof is a hole in which an eyelet, *b*, of metal, is introduced and pressed up in any usual manner; and *c* is a tack or small nail introduced through the eyelet and employed for holding carpets or any other article to its place. By this eyelet the tack-head is prevented from injuring the carpet, and when the tack is to be pulled out the eyelet preserves the leather and insures the pulling of the tack when a proper instrument is inserted beneath the eyelet to pry it up.

d represents the carpet or article to be secured, and *e* the wood-work receiving the tack.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The tack-protector formed by an eyelet introduced in a piece of leather or other suitable material, as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my signature this 2d day of November, 1863.

RUFUS K. LEE.

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