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Rag Looper

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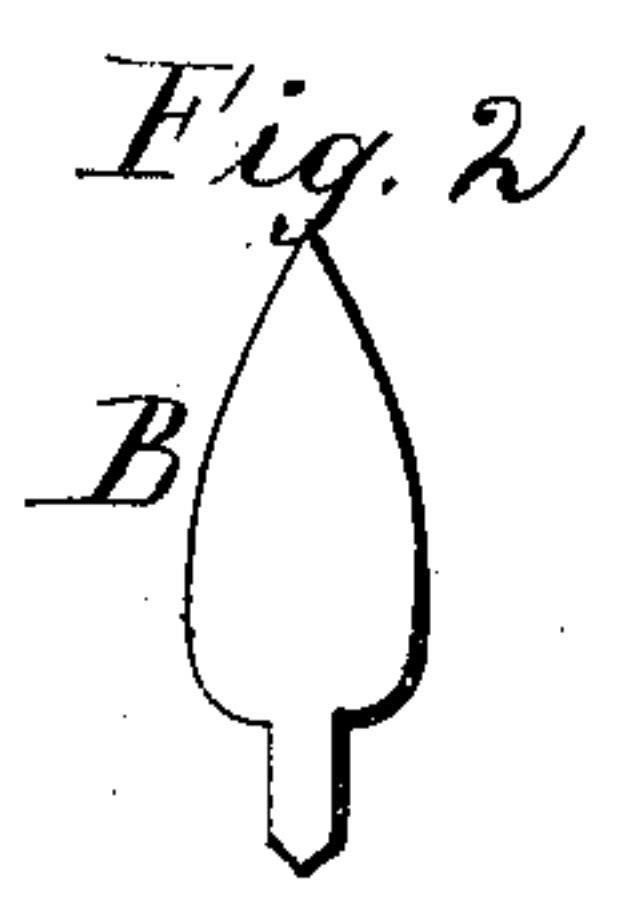
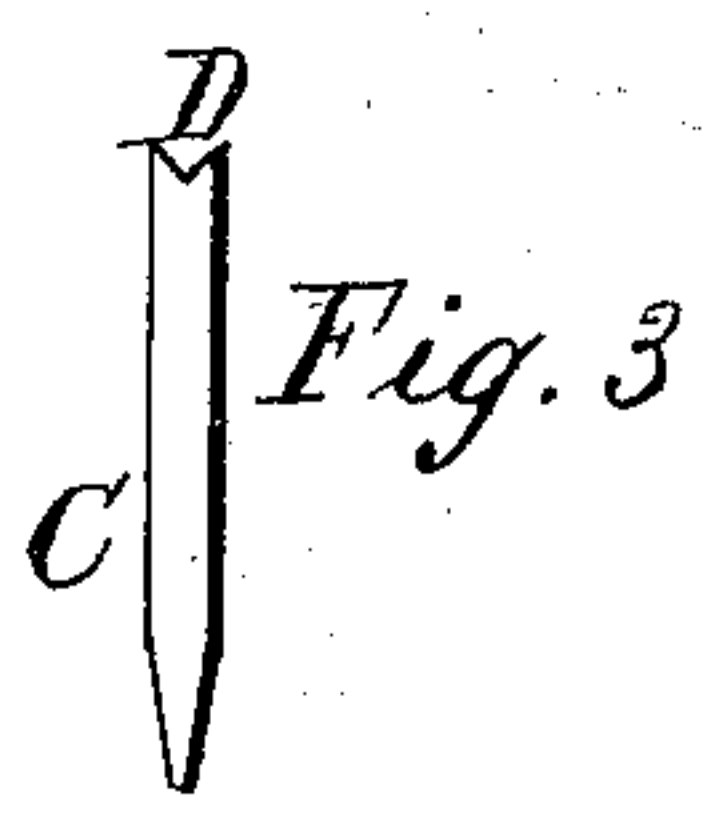
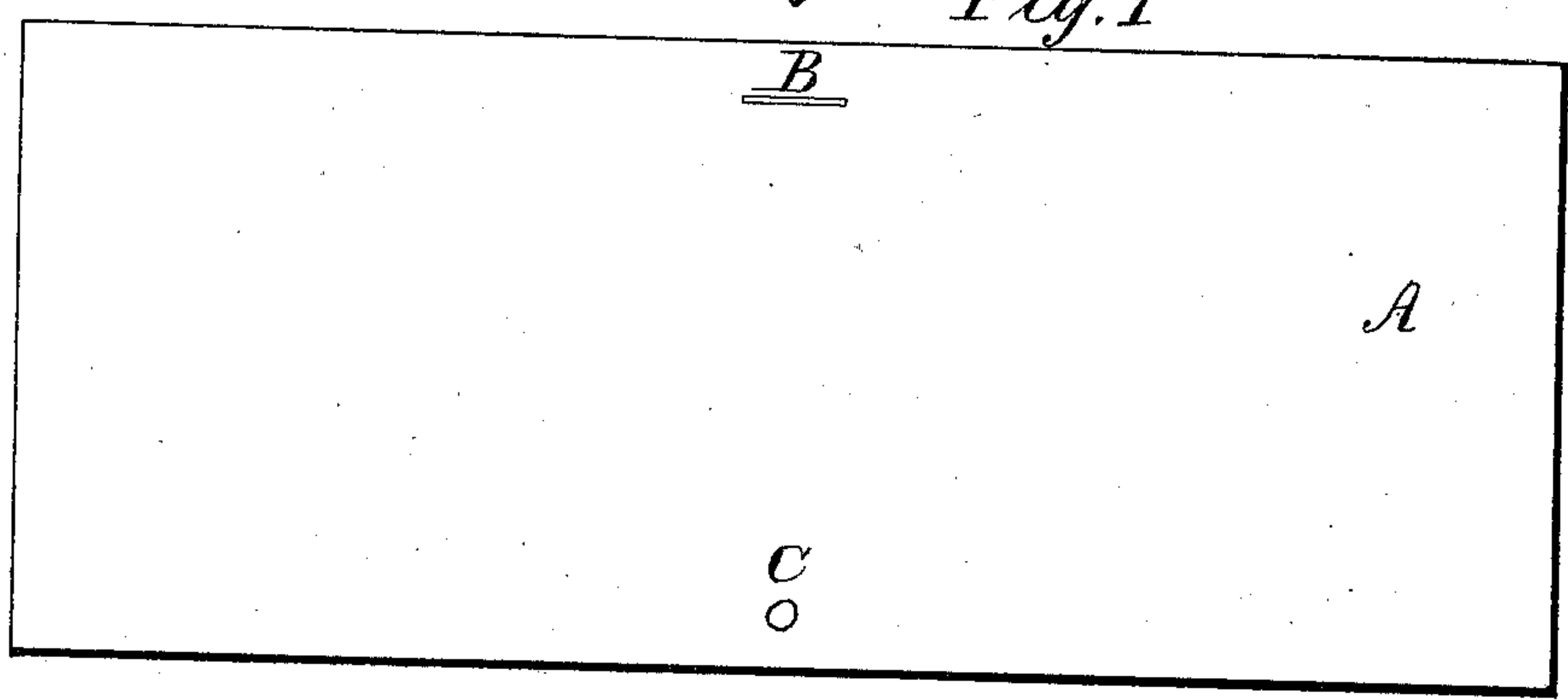


Fig. 1



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IMPROVED CARPET-RAG LOOPER.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

Be it known that I, GEORGE L. PRICE, of Clifton Springs, in the county of Ontario, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful arrangement for attaching together the ends of carpet-rags, called "Price's Carpet-Rag Looper;" and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the blade detached.

Figure 3, a perspective view of the punch or looper detached.

Each part of the arrangement is hereby referred to by letters.

a represents the lap-board in fig. 1.

b represents the position in which the blade, fig. 2, is set into the lap-board *a*.

c represents the position in which the punch or looper, fig. 3, is set into the lap-board *a*.

d represents the claw at the end of the punch or looper in fig. 3.

To enable others to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

I use for the lap-board *a*, a board sixteen inches long and five inches wide. (It may be made any desired size.)

I insert into the lap-board *a*, half way from either end, and near the opposite side, the blade *b* in an upright position. The blade should be sharp at the point and right-hand edge.

I also insert into the lap-board *a*, the punch or looper *c*, near the edge of the lap-board *a*, and opposite the blade *b*. The punch or looper *c* is constructed of round iron or steel, of the size of No. 10 wire, or it may be made of wood, but it would not be as effectual as if made of iron or steel. It is constructed with a claw

at the top, so as to readily catch the end of the rag in tucking the same through the loop-holes in the ends of the rags.

The manner of cutting the loop-holes is by lapping the left-hand end of the rag held in the right hand upon the right-hand end of the rag held in the left hand, and then place the rags where lapped upon the point of the blade, pressing down, cutting the loop-holes lengthwise of the rags. Then hold the rags where lapped with the left hand, and with the right hand place the right-hand end of the rag upon the punch or looper. Then place the loop-holes over the end of the rag on the punch or looper, and press downward, at the same time thrusting the end of the rag up through the loop-holes, then drawing the rag through the loop-holes forms the loop, and attaches the ends of the rags together.

The device, thus constructed, forms a very convenient and useful arrangement for attaching the ends of rags in preparing them for rag-carpet. It saves using thread. It saves a large portion of the time usually required in sewing rags, and leaves the rags in much better shape to weave into carpet, as there is no short ends of rags to stick up, as there usually is where the rags are sewed together.

What I claim as my invention, and wish to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combined construction and arrangement of the blade *b*, set in an upright position in the lap-board *a*, in connection with the punch or looper *c*, with its claw *d*, the whole operating substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

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