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CARPET-FASTENER.

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Fig: 1.

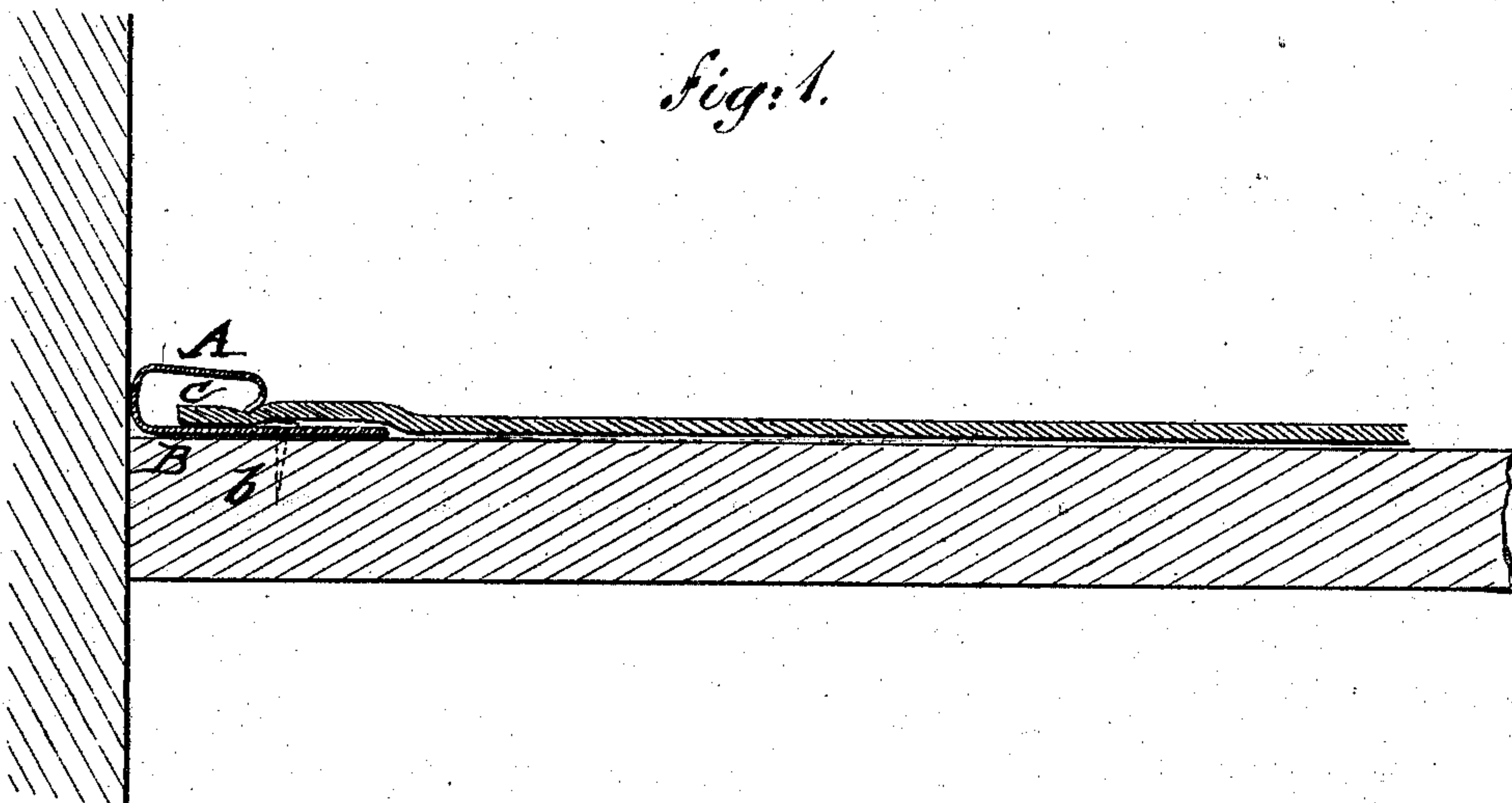


Fig: 2.

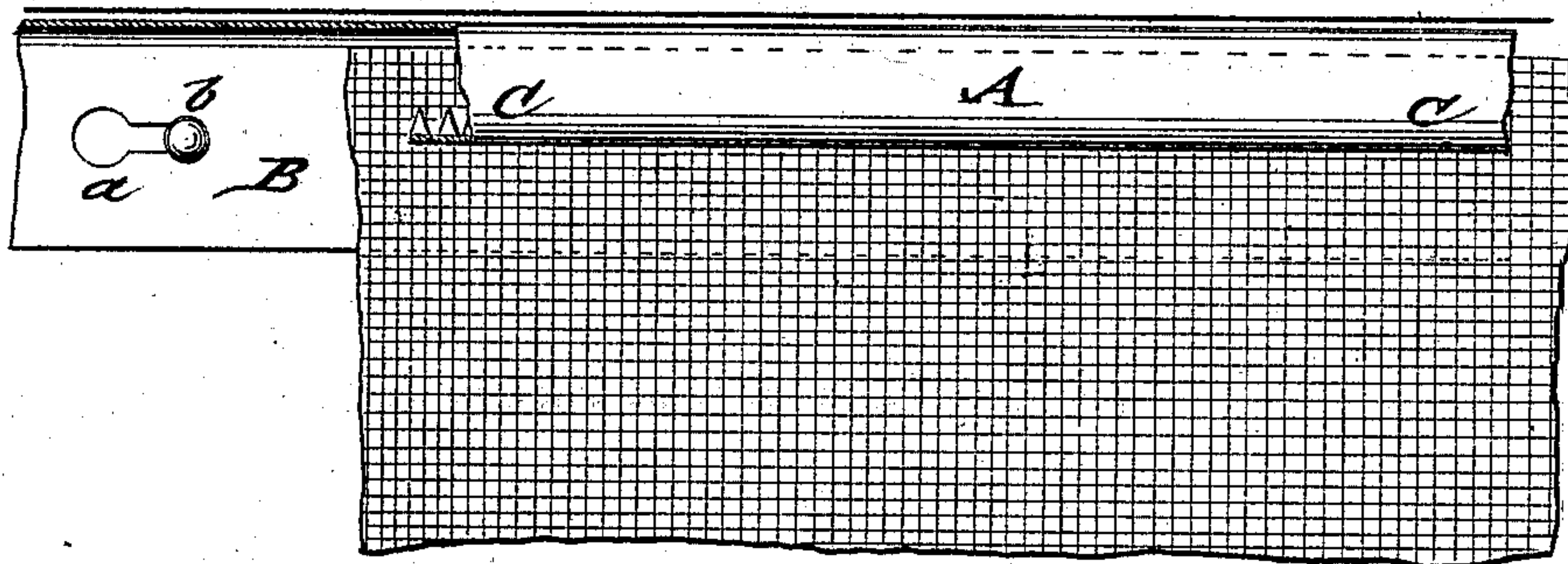
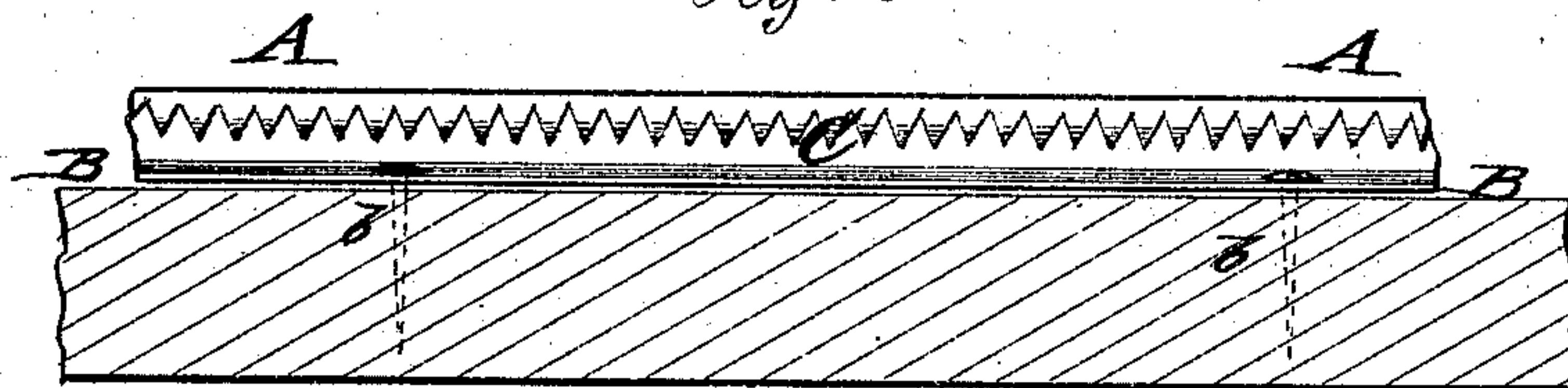


Fig: 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CARPET-FASTENERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. CAMPBELL, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Carpet-Fastener, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a vertical transverse section of my improved carpet-fastening device, showing method of holding carpet in stretched position.

Figure 2 is a top view, and Fig. 3 a front view, of the same with carpet detached.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The invention has reference to an improved device for fastening carpets, oil-cloths, &c., in a convenient and ornamental manner without the use of tacks, by which the carpets may be laid and taken up with ease and rapidity.

The invention consists in a carpet-fastener made of sheet metal, and having key-holes, which allow it to be placed over and slid under the heads of rivets or screws, as hereinafter more particularly described.

In the drawing, A represents my improved carpet-fastener, which is made of bent sheet metal of any suitable size and length. The base part B of the fastener is made wider than the top part, and secured to the floor along the base by means of key-hole slots *a* arranged at suitable distances to slide under the heads of tacks or screws *b* driven into the floor.

The upper part of the fastener is bent over from the base part to form a molding or clamping part, C, of any suitable shape or ornamentation.

When the fastening-nails are placed in position, and the carpet cut, sewed, and stretched, the edge of the same is carried by the flat knife under the clamping top part, and the knife then withdrawn. The toothed part of the fastener takes firmly hold of the edge of the carpet, and prevents its escape, whatever be the strain thereon.

To take up the carpet, the flat knife is introduced below the top part of the rail, the edge of the carpet depressed, and the knife retained in position until the carpet clears the teeth by the strain in the same.

The fastening-rails are readily placed in position and taken up, and the carpets, by the use of the same, laid with great convenience and ease, the fasteners forming at the same time a neat and ornamental feature of the carpet.

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

A carpet-fastener provided with key-hole *a*, by which it may be fastened or unfastened with a headed pin, *b*, in the manner and for the purpose specified.

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