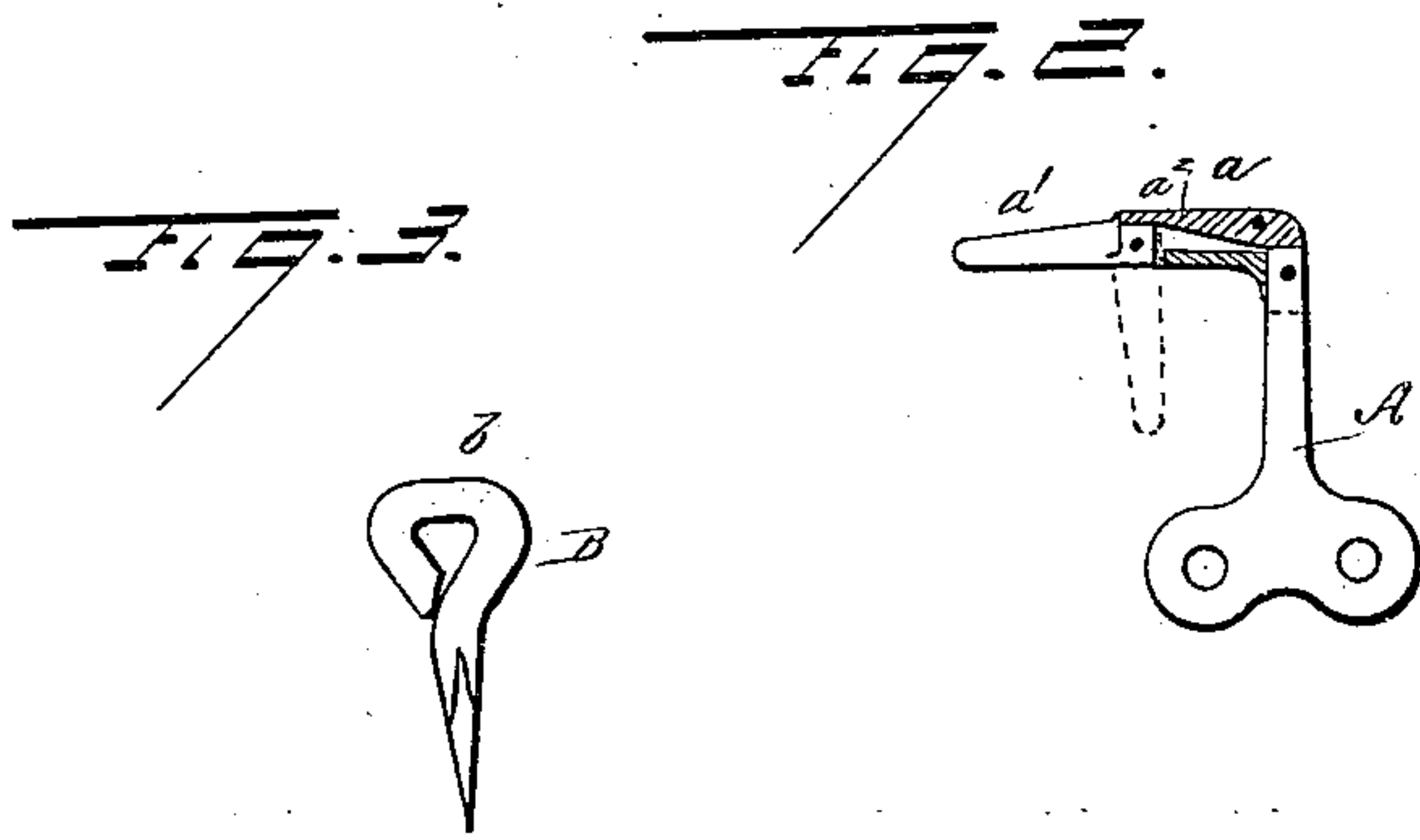
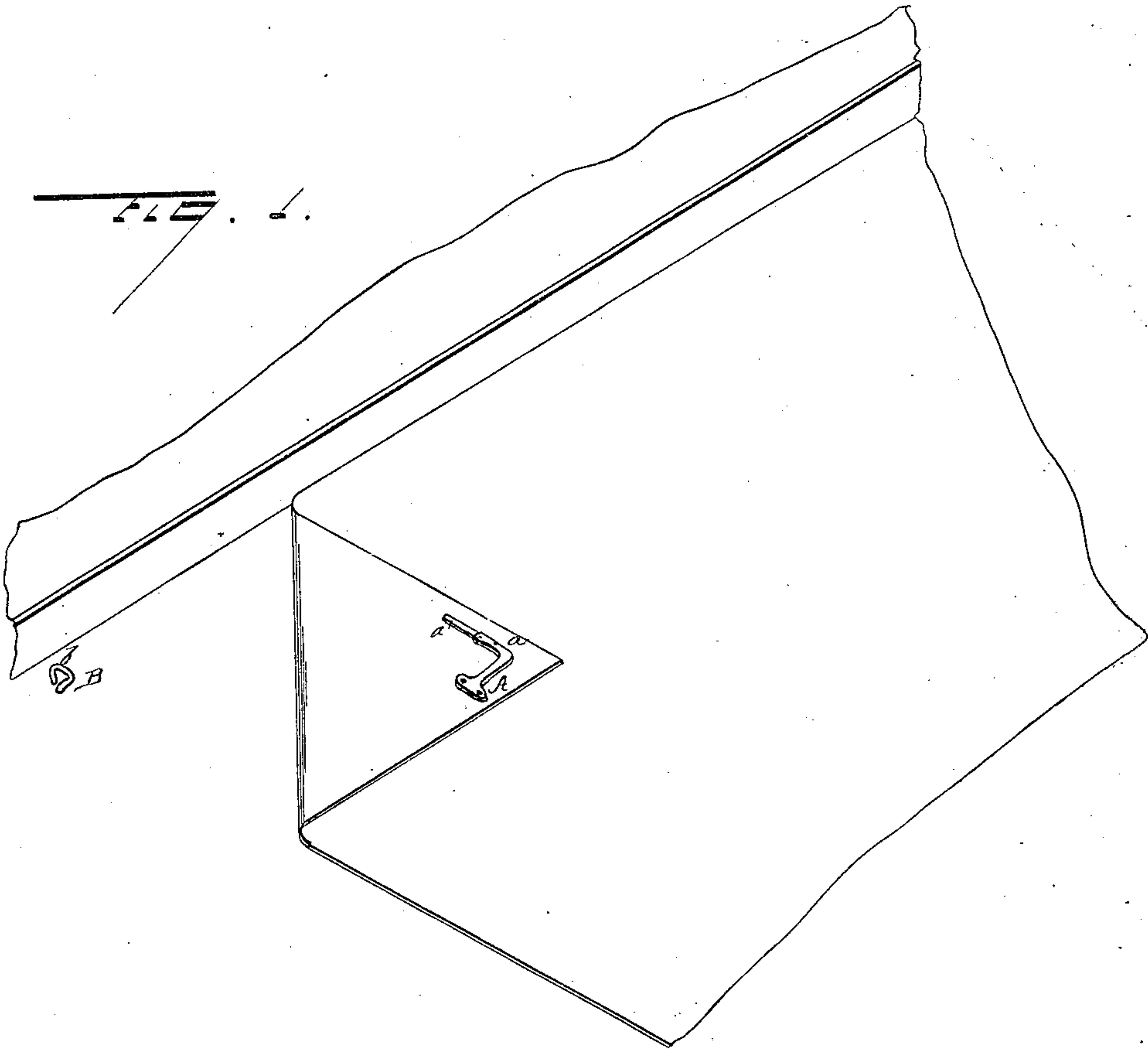


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMAN A. SCHWEBS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Carpet-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification, to wit:

This invention relates to an improvement in hooks for fastening carpets; and it consists in a hook having a hinged and spring-actuated end, substantially as hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the device applied to a carpet. Fig. 2 is a view of the hook, and Fig. 3 a view of the eye in which it is engaged.

A represents a hook having its shank formed with two holes, or a similar device suitable for securing it to the carpet, and having the outer end bent at right angles to form an arm, *a*, in the end of which is pivoted an extension, *a'*, having its inner end formed square and provided with a small shoulder, as represented in Fig. 2. In the arm *a* is also placed a spring, *a''*, the end of which bears against the square end of the hinged extension, and is sprung aside as it is turned, thereby holding it rigidly in position, whether turned outward or inward, as shown by dotted lines.

B is a pin or tack formed with a triangular flat-headed eye, *b*. These pins are secured in the floor near the wall, and the hooks secured to the under side of the carpet in such position that they are wholly covered, as seen by Fig. 1. The carpet is then laid in position,

and the hooks being engaged with the eye *b* the end is turned in, and the hook cannot be accidentally displaced. The triangular flat eye sits close to the floor, and does not project sufficiently to injure the carpet, while affording ample hold for the hooks. In using these hooks, the carpet need not be stretched unduly to bring their points in proper position to enter the eye, as is usual with the ordinary hook, and it will be found, therefore, that the carpet is easier and more evenly laid. This device is especially adapted for use on stair-carpet. This also enables the carpet to be readily taken up in whole or part for cleaning, repairs to a room, and so forth, and is not only easily and quickly done, but does not tear the carpet or deface a handsome floor with tack-marks.

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

1. A securing-hook for carpets, having its shank adapted for attachment to the carpet and formed with an arm at right angles, having a hinged spring-actuated extension adapted to be turned in or out at pleasure and locked in either position, substantially as shown and described.

2. The shank *A*, having a right-angle bend, *a*, pivoted extension *a'*, its inner end squared and shouldered, and the spring *a''*, all combined, constructed, and arranged to operate substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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