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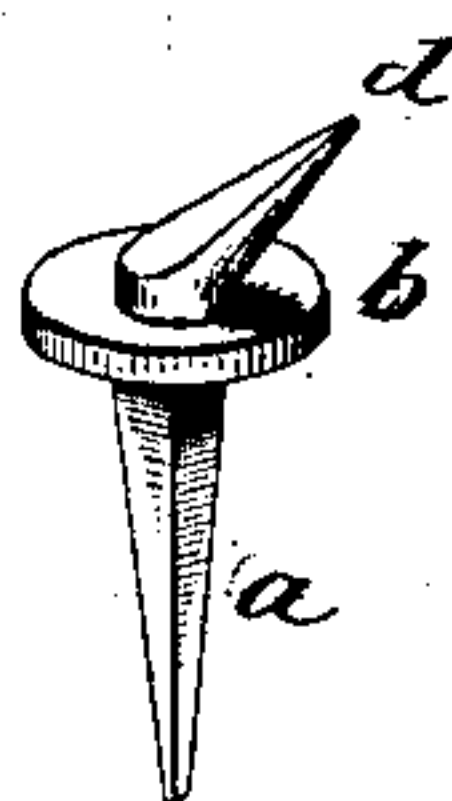
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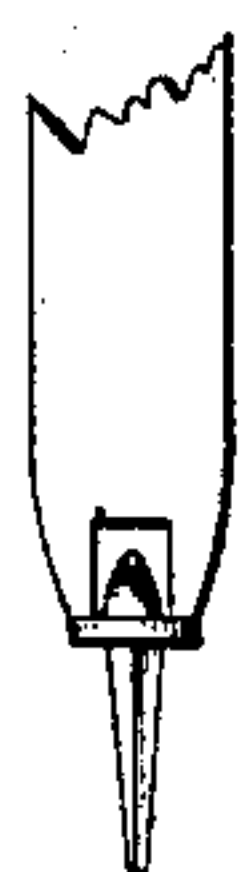
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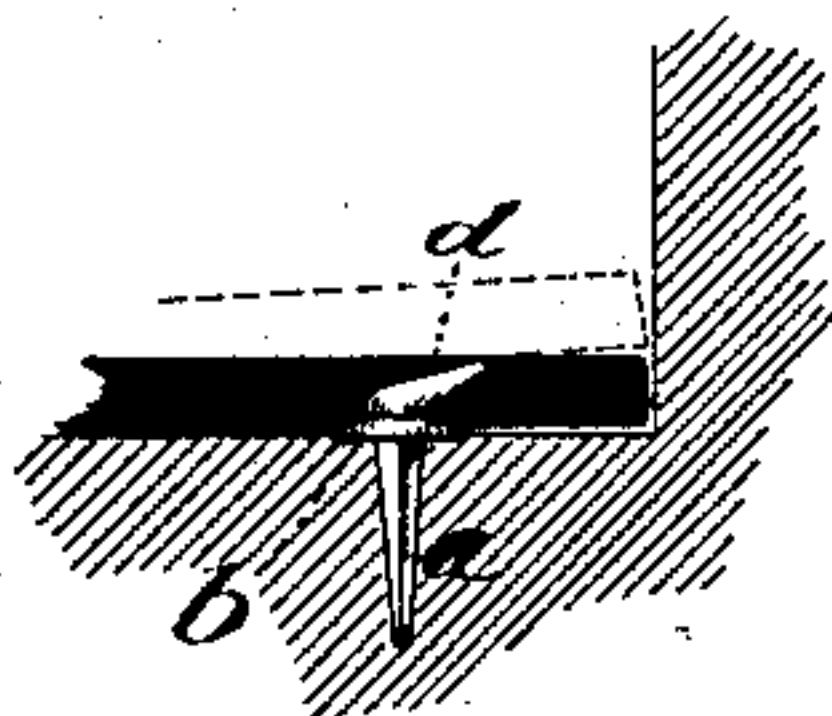
*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 3*



*Fig. 2*



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## CARPET-FASTENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE M. CONDIT, JR., of Waterbury, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new  
5 Improvement in Carpet-Fasteners; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with accompanying drawings, and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be  
10 a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a perspective view of the fastener enlarged; Fig. 2, the fastener as applied to the floor and the carpet secured, about full size;  
15 Fig. 3, the device for driving the fastener.

This invention relates to a device to be permanently applied to the floor of a room, near the walls, and so as to engage the carpet when placed thereon, or permit the easy removal of  
20 the carpet without disturbing the fastener; and it consists in a shank constructed to be driven into the floor, having a collar upon it to take a bearing upon the floor, with a diagonal or hook-like point projecting up from the  
25 head, and as more fully hereinafter described.

The fastener, as seen in Fig. 1, may be made from any suitable metal. It consists of a shank, *a*, which is best made pointed, so as to be readily driven into the floor, and of sufficient length to firmly hold the fastener. At  
30 its upper end it is provided with a collar, *b*, which forms a stop to arrest the shank when driven into the floor. From the head is an upwardly-projecting point, *d*, turned at an angle to the plane of the collar, and so as to form a hook shape. This hook-point should  
35 be in height about the thickness of the carpet. The fastener is driven into the floor, as seen in Fig. 2, so that the collar *b* takes a bearing thereon, and so as to prevent the fastener from being driven too far into the floor.

The point projects toward the wall. These fasteners are driven into the floor along the wall, or wherever the carpet is to be secured,  
45 at a short distance from the edge of the carpet, care being taken that the point is turned toward the wall—that is, from the body of the carpet.

In applying the carpet the edge is drawn

over the hook, as indicated in broken lines, 50 Fig. 2, and then its reaction permitted, and held down upon the fastener. Such reaction will draw the carpet onto the hook, as seen in Fig. 2, and thus securely fasten the carpet. To remove the carpet reverse the operation. 55

The fasteners remain in the floor in their proper position, the point not appearing above the surface of the carpet, and hence the fastener is hidden from view.

As a convenient means for driving the fasteners I employ a tool—such as seen in Fig. 3—  
60 which has a socket formed in its lower end to set over the hook or point and take a bearing upon the collar, as seen in Fig. 3. Then a blow upon the tool will drive the shank into  
65 the floor.

These fasteners cost but a trifle more than common carpet-tacks, and once applied remain for all time. The carpet is not liable to be torn in removing, as in the use of common  
70 tacks, but is much more readily removed and replaced than can be done by the use of such tacks. When the carpet is in place, it is held substantially as if by a common tack. The device therefore has all the advantages of a  
75 common tack without any of its disadvantages.

The body of the fastener is best made angular, as shown, in order to retain it in its proper position with the point of the hook  
80 toward the wall, and prevent its turning from that position in driving or otherwise.

I am aware of Patent No. 100,355, and Patent No. 23,319, and claim nothing therein contained; but 85

What I do claim is—

As an article of manufacture, the herein-described carpet-fastener, consisting of the pointed shank *a*, the collar *b*, surrounding the shank and forming a head by which the fastener may be driven, and the hook-shaped  
90 point *d*, extending upward and obliquely from the collar, all formed in one piece of metal, substantially as described.

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