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Fig. 1.

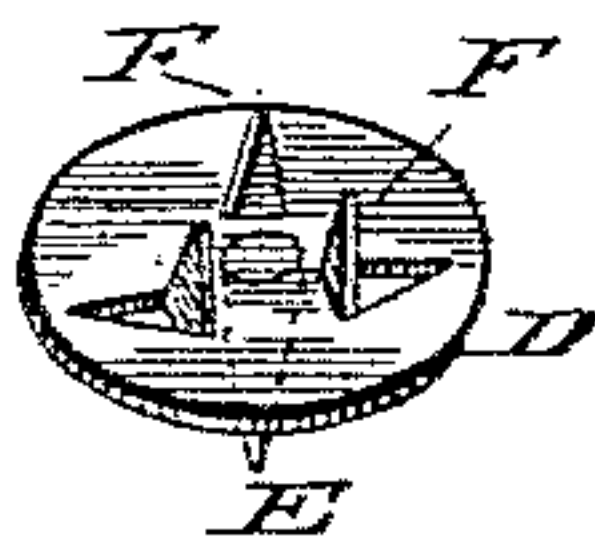
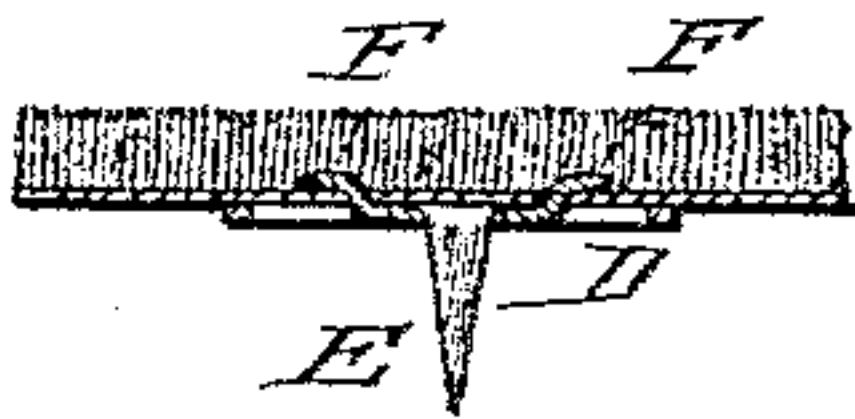


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARENCE E. DE PUY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Jackson, in the county of Jackson and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Rug Tacks or Fasteners; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved rug-fastener; and Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same, showing it applied.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

My invention has relation to that class of fastenings for rugs or carpets in which a disk having means for securing it to the under side of the rug or carpet has a central point or tack adapted to enter the floor; and it consists in the improved construction and combination of parts of such a fastener, as hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter D represents a plate having a hole in its center. In this hole, which is slightly flaring at the top, is riveted the head of a downwardly-pointed tack, E. Near the edge of this plate, which is preferably of a circular shape and of thin material, are several struck-up points or tongues, F.

In using this fastener, it is first secured to the under side of the rug or mat by pressing the points F through the rug near its edge and clinching them on top of it. As many can be used as are desired, and be placed around the edge where wanted. The rug is then placed where wanted on the floor, and a slight blow given to each one of the tacks by a hammer; or they can be easily forced into the floor by the heel of a shoe or boot.

While this fastener is more particularly adapted to rugs and mats, it can be as readily

used for carpets by making it out of heavier material.

By the use of a fastener of this description a carpet or rug can be removed and replaced almost as quickly as though it were simply laid loose on the floor, and at the same time it is as securely held in place as though it were fastened in any of the usual methods of fastening; and if it is desired to change its position in replacing it it can be done without having to draw a lot of separate fasteners and redriving them in their exact position to engage with a lot of attachments on the rug.

The fastener is complete of itself, and by making it of two pieces instead of one a thin material can be used for the plate, which will make thin tongues to push through the rug and bend on top, and a heavier material can be used for the tack, so that it can be forced into the hardest floors, which would not be the case if they were made out of one piece.

It will be seen that my invention furnishes an effective and cheap fastener that can be readily applied to rugs and carpets, and is always ready for use wherever it is desired to place the rug.

I am aware that fasteners have been made of a single piece of metal and of two pieces, one of which is secured to the rug and the other one to the floor; but I do not claim such construction; but

I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

In a carpet-tack, a centrally-perforated plate or disk of thin material, having struck-up tongues or points upon its upper side, in combination with a downwardly-pointed tack rigidly secured in said perforation, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereunto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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