

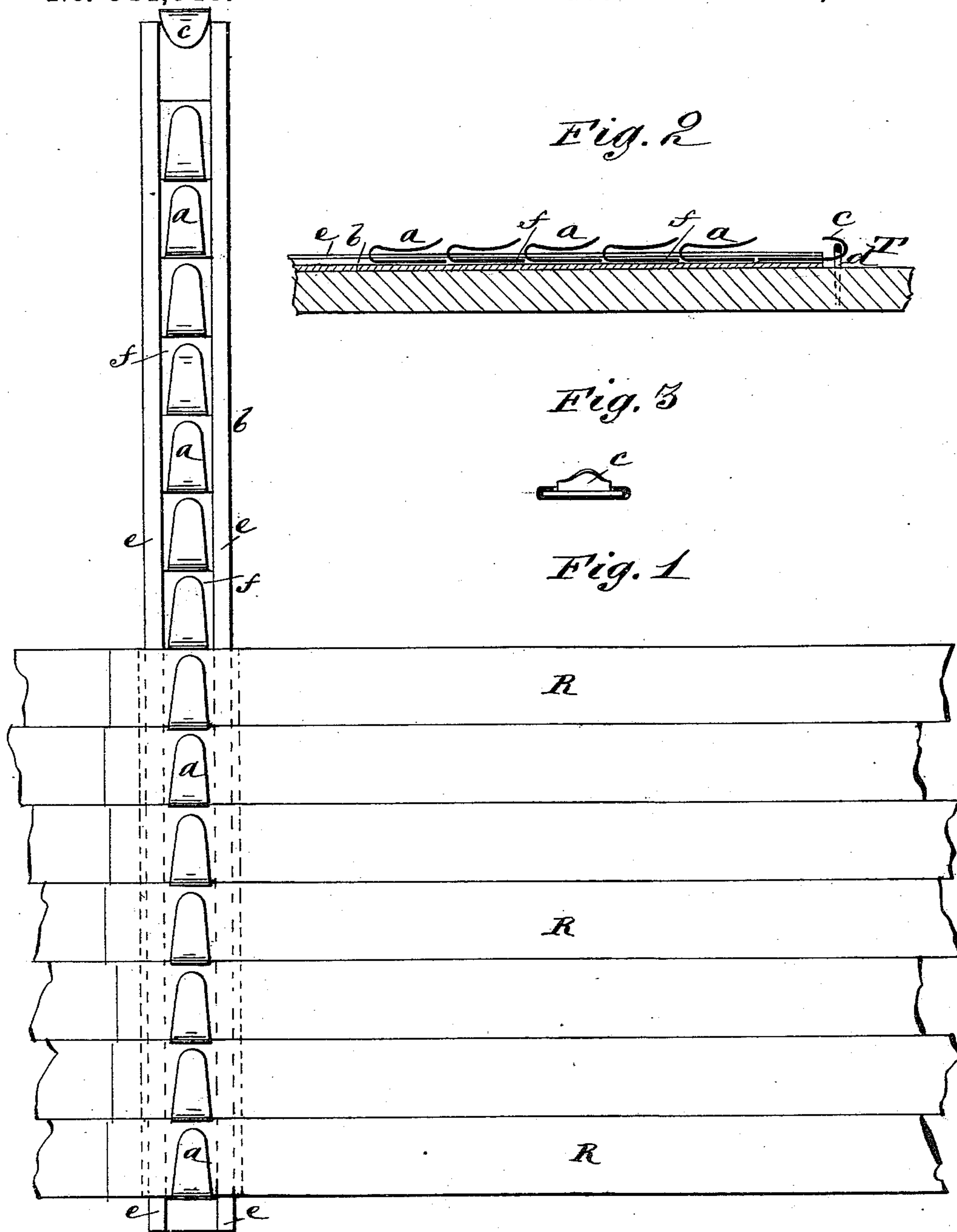
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES WORTHINGTON CHAMBERLIN, of Lanark, in the county of Carroll and State of Illinois, have invented
5 a new and Improved Carpet-Rag Attachment for Sewing-Machines, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a practical device for holding strips of carpet-
10 rags in position while their ends are joined together by sewing the same on a sewing-machine.

The invention consists, principally, of a number of narrow holders, clamps, or springs
15 connected together in line with each other and adapted to receive and hold the ends of the rags so they may be passed with the device through a sewing-machine and stitched.

The invention also consists of the special
20 construction of the device, all as hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate
25 corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a plan view of the device, showing the rags placed in several of the clamps. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section showing the method of holding the device while placing
30 the rags in the clamp; and Fig. 3 is an end view of the device, showing the hook.

a a represent a number of metal clamps or springs arranged in line with each other and held by a metal frame, *b*. At one end the
35 frame *b* is formed or provided with a hook, *c*, by which the frame may be attached to a staple, *d*, secured in the sewing-machine or other table, *T*, for holding the frame while the rags *R* are being placed in or under the holders or
40 clamps *a*. The frame is, by preference, a narrow strip of sheet metal folded at its edges, as shown at *e e*, and these edges are pressed down

to hold or clasp the edges of the lower plate portions, *f*, of the holders or clamps *a*, as shown in Fig. 1.

In use the device will be hooked into the staple *d* and held flat upon the table. The ends of the rags *R* will then be put together, one upon the other, the ends lapping and slipped under the holders or spring-clamps *a* until the device is filled. Then the device will be unhooked from the staple *d*, and the device and rags passed through the sewing-machine, forming a row of stitching along both edges of the device. This done, the rags will be removed from the holders or spring-clamps and the operation repeated. In this manner the operation of sewing rags together may be done very rapidly and easily.

Instead of placing the rags in a flat condition in the holders or clamps, as shown in Fig. 1, they may be folded at the lapping ends, if desired.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, the carpet-rag attachment for sewing-machines herein shown and described, consisting of a series of holders or spring-clamps, *a*, arranged in line with each other in a support or frame, *b*, and each having an overhanging portion, and adapted to receive and hold the ends of the rags placed under said overhanging portion, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. The frame *b*, folded at its edges, as at *e*, and provided with the holders or spring-clamps *a*, and at one end with the hook *c*, said clamps being held under the said folded edges *e*, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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