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CARPET FASTENER.

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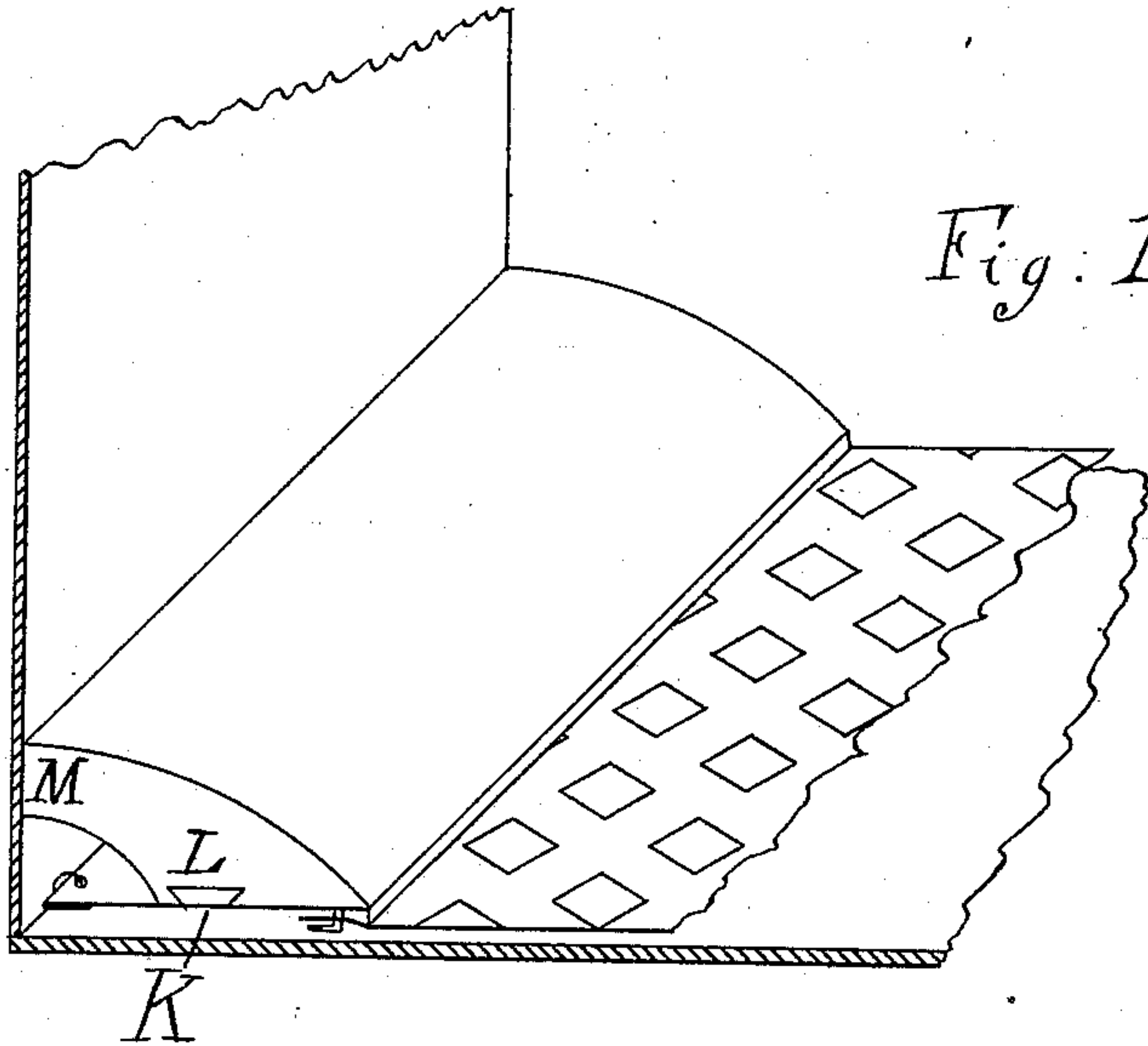


Fig. 1.

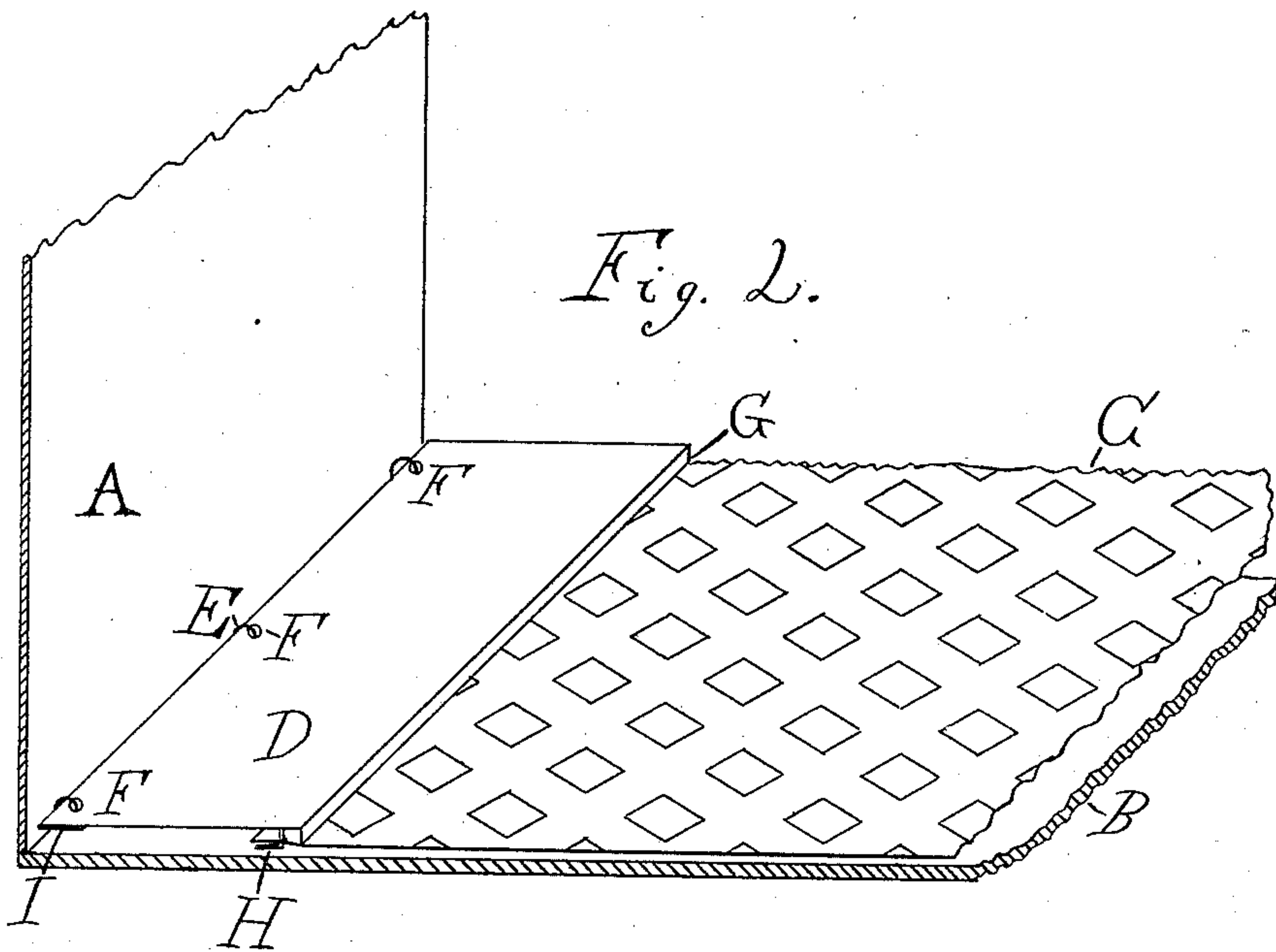


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CARPET-FASTENER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MELVIN L. JOHNSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of West Mansfield, in the county of Logan and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Carpet-Fastener, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in carpet-fasteners, and is clearly set forth in the annexed drawings and specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my fastener with bead or tongue on it for attaching molding or other ornaments to. Fig. 2 is a perspective with the bead or tongue left off.

A represents the wall of a room; B, the floor; C, the carpet; D, my fastener; E, staples on which the fastener is hinged; F, holes in fastener for the staples; G, turned-down edge of fastener; H, hook for holding the carpet; I, overlapping rear edge of fastener; K, bead or tongue on top of fastener; L, a groove on lower side of molding M, that fits on bead K.

The construction and operation of my device are as follows:

My strip or fastener D is made of a piece of galvanized iron, tin, zinc, or other metal, having its rear edge turned over, as shown at I, to strengthen the same, and also having the front edge turned down to form a screen for the hooks, and to re-enforce or strengthen the outer edge. On the under surface I have the hooks H soldered or otherwise attached. In fastening the carpet, I raise the piece D on

the hinges or staples E, and run the hooks H through the binding or carpet, and then press the fastener D and carpet C flat on the floor again. The piece D being hinged against the floor, and being as low as or lower than the hooks H, the stronger the pull upon the carpet the tighter the carpet is held upon the hooks. This gives a simple, cheap, and neat carpet-fastener; but should it be desired to make it more ornamental a tongue or rabbet, K, is made upon the back of my piece D, and a molding, M, or other ornament having a groove, L, on its under side, is slid onto the tongue K, making a very neat finish.

My fastener can be made in one piece the whole length of the room; but I prefer to make it in lengths of about two feet each, so that it can be the more readily handled.

What I claim is—

1. The carpet-fastener D, having hooks H to hold the carpet, and hinged at its rear side to the floor at a point as low as or lower than the hooks for holding the carpet, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The carpet-fastener D, hinged to the floor at E, having the hooks H on its under side and the tongue K on its upper side, on which the molding or ornament M slides, as and for the purpose set forth.

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