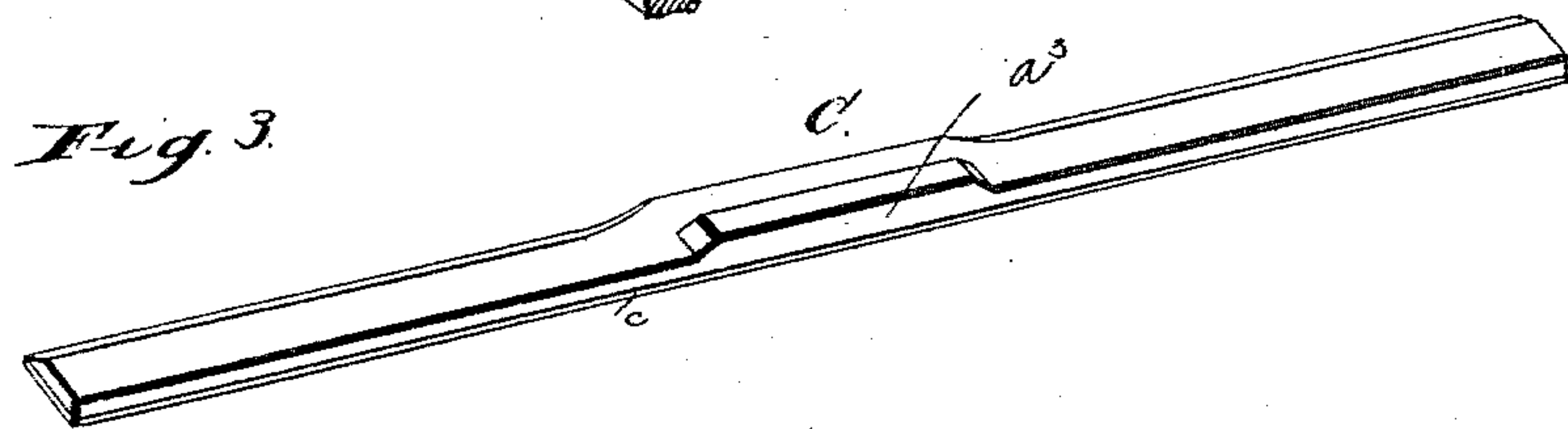
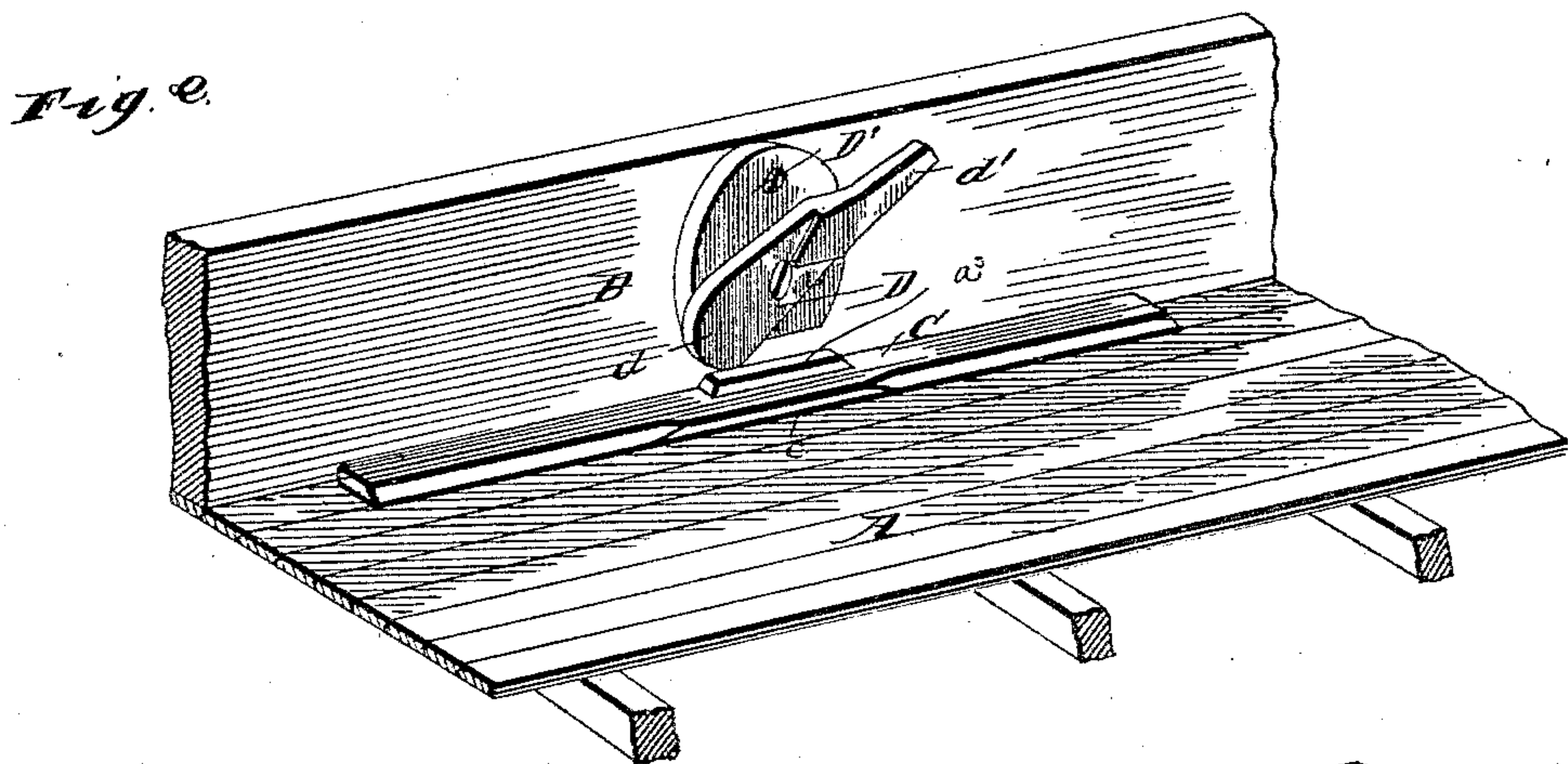
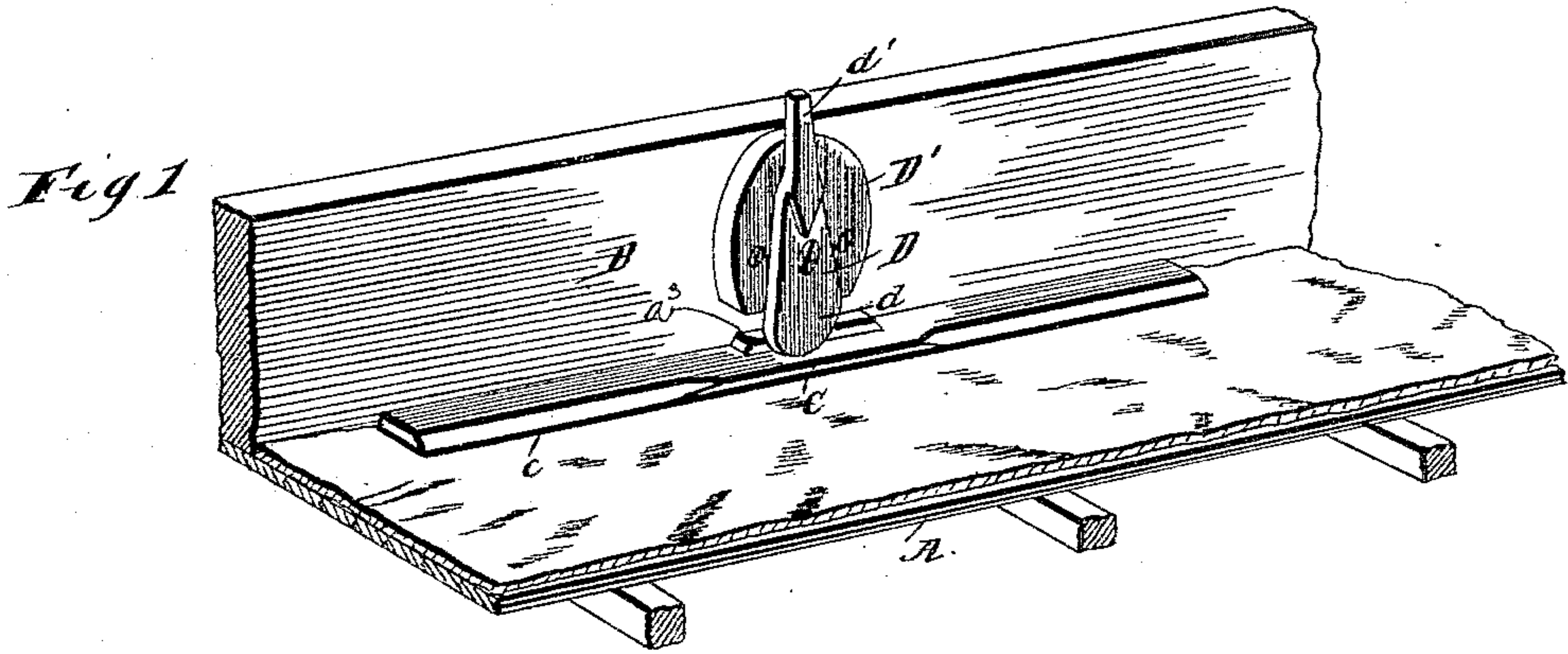


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JERRY McPHERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cherryville, in the county of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Carpet-Fastenings, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to carpet-fastenings; and it consists in the construction and arrangement of the parts of the same, which will be more fully hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

The object of my invention is to provide a carpet-fastening which is simple and effective in its construction and operation, strong and durable, easily applied, readily handled, positive in its action, and cheaply manufactured.

I attain this object by the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein like letters of reference indicate similar parts in the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a floor and wainscoting with my improved carpet-fastening shown in connection therewith and as securing a piece of carpet. Fig. 2 is a similar view with the carpet removed. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the retaining-strip.

A indicates the flooring, and B the wainscoting or wash-board. A bevel-edged retaining-strip, C, is placed adjacent to the wainscoting B, which strip C is covered with a rubber strip, *c*, on its under side for producing a more effective securement of hold upon the carpet by the said strip.

To secure the carpet in connection with the strip C, I employ a pivoted clamping-lever, D, mounted on a plate, D', which is secured on the side of the wainscoting or wash-board. A series of these plates D' and levers D will be arranged at predetermined intervals in proximity to the flooring on the wainscoting or wash-board, and the strips C may be either constructed in the form of a continuous strip formed as described or in several divisional parts.

The plates D' may be of any preferred form of construction and material, and may be ap-

plied as desired. The levers D are constructed with an enlarged clamping end, *d*, which engages with the beveled portion of the strip C, and with operating-handles *d'*, projecting slightly over the plates D'. The levers D are pivoted to the plates D', and the clamping ends *d* thereof project slightly over the sides of the plates D' adjacent thereto, so as not to interfere with a perfect clamping effect between the said levers and the strips C.

In using my improved fastening the carpet is placed under the strip, and when it has been sufficiently stretched it is secured by pressing the levers D, which impinge the carpet against the beveled edge of the strip, thereby retaining it in securement. A flange or rib, *a*³, is provided on the strip C to prevent the latter from being drawn out from under the cam-lever D.

By the use of my improved carpet-fastening device the use of tacks is entirely dispensed with and a quickly-operated and positive securement obtained.

A further advantage of my improvement is that the carpet can be readily removed and taken up in cleaning without injury to the carpet, which would be occasioned were tacks used.

The utility and simplicity of my invention renders it useful generally and within the obtainance of every housekeeper.

I am aware that it is not new to provide a carpet-fastener comprising a pivoted lever having a cam-bearing end and a claw which is pressed into engagement with the keeper by said lever, and I make no broad claim to such a device.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. In a carpet-fastening device, the combination, with the plate D' and lever D, arranged as set forth, of the horizontally-arranged removable strip C, with which the lever engages, and the rubber cover *c* on the under side of said strip, substantially as described.

2. In a carpet-fastening device, the combination of the horizontally-arranged removable strip C, the rubber covering *c* on the under side of said strip, the rib or lug *a*³ on the

top surface thereof, the plate D', permanently
secured in a vertical position, and a lever, D,
pivotaly mounted on the plate D', having an
enlarged portion, d , at one end, which engages
5 with the top surface of the strip C adjacent
to and against the rib or lug a^3 , and an oper-
ating-handle, d' , at its other end, substantially
as described.

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

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