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Fig. 1.

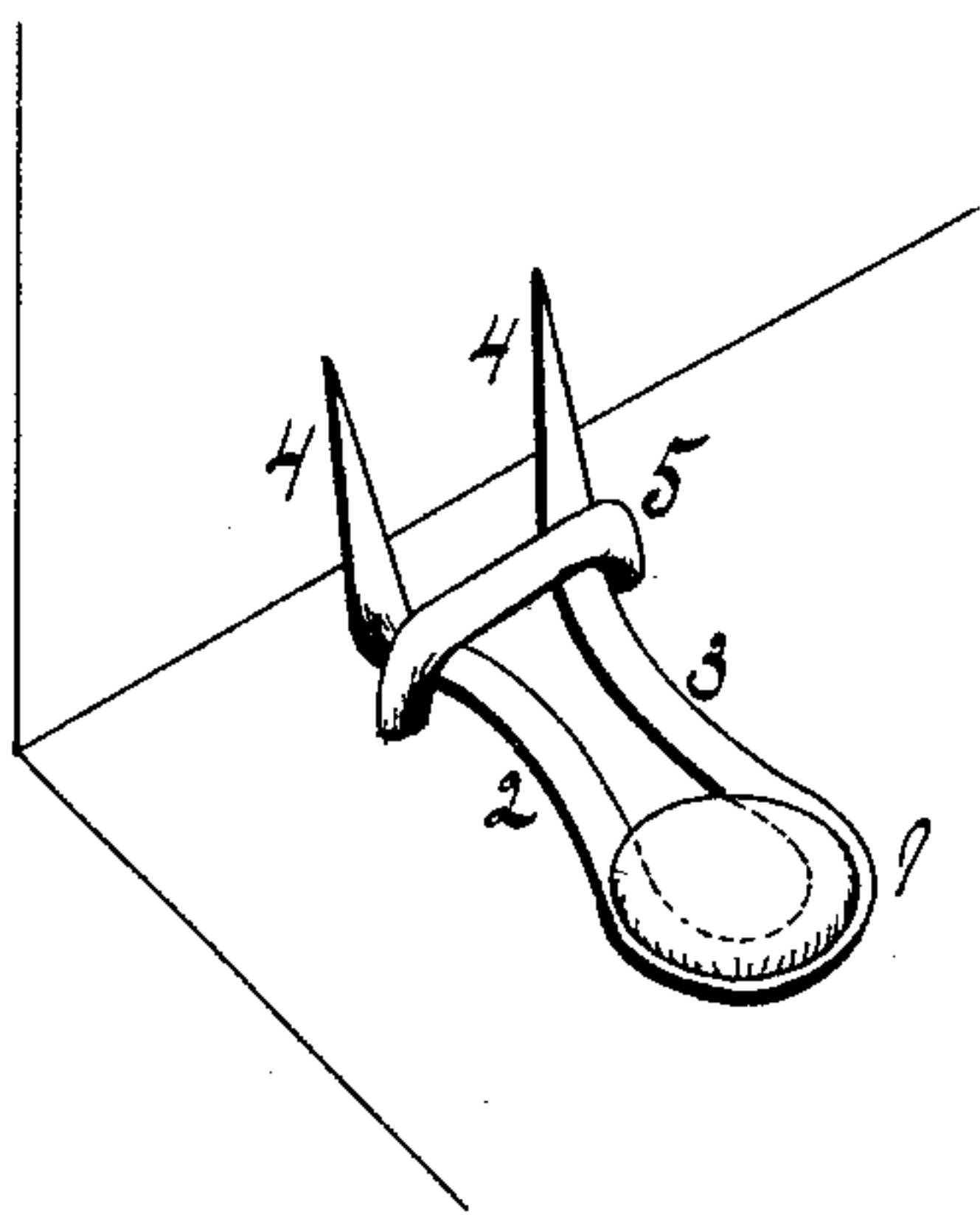
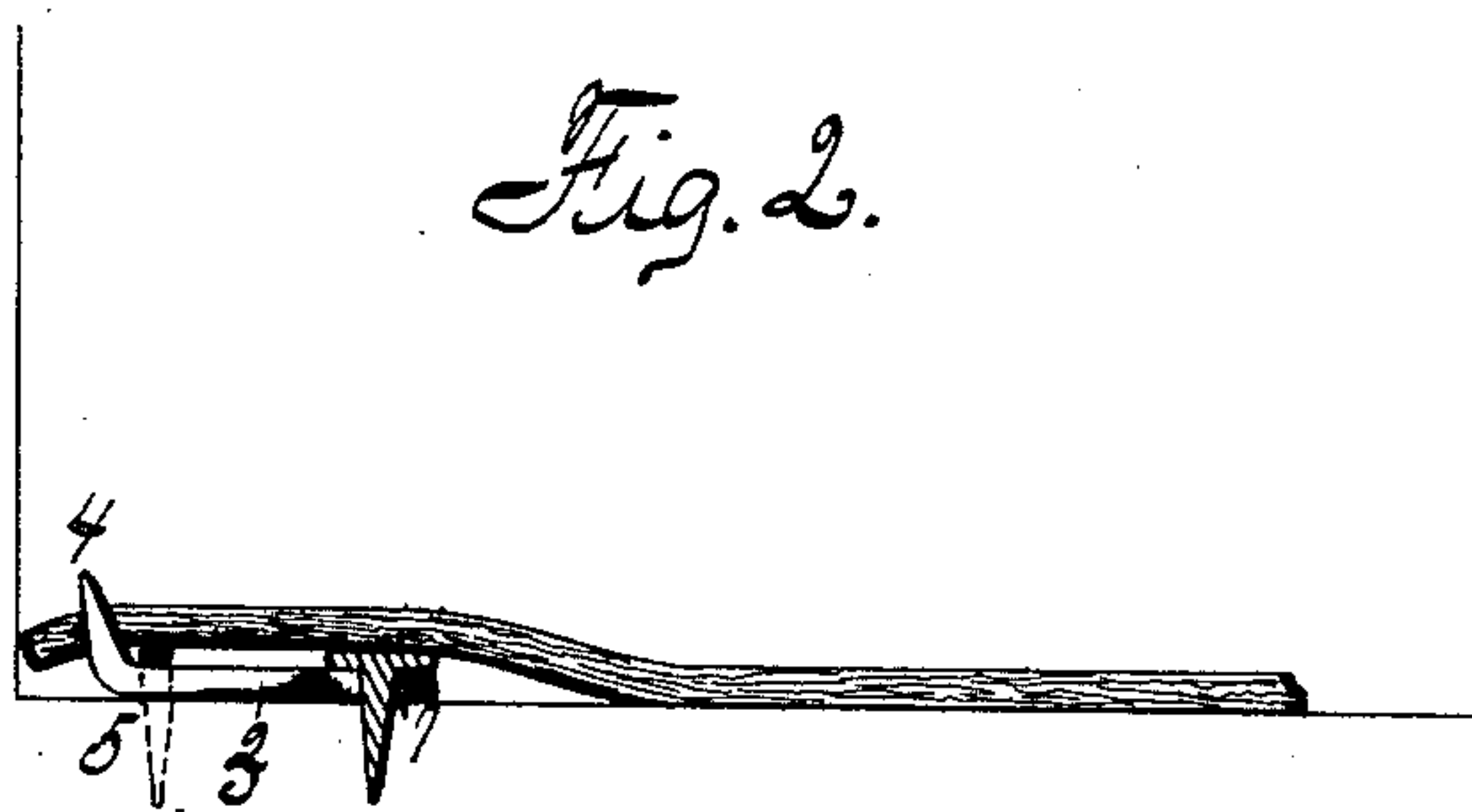


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HIRAM WELLS ATWATER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rochelle, in the county of Ogle and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Carpet-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to construct a cheap and simple device for securing carpets to floors, which when once in position will remain so, and the carpet can be taken up and replaced without disturbing the fastening. This fastening consists of a staple-like hook made from wire, and so bent as to form an eye and two uprising prongs.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an isometrical representation of my improved fastening. Fig. 2 shows its application to a carpet.

The fastening represented in the accompanying drawings consists of a piece of wire bent about midway of its length, thus forming an eye 1, through which a tack, screw, or other securing device is driven in the floor, thus holding the fastening in position. From the eye arms 2 and 3 separate, and have their upturned ends 4 sharpened, so that the carpet may be easily placed thereon.

In applying my fastening to use, the fastenings are secured to the floor at suitable intervals by a tack or screw passing through the eye of the fastening, with the pointed ends of the fastening next the wall, and a staple 5 driven over both prongs near the junction of

the upturned ends 4 with the arms 2 and 3. With the fastening thus in position the carpet is stretched and placed over the hooked ends of the fastenings, which will hold the carpet in its position, and the staple will prevent the carpet from pulling under the fastening, and also prevent undue strain upon the tack or screw, which would otherwise be apt to be pried out of the floor by the strain of the carpet.

In order to remove the carpet, the attendant will raise the carpet from the hooks, thus leaving the fastenings in position to receive the carpet when replaced.

I am aware that carpet-fastenings have been constructed of sheet material having uprising projections, and therefore do not claim such, but only desire to claim my construction.

I claim as my invention—

The combination, with the carpet-fastener bent at its middle to form an eye and at its ends to form uprising prongs, of a tack or screw inserted in said eye to secure the fastener in position, and a staple straddling the branches of said fastener between the eye and the prongs to relieve the strain upon said tack or screw and to prevent the carpet from sliding beneath the fastener, substantially as set forth.

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