

(No Model.)

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CARPET FASTENER.

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FIG. 1.

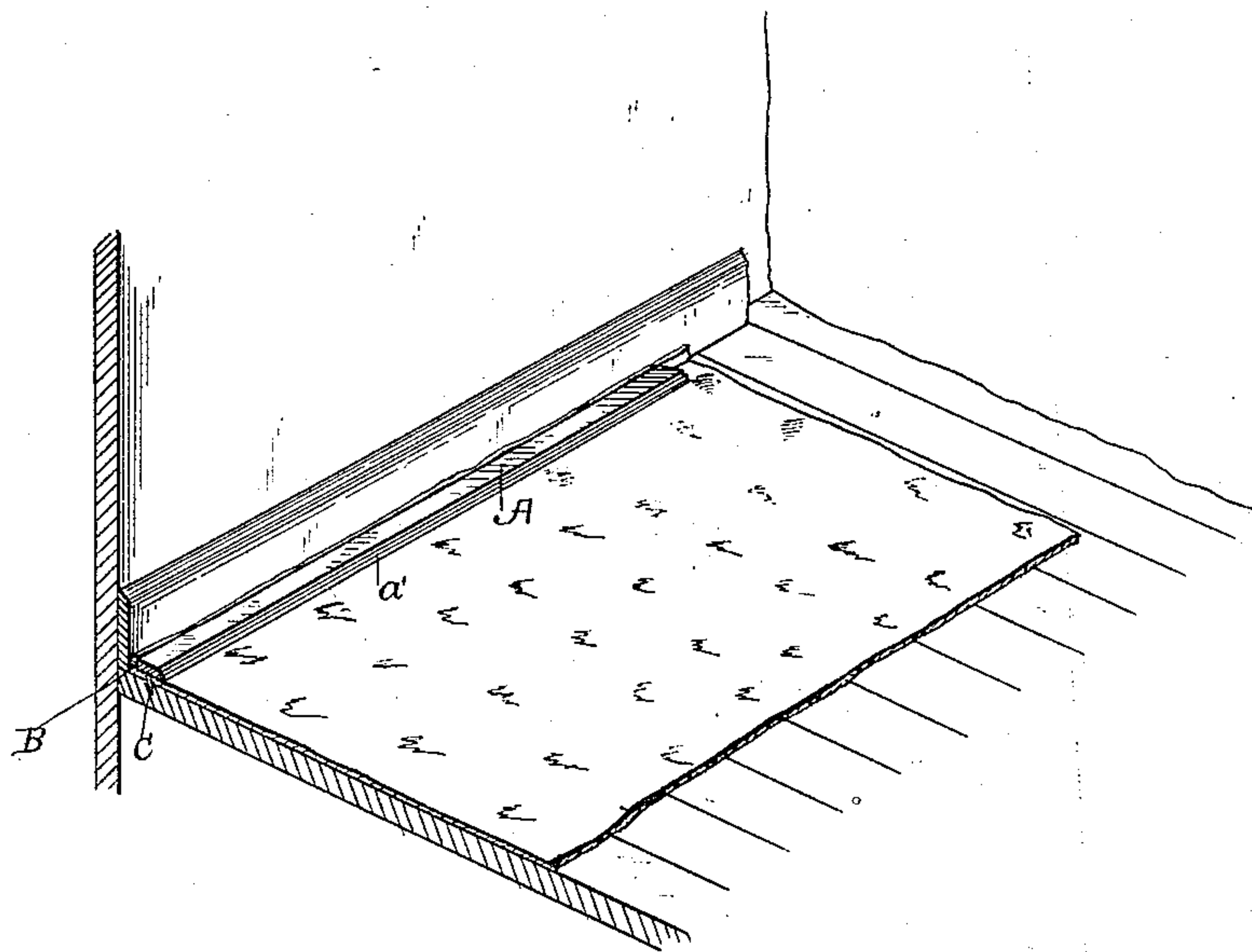


FIG. 2.

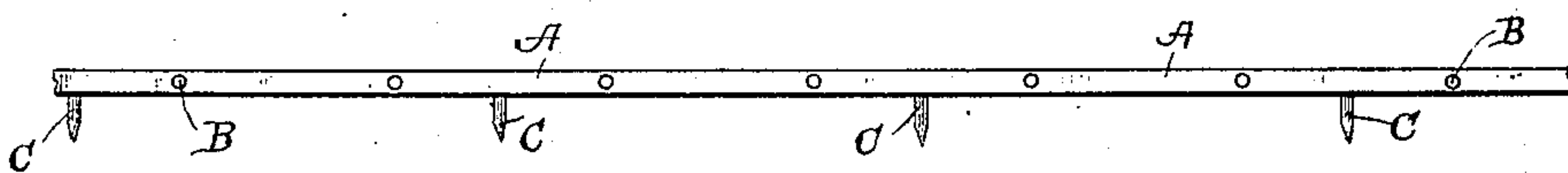


FIG. 3.

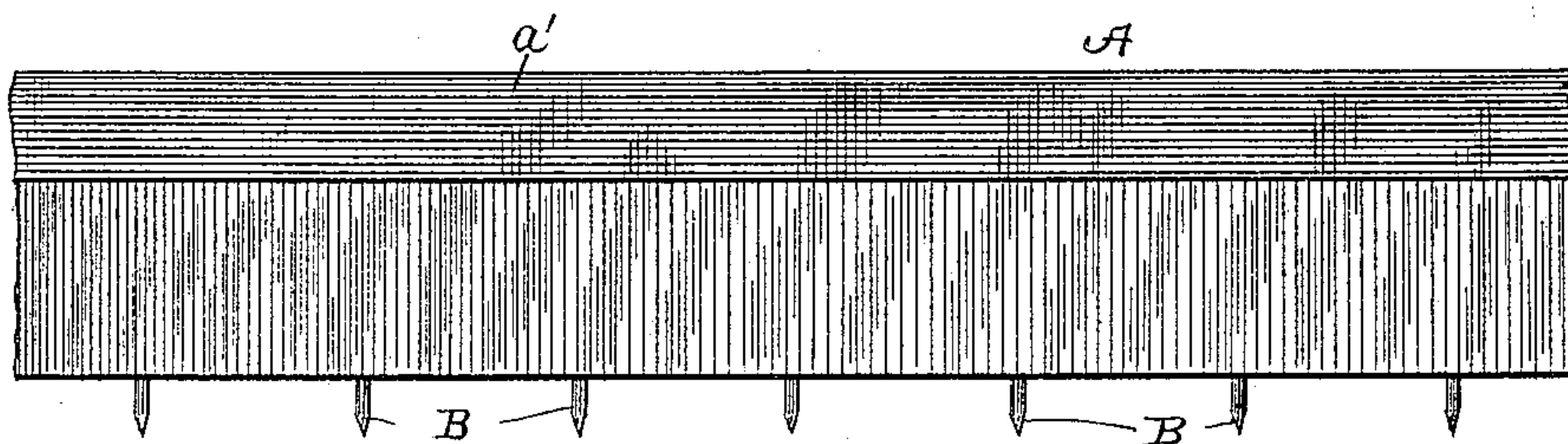
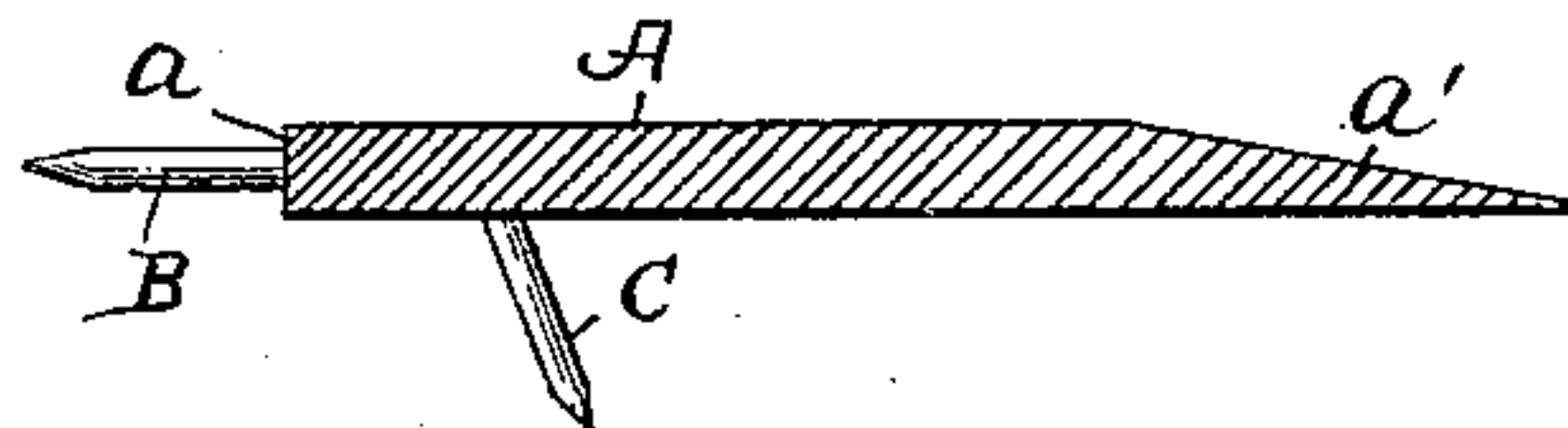


FIG. 4.



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CARPET-FASTENER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY GROMMET, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bronaugh, in the county of Vernon and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Carpet Fastener and Stretcher, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in carpet fasteners and stretchers.

10 The object of the present invention is to provide a carpet-fastener of simple and inexpensive construction, capable of securely and quickly fastening a carpet in place without liability of tearing the same, and adapted
15 to stretch the carpet in place and to be quickly removed when desired; and, furthermore, the object of the invention is to provide a carpet-fastening that will present to the feet no sharp edges which will wear or tear the
20 carpet.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangements of parts hereinafter described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in
25 the claim hereto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a carpet-fastener constructed in accordance with the invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a plan view.
30 Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view.

Referring to the accompanying drawings by letter, A designates a strip constructed of suitable material, preferably of sheet metal or some similar substance which will stand
35 hammering without injury. The strip is designed to be several feet in length; but may, if desired, extend across the room, only one being used to a side of a carpet, and it is provided along its edge *a*, which in practice lies
40 adjacent to the wall, with teeth or projections B, arranged at regular intervals and designed to catch the edge of the carpet and securely hold the latter to the strip. These teeth or
45 projections B are preferably formed integral with the strip A, which is provided along its lower face with points C, which are arranged at suitable intervals—say a half a foot—apart and are inclined outward, so that their points
50 stand away from the wall and are more readily adapted to engage the floor and prevent the strip slipping. These points are also preferably formed integral with the strip A.

The strip is placed upon the floor and the carpet secured along its edge by the teeth or projections B, and then the strip A is forced
55 into its place against the wall and secured there by hammering the points C into the floor. The strip A may readily be removed by prying one end with a hatchet or some other sharp-pointed instrument.
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Should it be desired to stretch the carpet, one end of the strip is secured in place and the carpet is then hooked upon the teeth or projections B and the other end of the strip
65 may be brought around in place and the points C may then be driven into the floor. The strip in stretching the carpet acts like a lever and requires but a small amount of force to bring it into its proper position. The outer
70 edge *a'* is beveled, whereby the strip presents no sharp edges to the feet and the carpet is prevented being injured.

From the foregoing description and the accompanying drawings the construction, operation, and advantages of the invention will
75 be readily understood.

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

A carpet stretcher and fastener consisting
80 of the strip A, designed to extend the entire length of an edge of a carpet and provided along its edge *a*, designed to be arranged adjacent to the wall, with a series of straight projections or teeth B, extending horizontally
85 from the strip and arranged at intervals along the entire length of the same to receive the edge of the carpet, the strip forming a lever, whereby the carpet is stretched into place previous to securing to the floor, said strip
90 having its edge *a'* beveled and provided on its lower face with a series of points inclining toward the edge *a'* and away from the projections or teeth B and adapted to engage the floor, substantially as described.
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In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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