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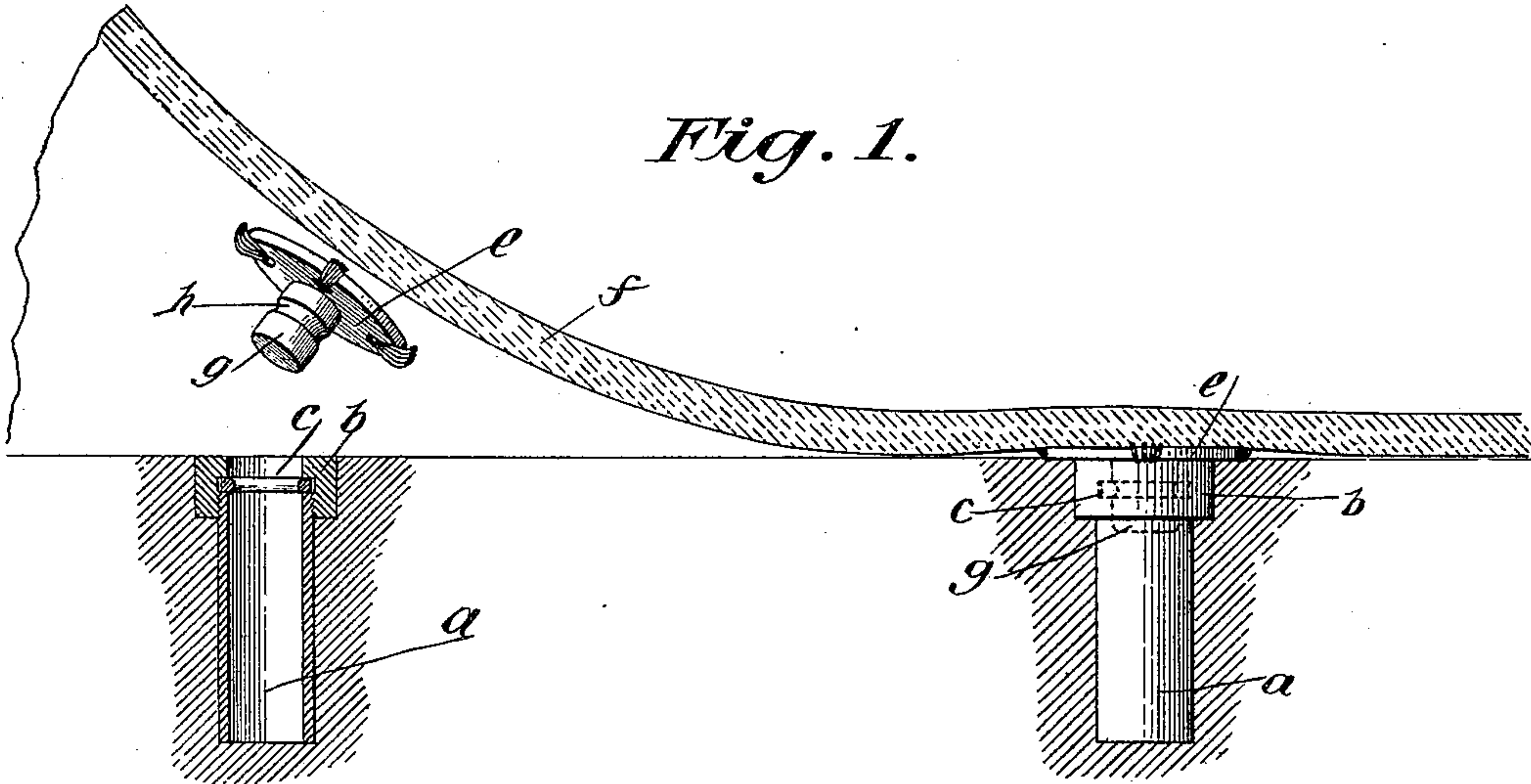
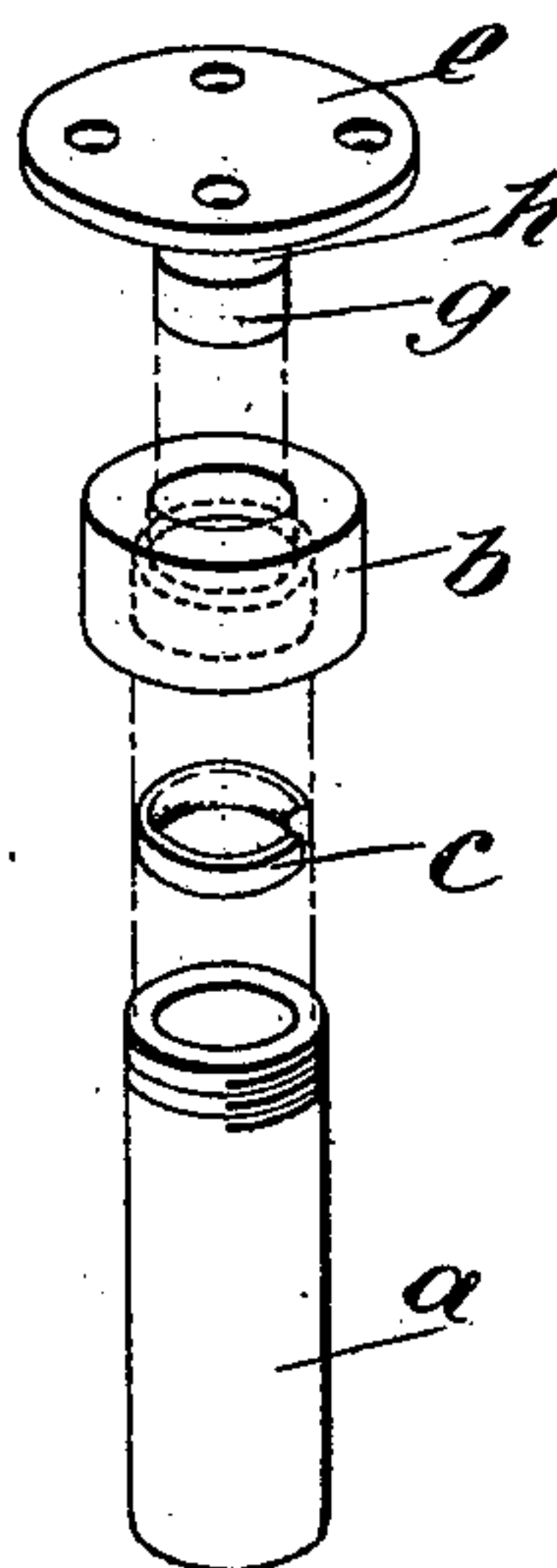


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JESSE F. VAN WICKEL, Jr., of Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Carpet-Fastener, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The purpose of this invention is to provide superior means for fastening carpets to marble and other floors in fireproof buildings, it being understood that in working with such floors it is impossible to drive tacks.

This specification is the disclosure of one form of my invention, while the claim defines the actual scope thereof.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both views.

Figure 1 is a sectional view showing the invention in use; and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the invention, showing the elements dissociated.

The fastener comprises a socket portion and a button portion. The socket portion has a tube or socket proper, *a*, to the upper end of which is screwed a collar *b*. The tube or socket *a*, with the collar *b*, is sunk permanently in the flooring, with the upper edge of the collar flush with the floor. The collar *b* is counterbored, the tube *a* screwing into the enlarged bore thereof. The end of the tube thus screwed into the collar serves also to hold a spring-annulus *c*, the annulus being held between said end of the tube and the shoulder formed in the collar by the counter-

bore thereof. This annulus is capable of contracting and expanding upon being engaged by the button, as will be now described.

The button comprises a flat head *e*, sewed or otherwise fastened to the under side of the carpet, (represented at *f*.) The button also comprises a shank *g*, with an annular groove *h* therein. The shank *g* is adapted to fit loosely in the collar *b*, as indicated by the dotted lines at the right in Fig. 1, and the annulus *c* is caused first to spring over the lower portion of the shank *g* and next to contract in the groove thereof, thus firmly holding the button in the collar and securing the carpet, as indicated at the right in Fig. 1.

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

A carpet-fastener, comprising a tube adapted to be rigidly secured in the floor, a collar provided with a main and counter bore, the upper end of the tube being received in the lower portion of the counterbore of the collar, a yielding annulus fitted in the upper portion of the counterbore of the collar and bearing against the upper extremity of the tube, and a button having a shank serving snugly to fit in the main bore of the collar and into the upper end of the tube, the shank having an annular groove receiving the yielding annulus, whereby to hold the button in place.

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