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Fig. 1-

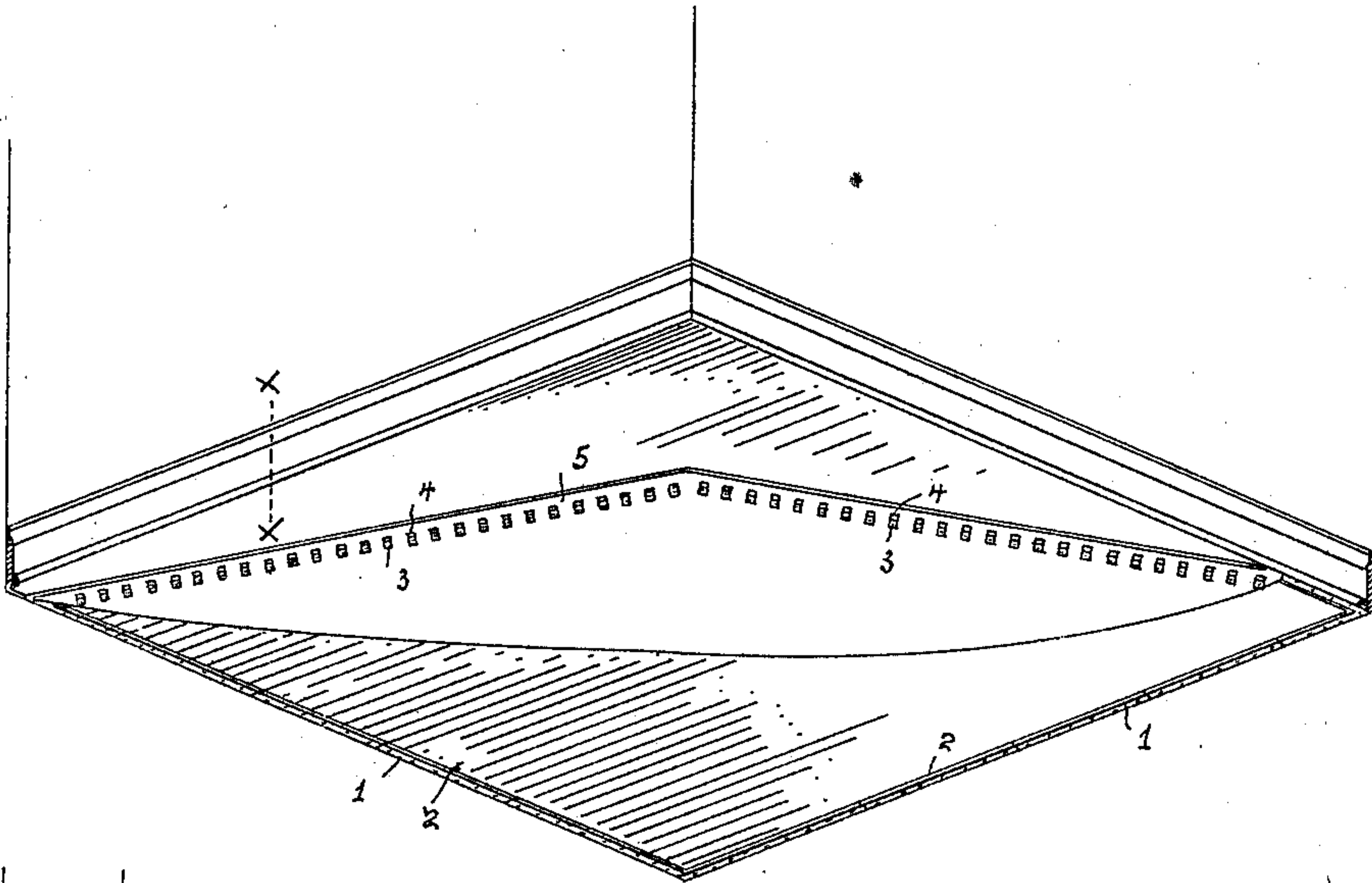
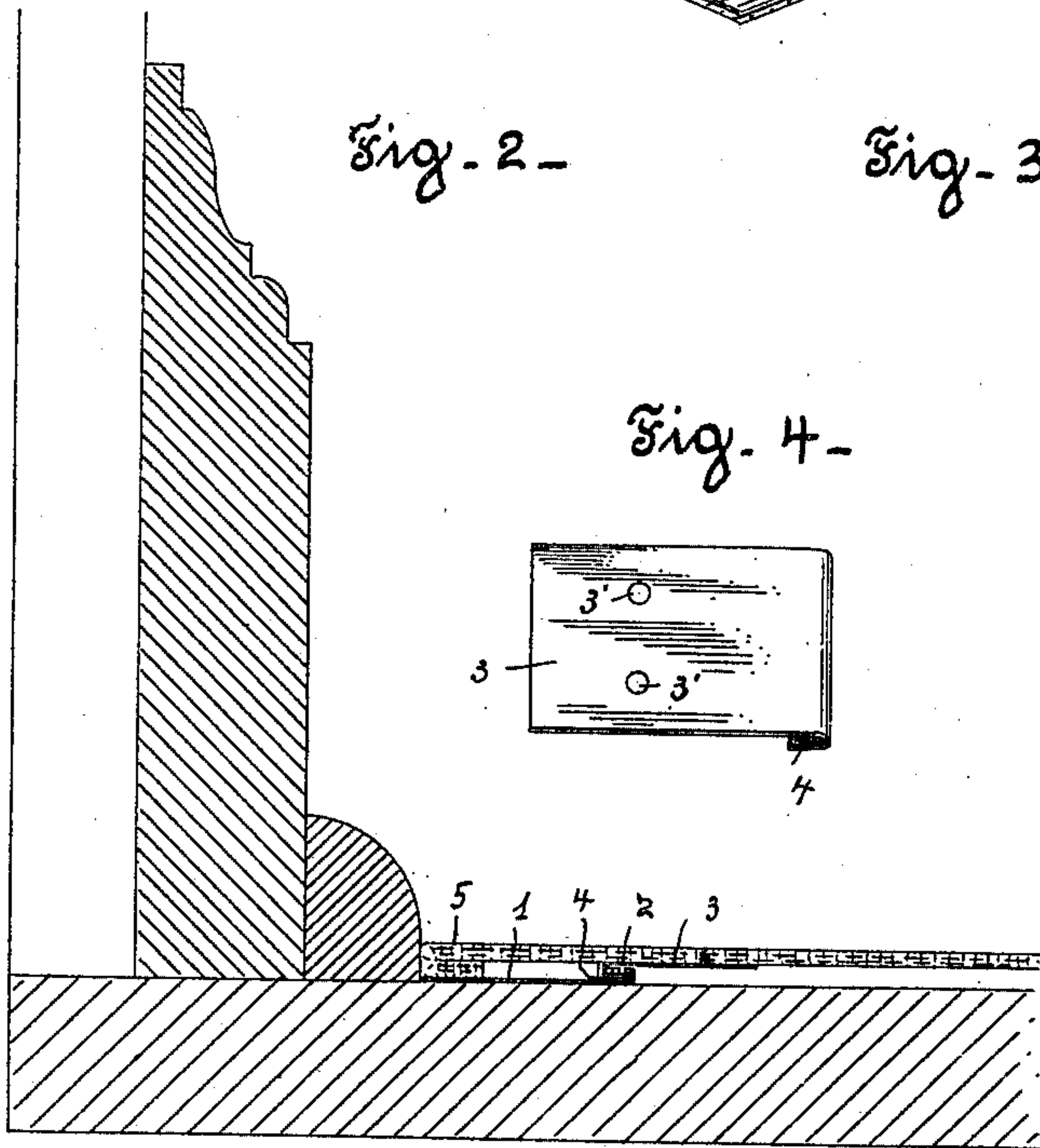


Fig. 2-

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CARPET-FASTENER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY C. ROEMER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Toledo, in the county of Lucas and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Carpet-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to carpet-fasteners, and has for its object to provide a simple and convenient device for the purpose whereby a carpet may be easily laid and readily secured to the floor of a room and as readily taken up again.

A further object is to provide a fastener for securing a carpet to the floor of a room that will leave the edges of the carpet free and the angles of the walls with the floor readily accessible for the removal of dust and the like.

I attain these objects by the means hereinafter described, and illustrated in the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an isometric view showing my invention as applied, with the carpet partly secured and partly loosened. Fig. 2 is an enlarged cross-section through line *x x* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a plan view of a broken-off end portion of a bighted strip in position with the bight uppermost, and Fig. 4 is a similar view of a clip in position to engage the bight of the strip when the strip is in the position shown in Fig. 3.

In the drawings, 1 designates a metallic strip of suitable width and convenient length, having a bight 2 formed on one side and extending throughout its length parallel with the body of the strip, with an intervening space preferably made equal to the thickness of the strip, and 3 designates clips having bights 4, the clips preferably being formed of short sections of bighted strips 1, which when in an inverted and reversed position with reference to the strips 1 are adapted to hook into the bight of the strip.

Strips 1 are provided at suitable intervals throughout their lengths with perforations 2' for screws, nails, or other suitable fasteners, by which they may be secured to the floor of a room, and clips 3 are provided with perforations 3' for threading or otherwise suitably securing them to a carpet. Thus formed the strips 1 are secured to the floor of a room

around and abutting the wall-base, with the bight inward and upward, and the clips are secured at suitable intervals to the under side of the carpet around its margin in an inverted and reversed position with reference to the strips 1 and at a distance from the edge of the carpet to stretch the carpet smooth on the floor when the clips are in engagement with the bights of the strips. The complementary parts of the fastener being thus respectively secured to the floor and the carpet, the carpet may be smoothly and evenly laid and secured to the floor by first attaching the clips to the strips along one end and two sides of the room. It is manifest that as the carpet is stretched to secure the clips of the remaining end to the strips of that end and complete the laying the clips of the sides as the carpet stretches without becoming disengaged therefrom, and this without reference to which end of the carpet is first attached, the clips being automatically adjusted to new positions by the stretching and are manifestly always in position for attachment without reference to the length or regularity of intervals between the clips. It is manifest also that a carpet thus laid and secured may as readily be taken up. It is also apparent that the margin of the carpet will be left free and may be raised without unhooking the clips sufficient to dust around the edges of the carpet in the angles and corners of the room, or when desired the clips of portions of the margin of the carpet may be temporarily released for the like purpose.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim to be new is—

In a carpet-fastener, the combination of strips 1, provided with bights 2, and perforations 2', and extending the entire length and width of the room along each side and end, with the clips 3, provided with bights 4, and perforations 3', and secured at intervals around the entire carpet as shown and described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of June, A. D. 1901.

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