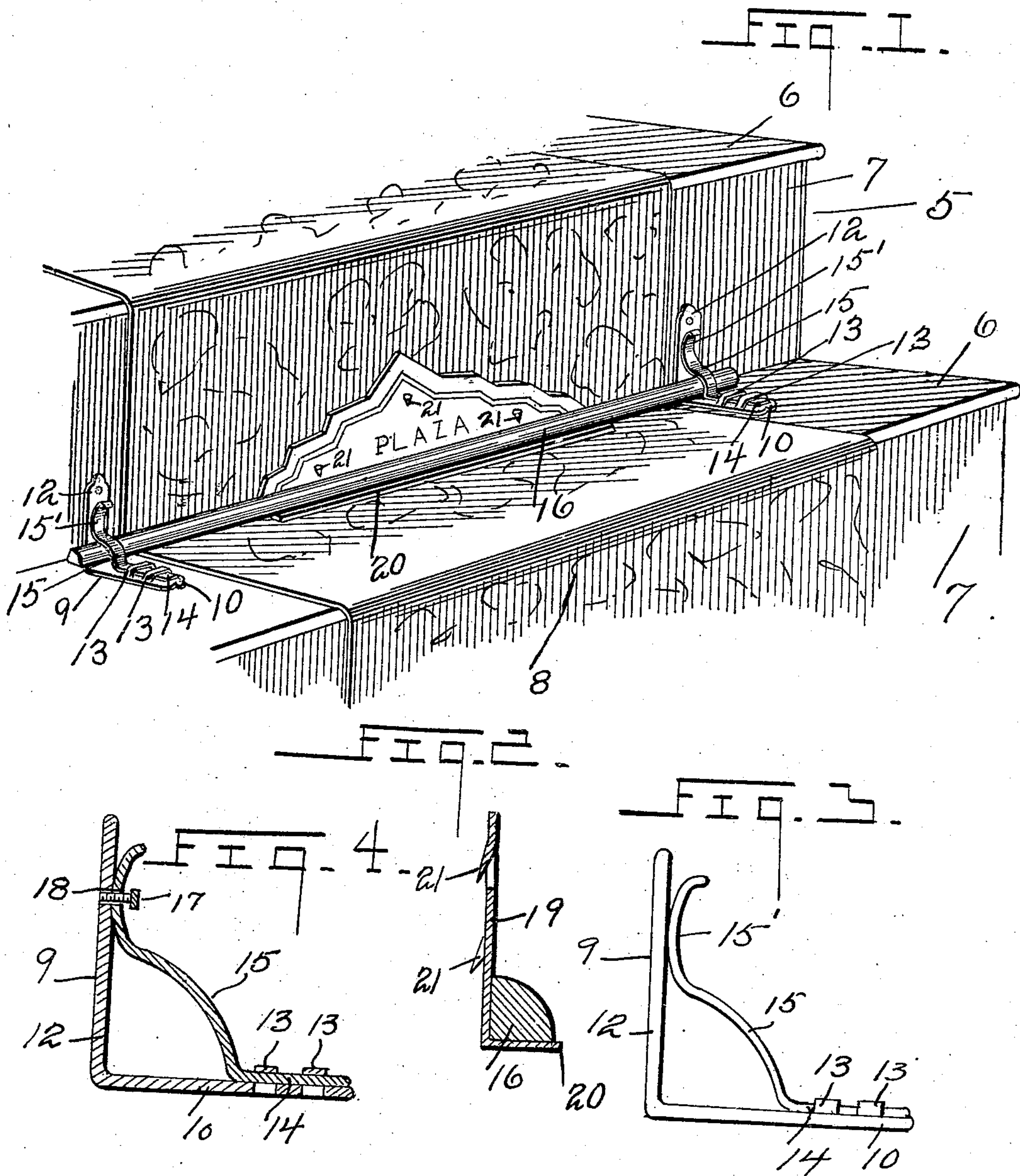


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE E. JACKSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at South Memphis, in the county of Shelby and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Adjustable Carpet and Matting Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to carpet fasteners and more particularly to fasteners for stair carpets, and has for its object to provide a means for holding stair carpets in position, which may be quickly and easily detached in order that the carpet may be lifted for cleaning.

Another object is to provide a structure in which a retaining plate will be held against the portions of the carpet covering the risers of the steps, and which will be such that the retaining plate will be detached when the holding means is detached.

Another object is to provide a structure which will be simple and cheap.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description, and it will be understood that changes in the specific structure shown and described may be made within the scope of the claims, and that any suitable materials may be used without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawings forming a portion of this specification, and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a portion of a flight of steps having the present invention attached thereto, Fig. 2 is a vertical section taken centrally through the protecting plate and through the confining rod, Fig. 3 is an enlarged elevation of the clip members, Fig. 4 is a vertical section through one form of clip member.

Referring to the drawings, there is shown a flight of steps indicated at 5, the tread of the steps being indicated at 6 and their risers being shown at 7.

A stair carpet is shown upon the steps at 8, and upon the tread of each step at opposite sides of the carpet, there are secured a pair of clip members 9. These clip members include each a horizontal member 10 and a vertical head 12, the horizontal member being secured to the tread of the step, and the member 12 being secured to the adjacent riser. The two members extend at right angles to each other as indicated.

The member 10 has a pair of longitu-

dinally spaced transversely extending upwardly stamped loops 13, which receive the horizontal stem portion 14 of a spring tongue 15, the tongue extending upwardly from the forward end of the stem portion and being curved toward the member 12. The free end 15' of the tongue is movable toward and away from the member 12, and may thus be shifted to permit of the engagement of a carpet confining rod 16 between the tongue and the vertical member 12 of the clip. As shown in the drawings, the engagement of the rod 16 between the member 12 and the tongue 15 holds the stem portion 14 of the tongue against disengagement from the loops 13, but the tongue may be disengaged when the rod 16 has been removed from the clip.

As shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings, the tongue 15 may have a set screw 17 engaged therethrough, and arranged for engagement in a hole 18 formed in the vertical member 12 to prevent disengagement of the rod 16 from the clip member. A riser protecting plate 19 is provided, this plate having a forwardly extending flange 20 at its lower edge and having rearwardly and downwardly directed barbs 21 stamped from its major portion. The protecting plate is disposed with its flange 20 upon the tread of a step, and with its major portion against riser of the step. The rod 16 is then placed in position, and rests upon the flange 20, the downward pressure of the rod forcing the barbs 21 into the carpet and thus holding the protecting plate in position. It will of course be understood that when used on office stairways, or in hotels, the protecting plate may be given a name painted or otherwise applied thereto, while in private residences the plate may be provided with suitable decoration. It will be understood, however, that a principal object of this portion of the structure is to produce an arrangement in which the protecting plate is detached simultaneously with the detachment of the carpet holding rod.

What is claimed is:—

1. The combination of spaced clip members, a rod removably engaged with the clip members, and a vertically extending plate having a flange engaged beneath the rod.

2. In a holder for stair carpets, the combination with a clip member including a horizontal tread portion and a vertical riser portion, said tread portion having upwardly

extending loops, of a spring member having a stem engaged in the loops, said spring member lying between the loops and the riser portion, and a rod removably engaged between the spring member and the riser portion.

3. The combination with a stair, of a pair of clip members secured upon the tread of each of the steps in spaced relation, a carpet disposed upon the steps between the clip members, a rod engaged at its end portions with the clip members for quick removal, a vertical riser protecting plate disposed against the riser of each of the steps, a rearwardly and downwardly projecting barb carried by each plate, and engaged in the carpet, and a flange carried by the lower

edge of the plate and extending beneath the corresponding rod.

4. In a holder for stair carpets, the combination with a clip member including riser and tread portions, of a spring member removably engaged with one of said portions, and a rod engaged beneath the spring member for removal therefrom, said rod being arranged to hold the spring member against removal.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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