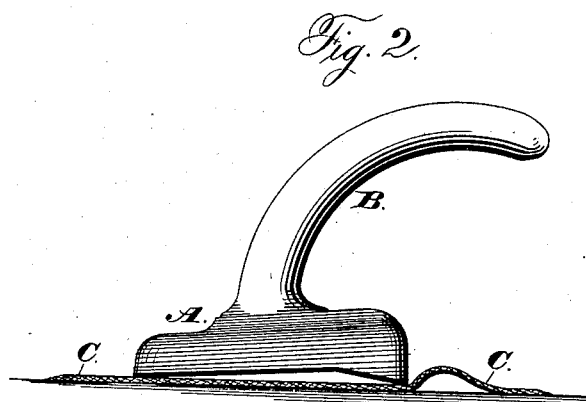
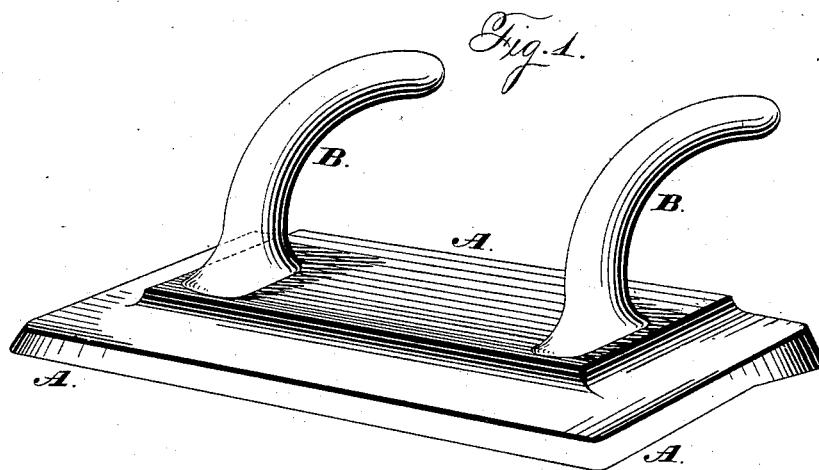


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CARPET-STRETCHER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JANE A. BIDWELL, of Plain City, in the county of Madison, and in the State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Carpet-Stretchers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device, and Fig. 2 is an end elevation of the same as used upon a carpet.

Letters of like name and kind refer to like parts in each of the figures.

The design of my invention is to enable a carpet to be stretched to and held in position for tacking without injury to the fabric; and to this end it consists principally, as a means for stretching carpets, in a block of metal or stone having a straight front edge, and provided with handles whereby it may be moved over a carpet and caused at its said front edge to engage with and carry said carpet in the same direction, substantially as and for the purpose hereinafter specified.

It consists, further, in giving to the lower face of said block a concave form, whereby its front edge is better adapted for engagement with a carpet, substantially as and for the purpose hereinafter shown.

In the annexed drawings, A represents a rectangular block, of metal or stone, having a straight front edge and preferably straight rear and side edges, and having such dimensions as may be desired to adapt it to the strength of the person using the device. The lower face of said block is preferably made

concave from front to rear; but, if desired, said face may be plain or grooved or roughened, or it may be covered with rubber or other like substance that will give to it a firm hold upon a carpet. The block A is provided with one or more handles, B, which may have any desired length to adapt them for use by a person while standing or kneeling, and is used by being placed upon a carpet and moved in the direction it is intended to stretch the same. When thus used the front edge of the device engages with the carpet C and carries the same forward, the weight of said block operating to insure engagement with said carpet, and also to hold the latter in position when stretched thereto upon the floor.

Having thus fully set forth the nature and merits of my invention, what I claim as new is—

1. As a means for stretching carpets, a block of metal or stone having a straight front edge, and provided with handles whereby it may be moved over a carpet and caused at its said front edge to engage with and carry said carpet in the same direction, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. The block A, provided with the handles B and having its lower face made concave from front to rear, substantially as and for the purpose shown.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of March, 1882.

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