

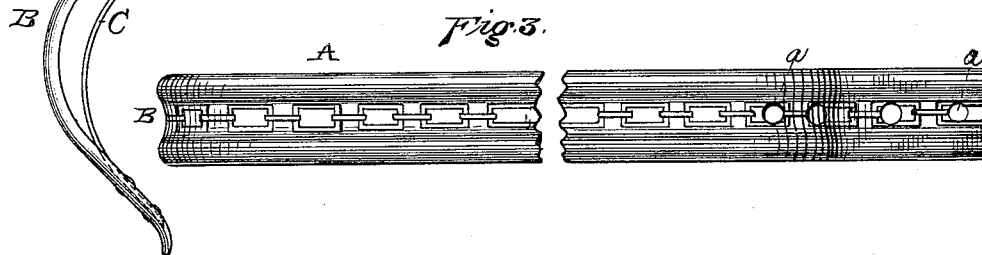
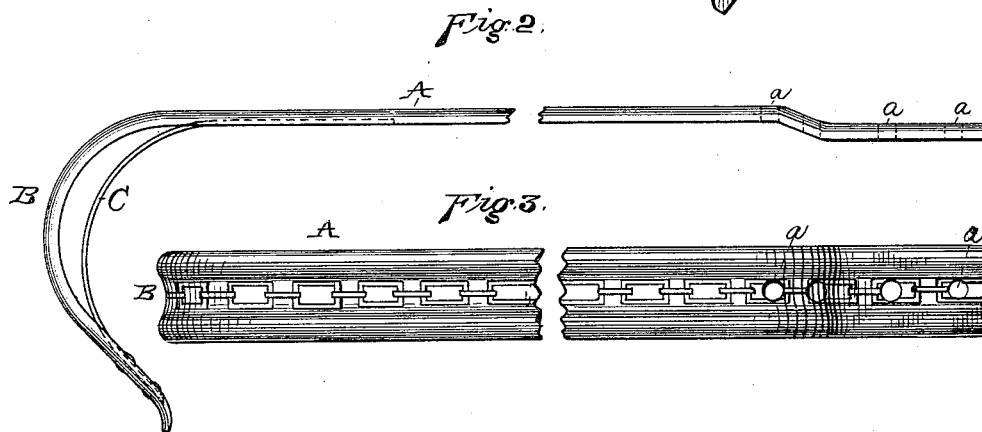
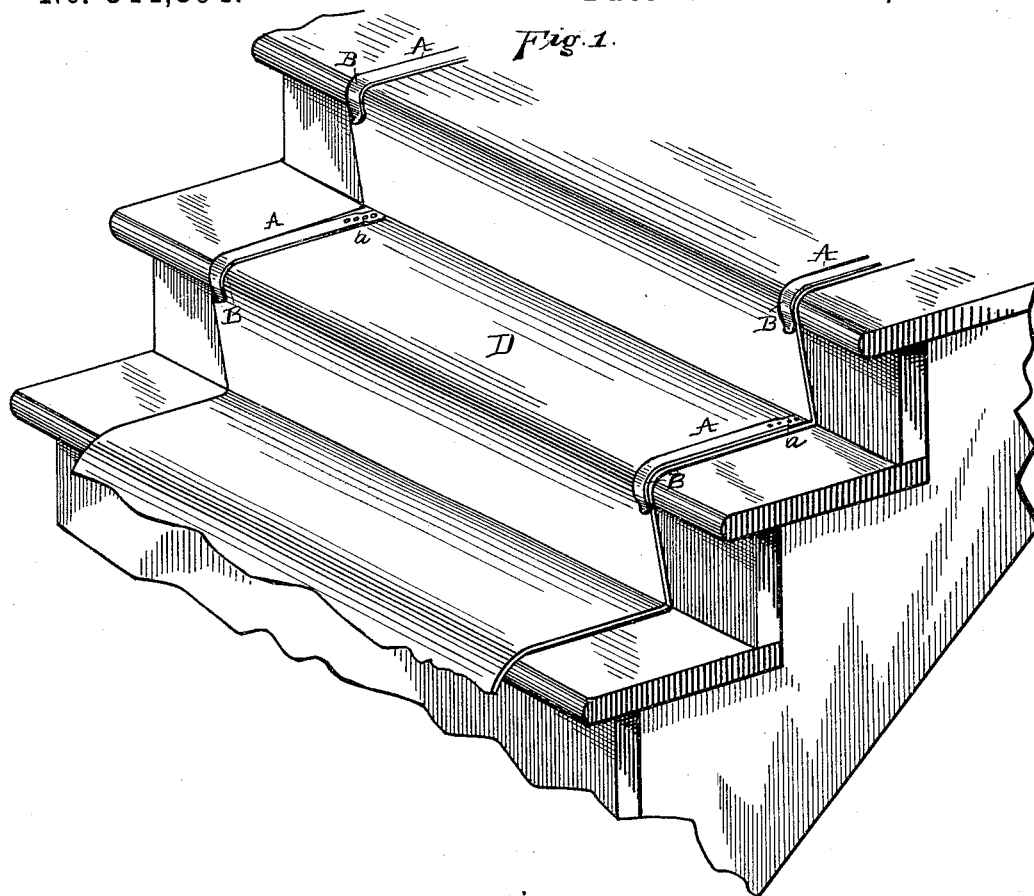
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM T. MERSEREAU, of Orange, Essex county, New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Device for
5 Fastening Stair-Carpets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and correct description of my invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, and to the
10 letters of reference marked thereon, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a series of stairs, showing the stair carpet and the fasteners in position. Fig. 2 is a side view of the fastener. Fig. 3 is a top view of the same.

15 In the drawings, like parts of the invention are designated by the same letters of reference.

The nature of the invention consists in the construction, as more fully hereinafter set forth, of an improved device for fastening
20 stair-carpets, the object of the invention being to provide a ready, simple, and inexpensive device for fastening stair-carpets in position by which the use of stair-rods is dispensed with.

25 To enable those skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will describe the same.

My improved stair-carpet fastener consists of a flat strip of metal A, the forward end, B, of which is hook-shaped, as shown in Fig. 2
30 of the drawings. Within this hook-shaped end of the strip of metal A is secured one end of a curved strip, C, formed of spring metal.

The rear portion of the strip of metal A is provided with a series of openings, *a*, by which the fastener is secured over the carpet D by
3 tacks or nails passed through these openings and through the carpet into the stair below.

The face of the strip may be ornamented with any desired pattern or configuration.

Such being the construction the operation
4 will be readily understood. The stair-carpet D having been properly laid over the stairs, two of the fasteners are employed for each stair—one upon the right-hand and the other upon the left-hand—to retain the carpet in po-
4 sition. The hooked ends of the fastenings are passed over the front of the stair, the curved strips C bearing directly upon the carpet and taking up the "slack" of the same, and caus-
5 ing it to snugly fit the stair before the tacks or nails are driven through the openings *a* and the stair-carpet D into the stair below.

Having now described my invention, I claim as new—

A fastener for stair-carpets, consisting of 5 the strip A, having its forward end, B, hook-shaped, and provided with a curved strip, C, of spring metal, and its rear end provided with the openings *a*, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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