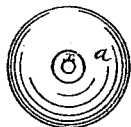


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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN FURNITURE-FENDERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN H. CLARK, of the township of Flemington, in the county of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Furniture-Fender; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of my invention is an improved furniture-fender, constructed, as fully described hereafter, to facilitate its manufacture and application and reduce its cost.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a plan, and Fig. 2 a section, of the fender, which consists solely of a block, *a*, of rubber, rounded at the corners, flat on opposite faces, and having a central tapering opening, *x*. This pad is applied by an ordinary screw passed through the opening *x*.

Heretofore furniture-pads of elastic material have had central openings of uniform diameter and a metal plate, in order to prevent the rubber from being forced laterally beneath the tapering face of the screw-head,

so as to prevent the pad from becoming loosened.

By reducing the opening *x* in diameter toward the inner face of the pad, the latter is caused to grasp the shank of the screw directly below the head, insuring a secure hold without the use of a plate.

It will be apparent that a pad with a tapering opening may be more readily manufactured, and at much less cost, than the ordinary pad having a metal plate embedded therein.

I do not claim a furniture-pad made of elastic material, irrespective of its construction; but

I claim—

As a new article of manufacture, a furniture-pad consisting solely of a circular block of rubber with parallel faces, rounded at the outer edge, and having a central tapering opening, *x*, as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I hereto affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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