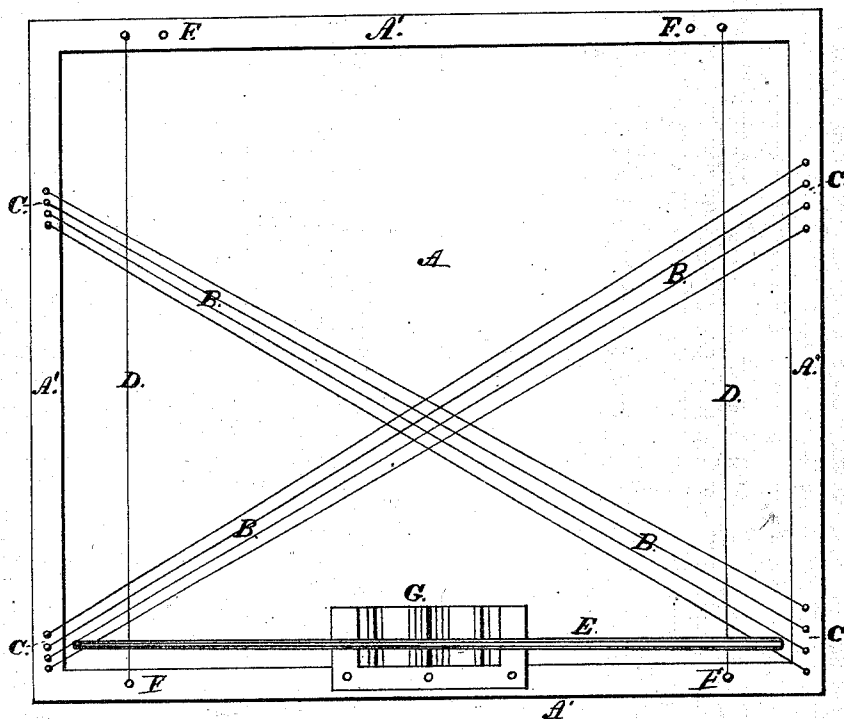


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IMPROVEMENT IN APPARATUS FOR PAINTING BROOM-HANDLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN REIF, of Kossuth, in the county of Manitowoc and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and Improved Apparatus for Painting Broom-Handles; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification.

My invention is an improvement in apparatus for painting or ornamenting broom-handles by means of bands or stripes; and consists in a series of strings or cords so arranged upon a frame that paint may be applied to them, and thus transferred to the broom-handles when the same are subsequently rolled over them.

Cylindrical forms other than broom-handles may be thus striped or ornamented with bands, &c.; and I do not, therefore, restrict the use of the apparatus to a special class of articles.

The drawing represents a plan view of my apparatus.

To form it, I provide a rectangular plate or base, A, with a raised edge or border, A', in which pins or pegs C C and F F are driven, as shown, the same being located on opposite sides of the plate, and near the corners thereof. The pins C C are connected by strings or cords B, arranged parallel to each other and in two sets or divisions, crossing each other diagonally in the center of plate A. The opposite pins F are similarly connected by strings or cords D, which, in place of being diagonal, run parallel to the adjacent border A'.

It is evident that if any suitable adhesive coloring-substance be applied to the strings B and D, by means of a brush or other medium, and a broom-handle, E, be rolled across or over them, the same will be striped or ornamented correspondingly to the position and arrangement of the strings.

To apply a series of heavy colored bands around the middle portion of the handle E, I arrange a separate frame or device, G, which is formed of a series of short strings or thin-edged bars arranged for the application of paint in the manner before described. The frame G is attached to the border A' by means of pins, so as to allow it to be readily detached when it is required to use one of a different pattern.

The strings B and D may be combined in pairs to form heavier and broader bands, or arranged at various distances apart, &c., to vary the ornamentation of the handles.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The apparatus formed of a plate or base, A, having a raised border, A', to which are attached a frame, G, and a series of strings or cords attached to pins C and F, and crossing each other, in the manner specified.

Dated at Manitowoc this 27th day of February, 1873.

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