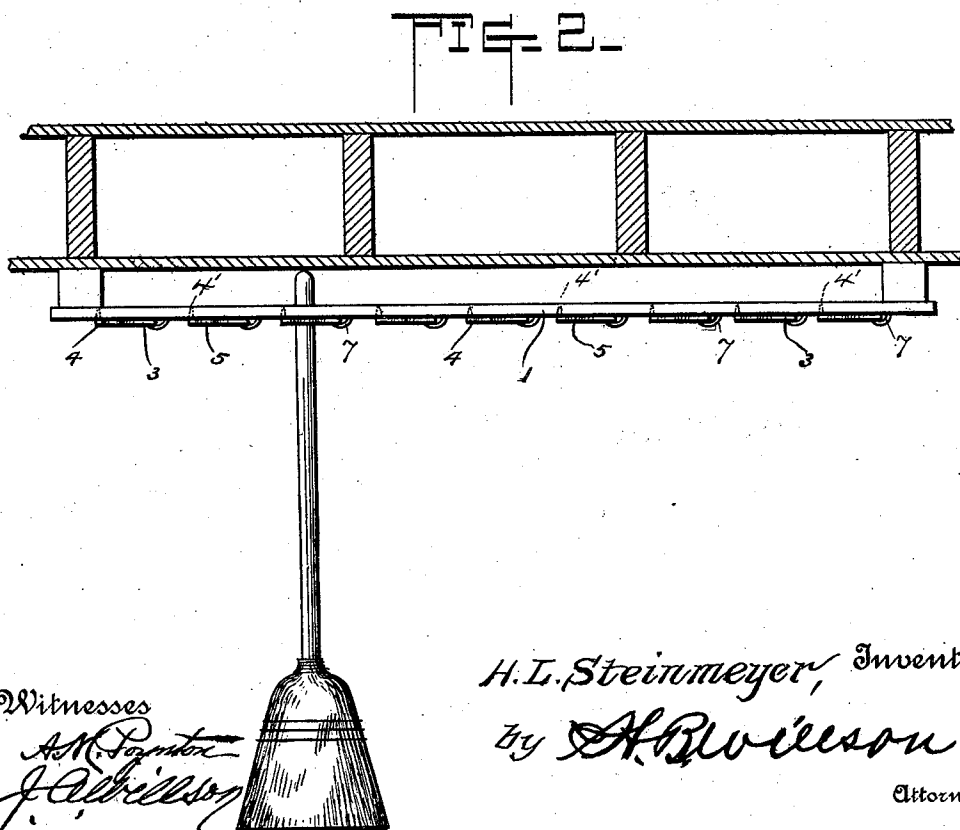
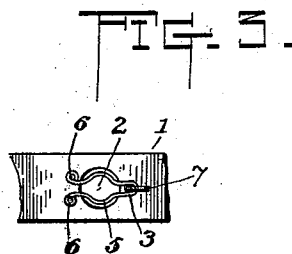
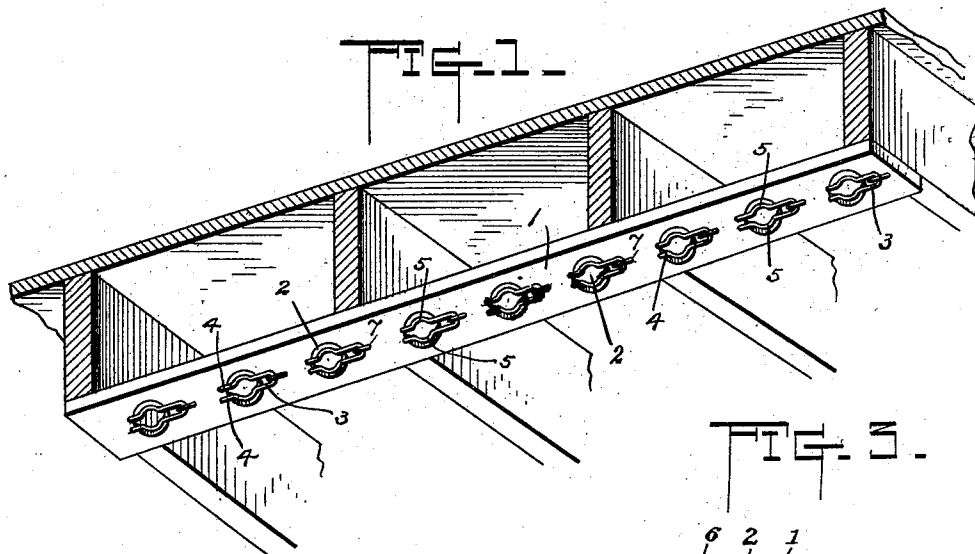


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY L. STEINMEYER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sacramento, in the county of Sacramento and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Broom-Holders; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention has relation to broom-holders, and more particularly to that class of broom-holders used in stores or factories for displaying the brooms to the public.

The object of my invention is to provide a cheap, simple, and durable broom-holder which may be either built in the ceiling of a store while in course of construction or which may be attached to the ceiling after the store has been completed.

With this object in view the invention consists of certain features of construction and combination of parts, which will be herein-after fully set forth and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view illustrating my broom-holder as applied to the rafters of a building. Fig. 2 is a view showing the broom-holder secured directly to the ceiling. Fig. 3 is a plan view of a modification of the broom-holder.

In the drawings, 1 denotes a board which may be provided with holes 2 of a number corresponding to that of the brooms adapted to be supported.

3 denotes U-shaped bails, the parallel limbs 4 of which intermediate their ends are provided with curved jaws 5, the space between which is normally less than the diameter of the holes. These jaws are adapted to clamp the broom-handle. The outer ends of the bail are provided with prongs 4', which are driven into the board, while the bight of the bail is connected to the board by a staple, so as to allow the bight to move back and forth in the act of inserting or removing a broom-handle into and from the jaws of the bail.

It is evident that the board should have a space above it, so that the ends of the broom-handle may be projected through the board. In Fig. 1 I have shown the board connected

to the rafters, thus permitting the broom-handle to be inserted through the board. If it is not convenient to so attach the board, I may adopt the construction shown Fig. 2, in which I have provided the corners of the board with blocks which are adapted to be secured direct to the ceiling. These blocks serve to space the board properly in the ceiling and to permit of the broom-handle being passed forwardly through the board a distance corresponding to the thickness of the blocks.

The modified form is illustrated in Fig. 3, in which the prongs on the free ends of the limbs 4 4 are dispensed with and said ends terminate in integral eyes 6 6 to receive a suitable nail or screw for securing these ends to the board.

When the rafters or ceiling is at too great a height for conveniently attaching and removing the brooms, the board 1 may be fixed to brackets secured to the walls of an apartment, so that the brooms may be conveniently handled, or the brackets may be dispensed with and the supporting-board fixed direct to the wall in any suitable manner.

Although I have specifically described the construction and relative arrangement of the several elements of my invention, I do not desire to be confined to the same, as such changes or modifications may be made as clearly fall within the scope of my invention without departing from the spirit thereof.

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

1. A board provided with an aperture, in combination with a bail provided with curved clamping-jaws coincident with the aperture and of less area than the aperture, said bail being provided with prongs adapted to penetrate the board, and a staple loosely embracing the bight of the bail to permit of longitudinal movement of the bail in the act of expanding and contracting when a broom-handle is being inserted or removed, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination with a support provided with an aperture, a bail having clamping-jaws coincident with the aperture and of

less area than the aperture, the jaws of said  
bail being secured to the support and the bight  
of the bail being connected to the support to  
have a longitudinal movement to allow of the  
5 expanding and contracting of the jaws, when  
a broom-handle is being inserted or removed,  
substantially as set forth.

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

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