

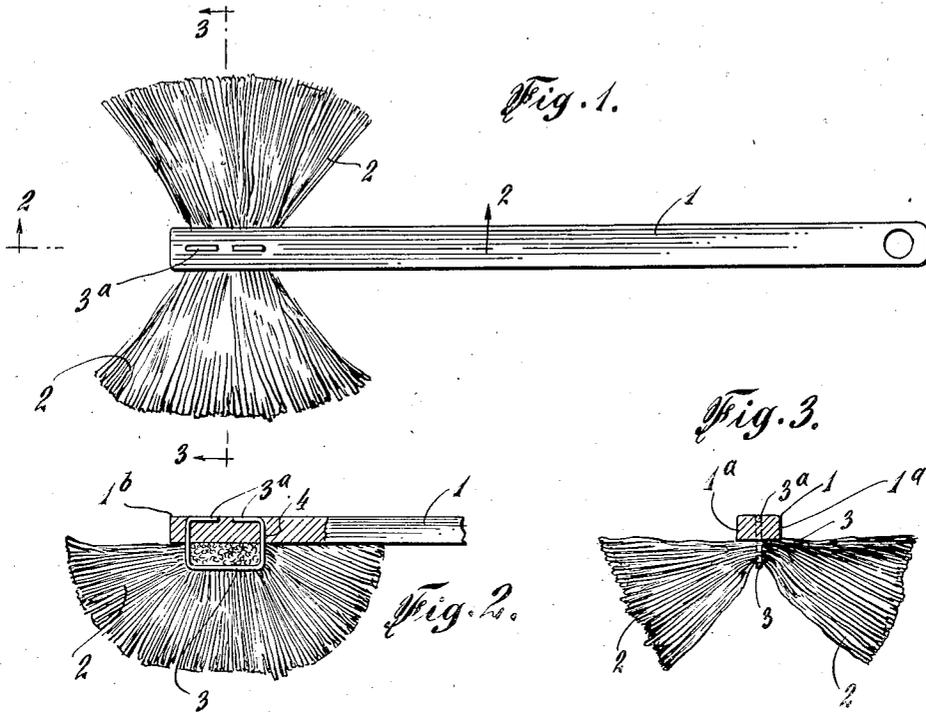
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## MOP AND DUSTER.

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The object of my invention is to provide a mop, duster, or similar article which shall be simple and cheap in construction and convenient and effective in use.

5 In carrying out my invention I provide a handle member with strands or threads secured thereto, preferably adjacent to one end thereof, and extending in a direction transverse to the handle, the strands or  
10 threads being bunched together between their ends and located on one side of the handle, whereby such strands will be effective in use for operating along the sides of the handle for cleaning purposes.

15 My invention also comprises novel details of improvement that will be more fully hereinafter set forth and then pointed out in the claim.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part hereof, wherein  
20 Fig. 1 is a plan view of a mop or duster embodying my invention;

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section on line 2, 2, in Fig. 1, and

25 Fig. 3 is a cross section on line 3, 3, in Fig. 1.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

30 The numeral 1 indicates a handle member, which may be made of wood or any other suitable material, shown of a relatively narrow elongated shape convenient for manual handling for use. At 2 strands or  
35 threads are indicated, which may be of the character of cotton strings arranged in the form of a bunch of strands secured at their mid-portions against one side of handle 1 and extending outwardly crosswise freely  
40 therefrom with portions of the strands on opposite sides respecting the longitudinal axis of the handle. Said bunch of strands is shown secured transversely at the mid-portion to the handle by means of a staple 3 that encloses the strands and secures them  
45 against the handle member. The ends of the staple 3 are forced through holes 4 in the handle, shown near one end thereof, and are clenched at 3<sup>a</sup> over the side of the handle member opposite the strands 2, (Fig. 2).  
50 The staple will be driven and its ends clenched in such a manner as to tightly grip the mid-portion of the bunch of strands

against the handle member so that the strands will remain secured to the handle without danger of being pulled therefrom. 55

It will be noted that the strands are located on one side of the handle and by projecting laterally therefrom in opposite directions facility is afforded for using the strands as a mop or duster by rubbing the  
60 strands over an article to be cleaned, which may be accomplished with the device in the position shown in Fig. 3 or turned at any angle thereto with either side 1<sup>a</sup> of the handle member held edgewise to the article  
65 with the strands therebetween. The construction described enables the use of the strands in various directions, such as on flat surfaces and in corners, pressure being applied in a sidewise or edgewise direction  
70 of the handle, since the strands that extend in lateral directions respecting the handle will operate in such corners with the handle member pressing behind the strands, as distinguished from ordinary mops in which  
75 the mop head or strands are secured to and extend from the tip end of the handle in the longitudinal direction thereof. In other words, the device may be used by operating the handle in a longitudinal direction to and  
80 fro with the strands between the handle and the article to be cleaned as well as in a circular direction which is permitted by reason of the lateral extension of the strands from the handle member. The edge 1<sup>b</sup> of handle  
85 member 1 is shown exposed free from the strands of the mop head so that such edge may be used in the nature of a scraper for scraping particles adhering to pots, pans and other articles. 90

While I have described my device as adapted to be used as a mop it will be understood that it is also capable of use generally as a duster or cleaner of surfaces when dry. The device, however, is particularly convenient for washing dishes, pots, pans, etc., when made of suitable size, although the device may be made of relatively large sizes for mopping and dusting floors, walls and the like. 100

Having now described my invention what I claim is:—

A device of the class described comprising a handle, a bunch of strands located on

one side of the handle extending in a direction transversely across the same, and securing means comprising a staple extending across the outer portion and against the 5 sides of the strands gripping the mid-portion of the strands tightly against the handle between their ends on one side of the handle and keeping the strands from displacement endwise and laterally of the handle, the ends of the staple extending crosswise through 10 the handle and being clenched on its side opposite the strands.

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