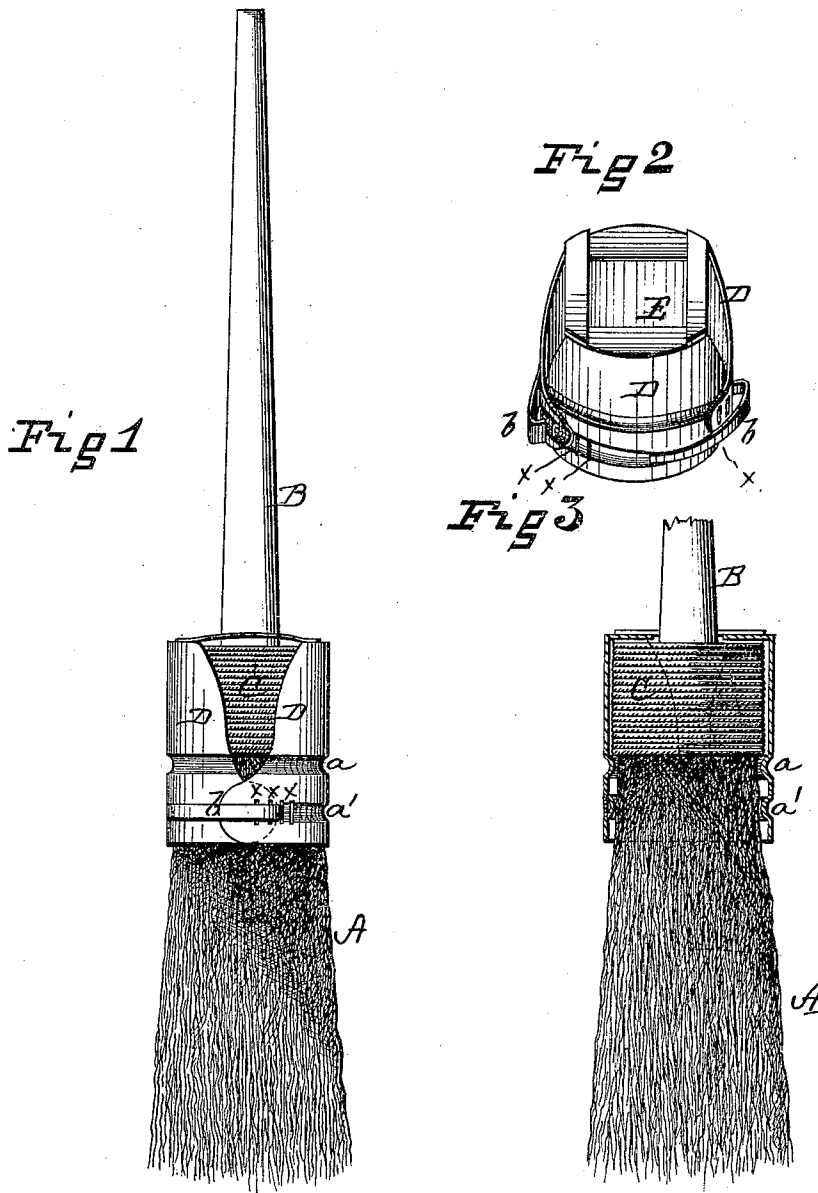


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IMPROVEMENT IN BRUSH-BINDERS.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN H. PARKS, of Freeport, in the county of Stephenson and in the State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Binders for Paint-Brushes; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

My invention relates to what is known as a binder or a bridle for a paint brush, and consists in the construction of the same, as hereinafter set forth.

Figure 1 represents a side elevation of the paint-brush, with my invention attached. Fig. 2 represents a sectional view of the invention applied to a brush. Fig. 3 represents a perspective view of the binder itself.

It is well known that painters, after purchasing a new brush, are in the habit of wrapping the same with cord or wire below the wire wrapping so that the brush-bristles are kept from spreading and wearing uneven.

My invention is intended to be applied to the brush in lieu of winding it for the purpose before stated.

A B represent an ordinary paint-brush and handle, having the usual wire wrapping C. D D represent two spring-jaws, which are connected together at the top by suitable bars, either made with the jaws or attached to the same, leaving an orifice, E, for the passage of

the brush-handle. Each jaw D is provided with two creases, *a a'*, and each is provided with a spring-catch, *b*, and with notches or indentations *x x x*, as shown.

In use, the binder is slipped over the handle so that the jaws clasp around the bristles below the wrapper C. The springs are caught in any of the notches *x x*, so as to adjust the jaws as tight as desired. The upper crease *a* helps to keep the binder permanent onto the brush, while the lower crease *a'* forms a place for the insertion of the springs, and, if necessary, allows a cord to be passed around therein, to hold the jaws tight and prevent the paint from soaking or passing up through the bristles.

My invention is cheaply constructed, can be adjusted and applied to any paint-brush, and easily removed therefrom when desired.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim is—

The within-described brush-binder, consisting of the jaws D D, connected together, as described, and provided with the creases *a* and *a'*, catches *x x*, and the springs *b b*, all constructed substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of July, 1875.

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