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PAINT BRUSH.

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Fig. 1.

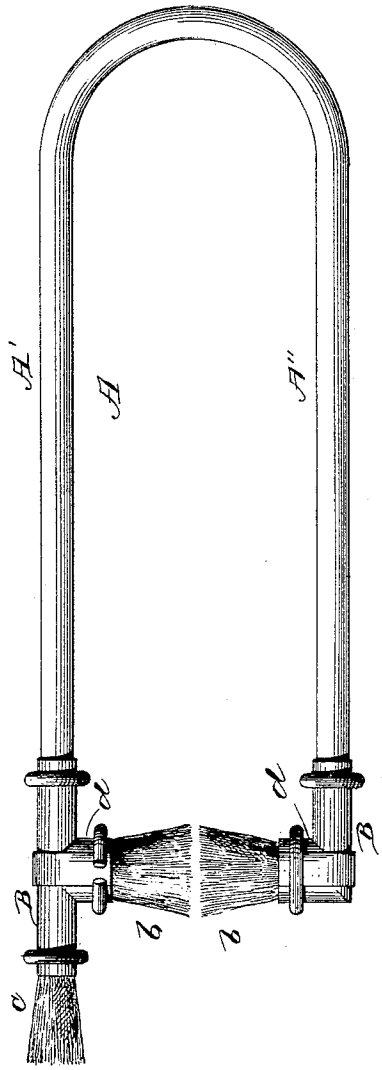
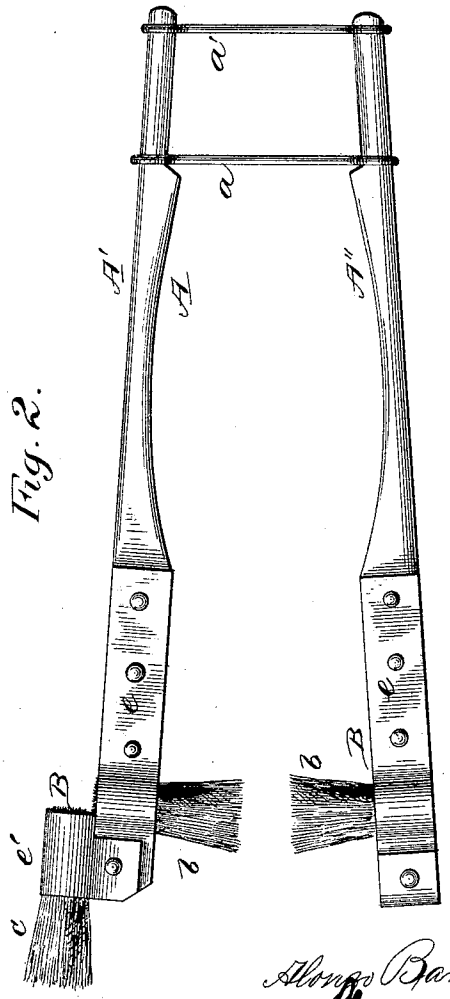


Fig. 2.



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ALONZO BARBER, OF BENTONSPORT, IOWA, ASSIGNOR OF ONE-HALF TO JAMES LEFFLER, OF SAME PLACE.

PAINT-BRUSH.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALONZO BARBER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Bentonsport, in the county of Van Buren and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paint-Brushes; and I do hereby 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in paint-brushes, the object of the same being to provide a brush which is especially adapted for painting barbed and wire fences; and my invention consists in attaching two brushes to a handle, the members of said handle being opposite each other and the brushes located thereon, so that they will be in line with each other.

My invention also consists in providing one member of the handle with a brush, which may be used in an ordinary manner.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate my invention, Figure 1 is a side view of a brush constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a side view of a modification of my improvement.

A represents the handle of the brush, which consists of the members A′ A″, which are connected to each other at their ends opposite to where the brushes are secured. As shown in Fig. 1, this handle may be made of a single piece; or, if desirable, the members A′ A″ may be independent of each other and connected by bars or rods *a a′*. The members A′ A″ at their ends, to which the brushes are attached, have a tendency to open or spring apart from each other, so that the brushes will normally be held apart at such a distance that they can be readily grasped by the hand so as to bring the ends together.

b b represent suitably-constructed brushes, which are attached to the ends A′ A″ of the handle, so that they will project inwardly or toward each other. A brush, *c*, is secured to one of the members of the handle, so that it will project in line therewith, as shown in the accompanying drawings, said brush being adapted to be used after the manner of an ordinary paint-brush, and is specially useful in painting the barbs of wire fences.

The brushes may be secured to the ends of the handle by metal sockets B, which have projecting portions *d*, which extend at right angles to the handle and embrace the bristles, clamping means being provided to further strengthen the parts.

As shown in Fig. 2, metal plates *e e* are secured by bolts or rivets to the lower portion of the handle, and openings are formed between said plates, so as to retain the brushes in position. When I employ such construction, a metallic loop, *e′*, is attached to the handle A′, so as to retain the brush *c* in position.

The brushes may be attached to the handle in any well-known manner, and I do not limit myself to the construction or manner of attaching the brushes, as herein described and shown, the leading feature of my invention being to provide a paint-brush, the brushes of which will be held opposite each other, so that they can be moved toward each other when pressure is applied to the handle.

I am aware that previous to my invention paint-brushes have been devised in which a pair of brushes are adjustable toward and away from each other, and that window-cleaners have heretofore been devised in which two oppositely-disposed rubbing-pads have been mounted upon a handle, the arms of which tend to approach each other at their extremities. My invention is utterly distinct from such previous devices, for the reason that my improved device meets the requirements of a device for rapidly coating wire, and at the same time repeated and frequently clearing the brushes from contact with the barbs upon said wire. The tendency of the arms of my brush to spring apart permits the brushes to separate without necessitating any release of the user's hand from the brush, and without involving the assistance of the other hand.

I claim—

A paint-brush or implement for applying paint to wires, consisting of a handle having

members connected to each other so as to have a tendency to separate or spring apart, brushes secured at or near each end of said members so that said brushes will project toward each other, and a brush attached to the end of one of the members of the handle so as to project on a line therefrom, and adapted to be used in an ordinary manner, the parts being combined and organized substantially as set forth.

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

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