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Brush for Washing Carriages, &c.

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Fig. 1.

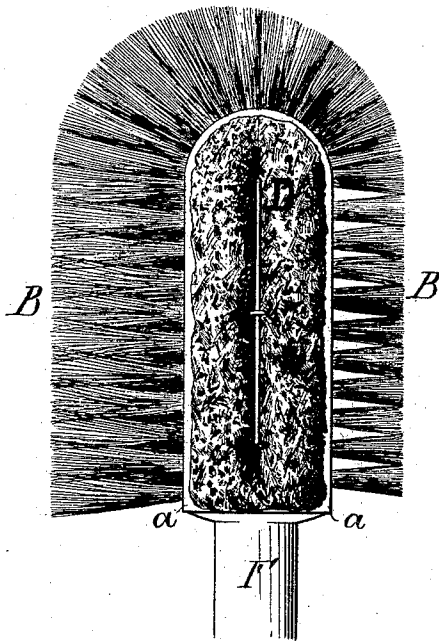


Fig. 2.

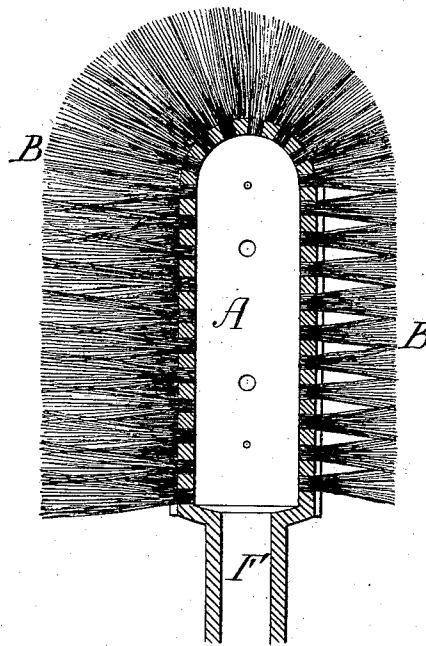


Fig. 3.

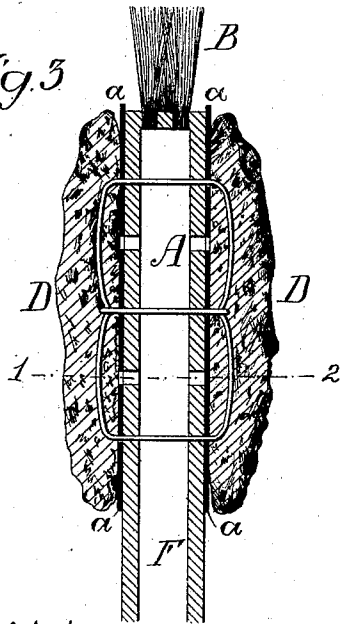
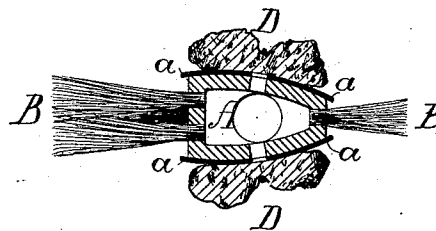


Fig. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BRUSHES FOR WASHING CARRIAGES, &c.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT T. GERIKE, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Brush for Washing Carriages, Wagons, &c., of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to construct an implement especially adapted for the washing of carriages and wagons—an object which I attain in the manner hereinafter set forth, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved washing implement; Fig. 2, a longitudinal section of the same; Fig. 3, a transverse section; and Fig. 4, a sectional plan on the line 1 2, Fig. 3.

A is a hollow block of wood, secured to or forming part of the hollow handle F, which, when the implement is in use, may be connected by means of a flexible tube with a supply of water under pressure.

Around the edge of the block A extend the bristles B, which are secured to the block as in an ordinary brush, the bristles on one side of the block being somewhat shorter than those on the other side, and the two different lengths merging into each other at the top of the block, so that a uniform brushing-surface all around the edge of the block is presented.

On opposite sides of the block A are secured sponges D, and between the latter and the faces of the block intervene rubber strips a, the edges of which project beyond the edges of the block, so as to prevent the rubbing or scratching of the paint or varnish on the carriage during the washing operation.

Openings are made in the sides of the block, so that the water can flow from the interior of the same and saturate the sponges.

The above-described implement is especially adapted for the washing of wagons, carriages, &c., the brushes being used for the rougher portion of the work, and the sponges for cleaning the surfaces from which the dirt has been scrubbed by the brushes. The flow of water, continually saturating the bristles and sponges, materially facilitates the cleansing operation.

In order that the implement may be used with the best effect between the spokes of the wheels, the block A is made tapering, as shown in Fig. 4.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination of the block A with the bristles B, arranged around the edges of the block, and the sponges D, secured to the sides of the block, all substantially as set forth.

2. The combination of the block A, the sponges D, secured to the sides of the same, and the bristles B, of varying lengths, as specified.

3. The combination of the bristles B and sponges D with the block A, tapered as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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