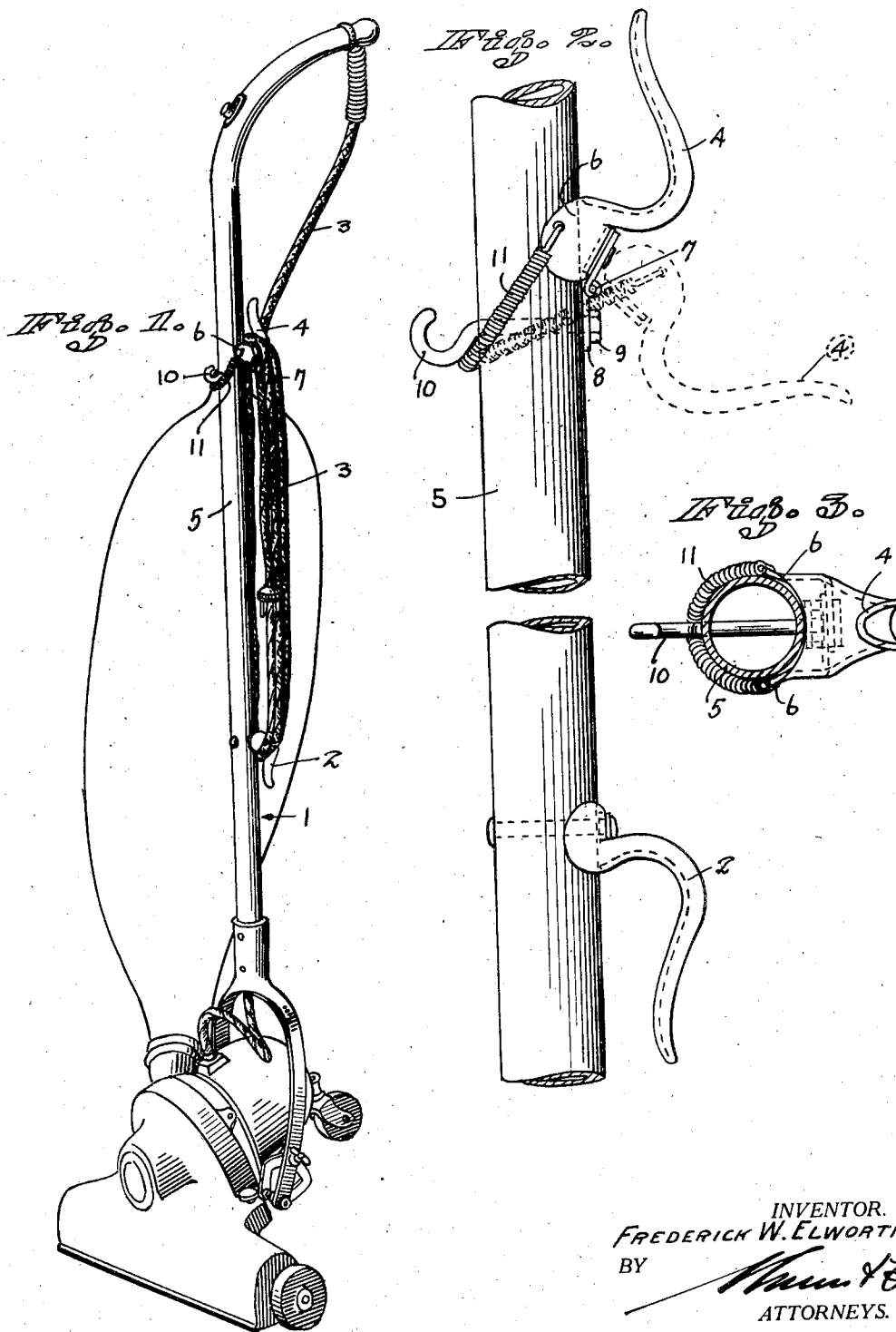


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The standard vacuum cleaner is provided with two hooks on the handle around which the electric cord is wound when the cleaner is not in use. It is necessary to unwind this
5 cord from the hooks each time the device is operated.

The purpose of my invention is to provide an attachment which takes the place of one of the hooks, permitting the cord to be wound
10 on the cleaner in the usual manner. The attachment may be swung back when it is desired to free the cord from the handle, and this will drop the loops of wire from the handle, thus saving the operator the time nor-
15 mally consumed in unwinding the wire from the hooks.

A further object of my invention is to provide a device of the type described which is extremely simple in construction and which
20 may be attached to a standard cleaner without any alterations being necessary.

Other objects and advantages will appear in the following specification, and the novel features thereof will be particularly pointed
25 out in the appended claim.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing forming a part of this application, in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a vacuum cleaner showing my device operatively
30 applied thereto;

Figure 2 is a side elevation of the device; and

Figure 3 is a top plan view.

35 In carrying out my invention, I make use of a vacuum cleaner indicated generally at 1, the device being provided with the usual wire-receiving hook 2 and a wire cord 3. I dispose a hook 4 on the handle 5 of the
40 cleaner, and this hook takes the place of a hook similar to that shown at 2. The hook 4 has a portion 6 that straddles the handle 5, and this hook is hinged at 7 to a plate 8 that is secured to the handle 5 by a nut 9 that
45 clamps a bag-supporting hook 10 to the handle.

A spring 11 has its ends secured to the opposite edges of the portion 6, and this spring
50 is passed beneath the hook 10 and tends to swing the hook 4 into the full line position

shown in Figure 2 after the hook has been manually moved from the dotted-line position into a position beyond dead center. The spring is strong enough to carry the wire 3 and hold it up in the manner shown in Figure 1, yet
55 at the same time the hook 4 can be manually depressed for freeing the wire 3 therefrom.

From the foregoing description of the various parts of the device, the operation there-
of will be readily understood. 60

The hook 4 is normally in the position shown in Figure 1, and the wire is wrapped around the hooks 2 and 4 as shown. When the operator desires to use the vacuum cleaner, the hook 4 may be depressed, dropping the
65 wire therefrom, and also from the hook 2 down upon the floor. This saves the annoyance of unwinding the wire from the hooks, and also saves considerable time. The hook 4 may be swung back into the full line position shown in Figure 2 ready for the wire to
70 be wrapped therearound.

I claim:

A vacuum cleaner attachment comprising a handle, a hook carried thereby for support-
75 ing a bag; a hinge having one of its members secured to the hook, a swingable hook secured to the other member of the hinge and having ears adapted to partially straddle the handle, and a spring having its ends secured
80 to the ears and being passed around the first-named hook for swinging the second-named hook into open or closed position.

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