

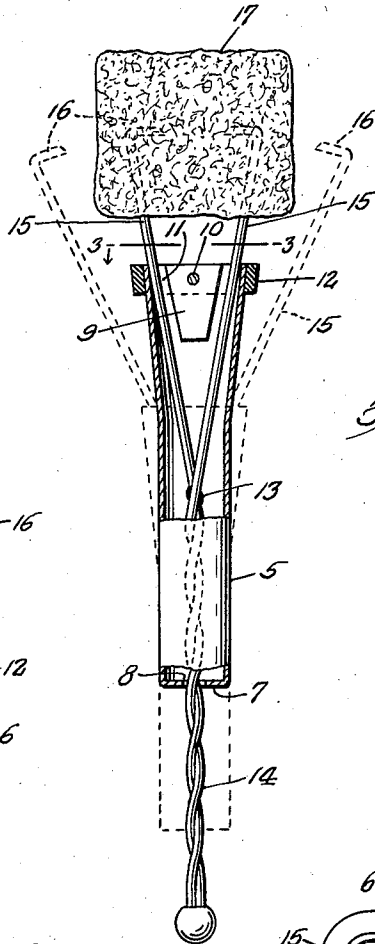
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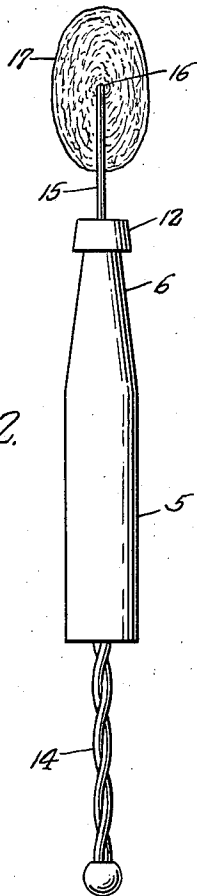
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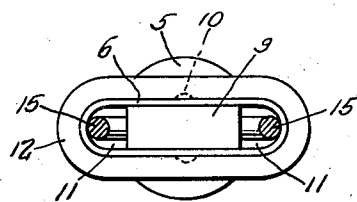
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*

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## STEEL WOOL HOLDER

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1 Claim. (Cl. 15—209)

The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in holders particularly for steel wool and has for its primary object to provide a device of this character whereby a wad of steel wool may be handled for effectively cleaning culinary utensils and the like.

Another object of the invention is to provide a holder for steel wool whereby contact therewith by a person's hand is unnecessary.

Other objects of the invention are to provide a steel wool holder which is strong and durable, efficient in use and which may be manufactured at low cost.

Still other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from a study of the following detailed description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, wherein like characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views and wherein—

Figure 1 is an elevational view of a device embodying my invention, shown partly in vertical section.

Figure 2 is a side elevational view of the device.

Figure 3 is a transverse sectional view taken substantially on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, it will be seen that the reference numeral 5 designates generally a tubular metallic handle. One end portion of the tubular handle 5 is tapered and flattened as at 6 while its other end is closed by a wall 7 which has an opening 8 therein. The flattened end portion 6 of the tubular handle 5 has mounted therein a tapered partition 9, which is held securely in position by a pin 10, to provide a pair of openings 11—11.

A resilient bumper 12 is mounted on the flattened end portion 6 of the tubular handle 5.

A length of wire rod is bent and twisted upon itself and welded at 13 to form a rod 14 from

which extends a pair of spring jaws 15—15 having opposed angular prongs 16—16. As shown in the drawing the rod 14 is slidably mounted in the tubular handle 5 with one end portion extending outwardly through the opening 8 in the wall 7 while the jaws 15—15 extend through the openings 11—11.

As can readily be seen, when the rod 14 is moved upwardly in the tubular handle 5 the jaws 15—15 are permitted to spread and release a wad of steel wool 17 held therebetween. The resilient bumper 12 prevents marring of utensils when cleaning the same.

Although I have shown and described herein a prepared embodiment of my invention, it is to be definitely understood that I do not desire to limit the application of the invention thereto, and any change or changes may be made in the materials and structure and arrangement of the several parts, within the spirit of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed is:

A steel wool scouring pad holder including a tubular handle having a flattened front end portion, a tapered partition in said flattened end portion to provide a pair of guide openings therein, a pin extending through opposite walls of said flattened end portion and through the tapered partition to secure the same in position, a wall across the back end of said tubular handle having a central opening therethrough, a rod slidably mounted in said tubular handle and extending therefrom through the opening in said wall at the back end thereof, spring jaws secured to said rod rearwardly of said tapered partition and extending through said guide openings, and opposed angular prongs on the ends of said spring jaws for holding a steel wool scouring pad therebetween.

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