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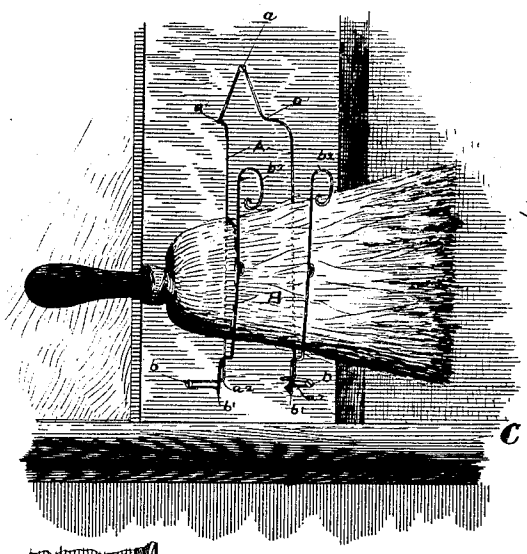


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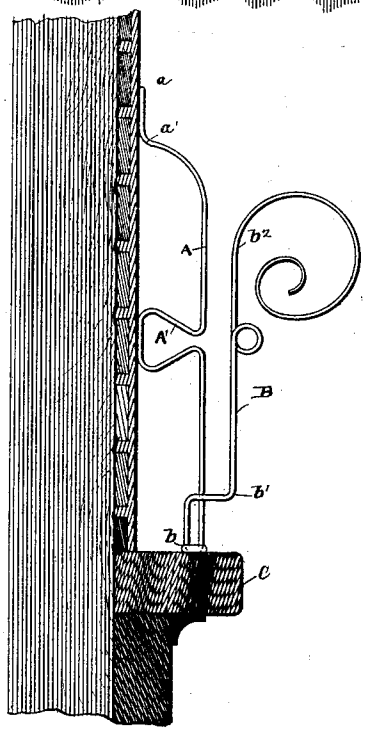


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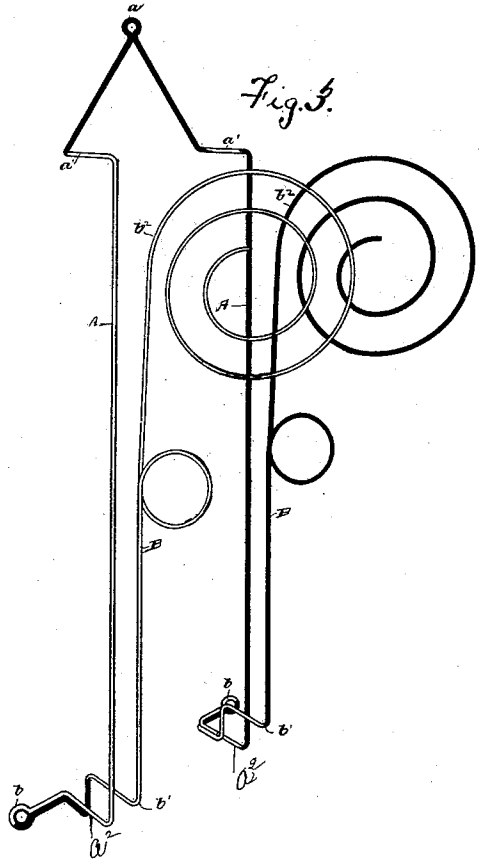
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. LYNCH, of Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Brush-Broom Holders; 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 pertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to holders for brush-brooms in which a single piece of spring-wire is bent to form loops for securing the device and to form elastic jaws, the latter presenting upward to hold a brush-broom when the latter is placed sidewise between the jaws, to the end that a cheap and convenient device is had for the purpose aforesaid.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of my improved device, showing a brush-broom in position between the jaws. Fig. 2 is a side elevation, showing the brush-holder in a slightly-modified form, and Fig. 3 is a view in perspective of the device illustrated in Fig. 1.

The holder is made of a single piece of spring-wire bent in the center to form the loop *a*, for receiving a nail or screw for securing the upper end of the holder to the wall or other support. From the loop *a* the two parts of the wire diverge, and at *a'* are bent outward from the wall for the purpose of holding the inner jaws away from the wall. From thence downward the wires run substantially parallel with the wall and with each other, forming the rear jaw A. At a^2 the wire is again bent in toward the wall, and is also bent to form the loops *b*, for securing the lower end of the holder. From the loops *b* the wires are bent outward and upward, so as to cross the jaws A to hold the parts laterally. At *b'* the wires are again bent upward to form the jaws B, the two jaws running parallel or slightly diverging as they extend upward. The ends of the wires are bent outward at b^2, by reason of which the broom is easily entered between the jaws. The ends of the wires are usually bent in the spiral form, as shown, so that the points thereof are not exposed, and to give a better appearance.

As shown in Fig. 1, the broom is placed in a horizontal position between the jaws, and there is sufficient tension in the wires to hold the broom in place. The broom is therefore easily and quickly placed in the holder or removed therefrom.

A modified form of the holder is shown in Fig. 2, where the loops *b* are secured to a part, C, which we will suppose to represent the wainscoting or molding at the top thereof, where, if the walls are of plaster, it is not practicable to secure the device by the loops *a*, and in such cases I make a loop, A', to give more bearing-surface on the wall, so that the latter will not be marred by the holder.

As brush-brooms are liable to be wanted at any and all times, the advantage of having a holder in which to deposit the broom, and where it can always be found when wanted, and in which it can be placed without any more trouble than to lay it upon the table, and from which it can be as easily removed, will be readily appreciated.

The initial cost of the device is merely nominal, and with good usage it will be likely to last a life-time.

What I claim is—

A brush and broom holder consisting, essentially, of a single wire bent to form two outer and two inner spring-jaws of approximately the same length, the inner jaws having inwardly-projecting portions for holding the device away from the wall, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification, in the presence of two witnesses, this 18th day of March, 1886.

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