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Fig. 1.

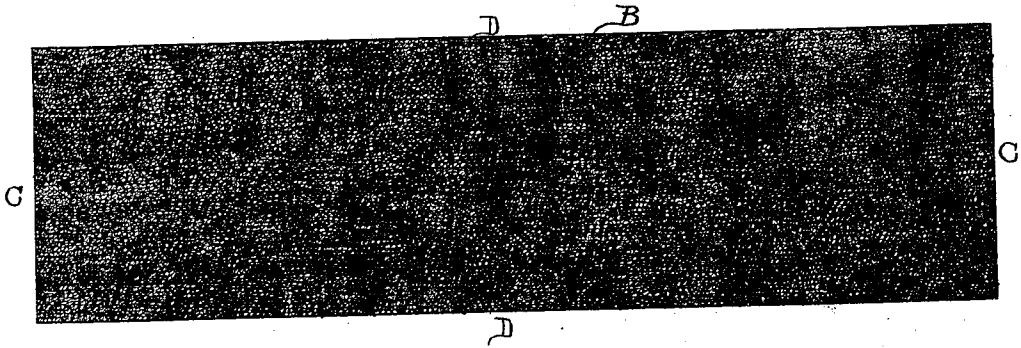


Fig. 2.

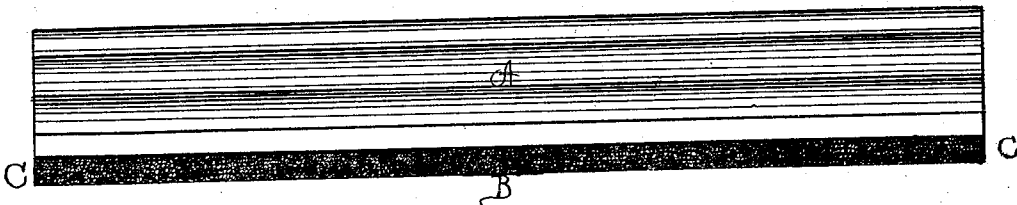


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN RUBBERS OR BRUSHES FOR FURNITURE.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **132,522**, dated October 29, 1872.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN Y. CONKLIN, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Rubbers or Brushes for Furniture, &c.; and I do hereby declare the following to be a clear and exact description of the nature thereof, sufficient to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to fully understand, make, and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a bottom view of the device embodying my invention; Fig. 2 is a side view thereof; and Fig. 3 is an end view thereof.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

My invention relates to a rubber or brush for furniture and other purposes, by which dust and marks may be readily removed; and consists of a body and a rubbing-face of felt, which is gummed, glued, or equivalently fastened to the body, and has sharp angular sides, the object and advantages of which will be hereinafter set forth.

Referring to the drawing, A represents the body and handle of the rubber or brush, which consists of a block of wood or other material and preferably of quadrilateral form. To one face of this block I attach, by gumming or gluing, the rubber B, which consists of a sheet or piece of the article of manufacture well known as felt, its sides C B being cut sharp or angular.

Felt, constructed and combined as above stated, possesses the following advantages: The surface adheres most firmly to the block A, so that tacks, nails, and other fastenings are not required, and consequently there is no liability to scratching or cutting of the article to be rubbed or brushed. The nature of the ma-

terial is such that it will not ravel and fray, and thus loosening or tearing from the body does not occur. Felt can be made of considerable thickness, and therefore cut into sheets having a flat face and sharp and angular edges, whereby every part of the article to be cleansed can be reached, regardless of carving, molding, angles, rounding, &c. Dust and dirt in the most delicate work can be removed. Glass may be rubbed clean of smut, streaks, &c. Lines and marks, large and small, can be obliterated. The felt is a ready polisher, and is not harsh. It possesses softness and flexibility, so as to avoid scratching, streaking, &c., yet is sufficiently firm and durable, and even during usage retains its sharp or angular sides. Moreover, felt "takes up" or absorbs dust and similar substances, and thus the latter is "held" until the work is finished. Then, by a few sharp blows or knocks of one brush against another, the dust is liberated and the brush again cleansed.

I am aware that sheep and chamois skins and similar articles have been employed for the purposes of brushes, but they do not possess features and advantages hereinbefore specified.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As an article of manufacture, the rubber consisting of the body A and a rubbing portion, B, constructed of felt gummed to the body and formed with sharp angular sides C D, all as herein set forth and for the purpose described.

The above signed by me this 7th day of September, 1872.

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