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Whisk Broom Holder.

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Fig. 1.

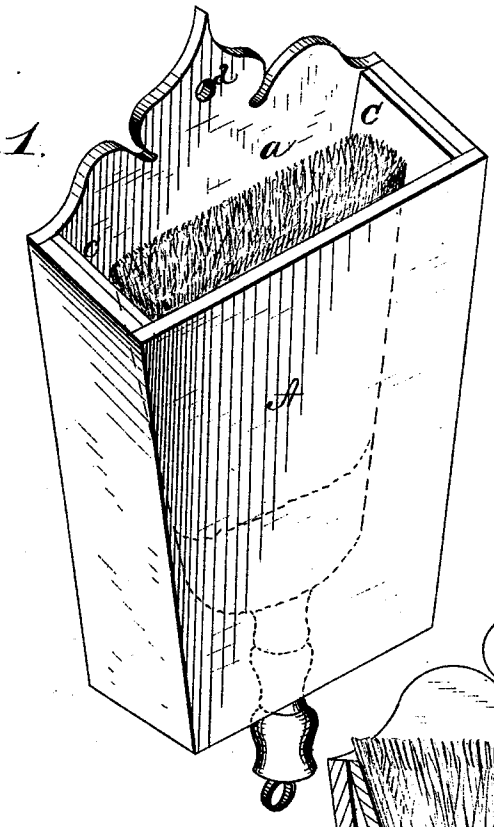
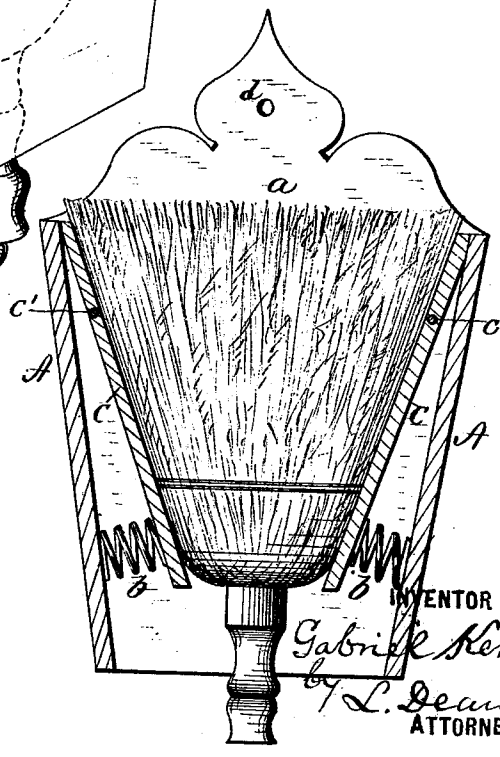


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GABRIEL KENT, of Williamsport, in the county of Lycoming and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Whisk-Broom Holders, of which the following is a specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device as in use. Fig. 2 is a vertical central section from side to side of the device.

This invention is designed to afford a convenient receptacle for whisk-brushes or like devices; and the novelty consists in a receptacle open at both ends and closed at its sides, and provided with spring-supports attached to the inner faces of two of the opposite sides of said receptacle, the said spring-supports grasping and holding the whisk-broom in place when inserted in the receptacle and at the same time allowing it easily to be withdrawn therefrom or inserted therein, all as will now in detail be fully set out.

In the accompanying drawings, A denotes a whisk-broom receptacle, open at both ends and closed at its sides, and provided near its upper end with a hole, *d*, or any convenient means to suspend or hang it on the wall or elsewhere.

b b represent springs attached to the inner face of the opposite narrow sides of the receptacle, the outer ends of which springs bear against the outer faces of the broom-supports *e e*, near their lower ends, thus causing them to contract the open space at the lower end of A. The supports *e.e* are hinged or pivoted at their upper ends to the broad opposite faces of the receptacle near the upper part of A, as at *c' c'*.

The broom is inserted in the suspended receptacle with the handle downward, and the springs are thereby compressed, causing the spring-supports to clasp the broom.

The broom may be readily withdrawn from the receptacle by taking it by the handle and drawing it downward. This will further compress the springs and allow the broom to be readily removed from the receptacle.

The precise manner of applying the springs to act as the supports can be varied in many ways without changing essentially the present invention.

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

1. The combination of the tapering receptacle A, open at both ends and closed at its sides, with the springs *b b* and pivoted supports *c c*, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. A receptacle for holding a whisk-broom or similar articles, provided with open ends, closed sides, and fixed spring-supports, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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