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BROOM PROTECTOR.

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Fig. 1.

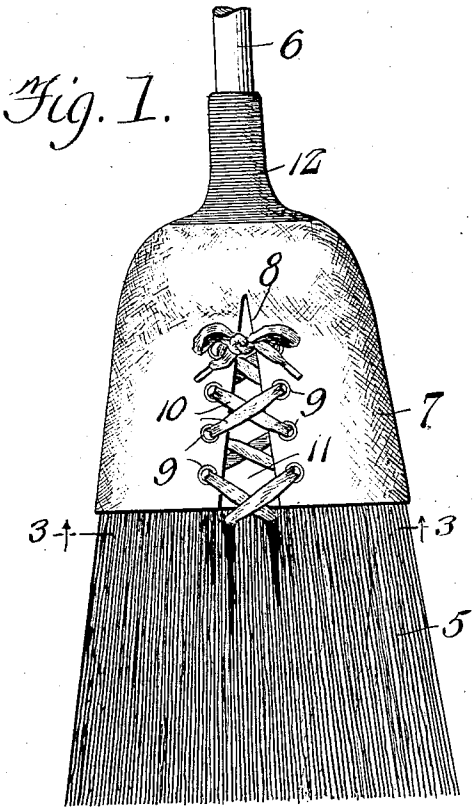


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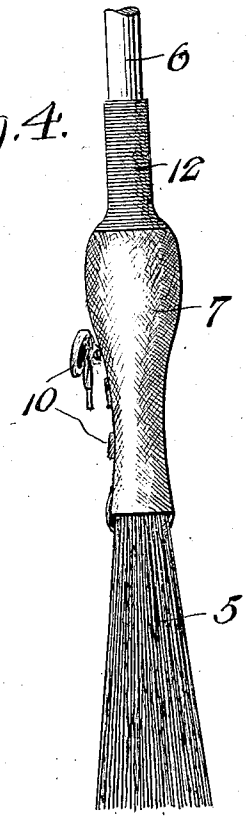


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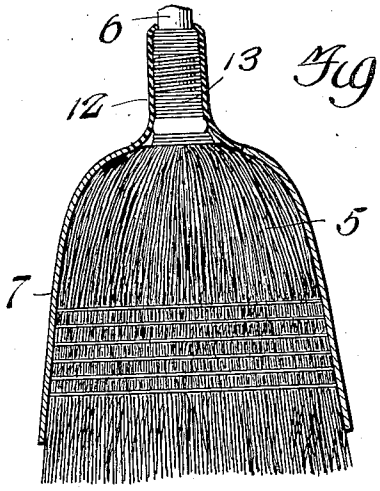
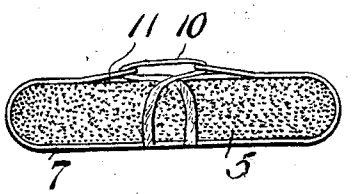


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NANCY P. BOECKX, a citizen of the United States, residing at California, in the county of Washington and State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Broom-Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to broom protector, and has for its primary object to provide a protector of this character wherein the broom straws will be held compact and prevented from breaking during the use of the broom.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a broom protector which forms a covering for the broom so as to prevent marring, scratching or otherwise damaging the furniture when the broom is being used and contacts with articles of furniture, the cover being readily tightened so as to assure the compactness of the straws of the broom to prevent the spreading thereof, and also to obviate the breaking of the straws during the use thereof, thus increasing the life of the same.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a broom protector which is simple in construction, capable of being applied to various sized brooms, thoroughly reliable and efficient in its purpose, and inexpensive in manufacture.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing, and pointed out in the claim hereunto appended.

In the drawing:—Figure 1 is a side elevation of a broom showing the protector constructed in accordance with the invention applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view through the protector applied to the broom. Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is an edge elevation.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views in the drawing.

Referring to the drawing by numerals, 5 designates the straw body and 6 the handle of a broom, which is of the ordinary well-known construction, and on which is adapted to be mounted the protector presently described.

This protector comprises a covering 7 preferably constructed from canvas, although the same may be made from other fabric or material if deemed desirable. In one side of the covering 6 is a V-shaped opening or gap 8, the edges of which carry at intervals eyelets 9 through which are trained a pair of lacings 10, the same being secured to the covering 7 at the lower edge thereof, while disposed beneath the gap or opening 8 and secured to the covering is an elastic tongue 11, the same being designed to close the said gap or opening 8, the free ends of the lacings 10 being tied in a bow or knot when the same are drawn tight for the pulling taut of the covering 7 about the body 5 of the broom. The lacings 10 are passed through the body 5 of the broom prior to the threading of the same in the eyelets 9 in criss cross fashion as usual, so that the covering 7 will be drawn tight against the body and thereby hold the same compact.

The covering 7 is integrally formed with an elastic or expansible neck 12 which encircles the handle 6 at the point of connection thereof with the straw body 5 of the broom so as to prevent the wire fastener 13 usually employed in brooms from contacting with an article of furniture when the broom is being used. This neck 12 also prevents the slipping of the covering 7 from the body 5 of the broom and will permit the application of the covering to different sizes of brooms.

From the foregoing it is thought that the construction and manner of operation of the device will be clearly understood, and therefore a more extended explanation has been omitted.

What is claimed is:—

A broom protector comprising a flexible covering adapted to partially house a broom body, an elastic neck carried by one end of the covering and adapted to embrace the

handle of the broom body, the said covering being provided with a gap in one side, lacing eyelets mounted in the covering at opposite sides of the gap, and flexible members connected with the wall of the covering opposite the gap and adapted to be trained through the eyelets and secured at their free ends, the said pair of flexible members when trained through the eyelets being adapted to intersect the broom body.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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