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BROOM HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

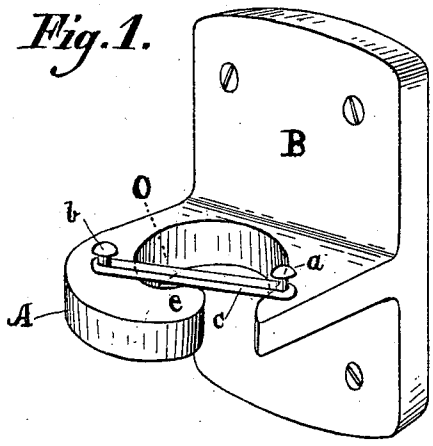


Fig. 2.

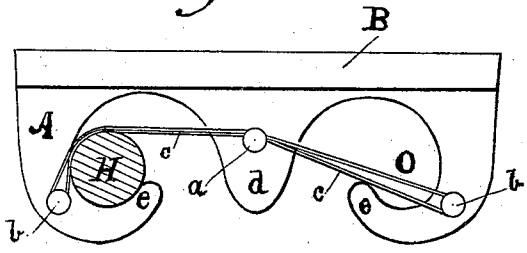


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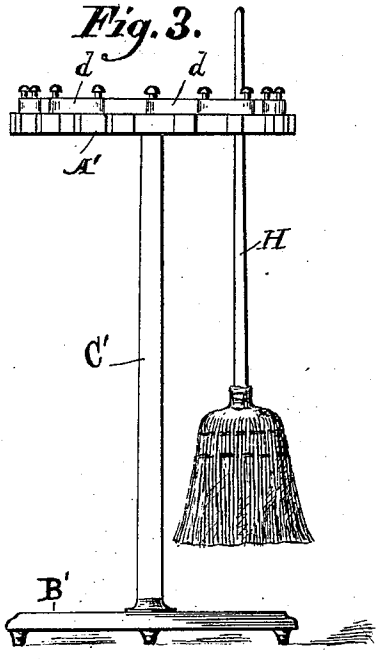
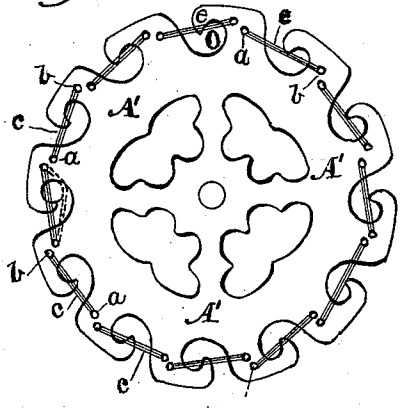


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABRAM M. BODLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newport, Kentucky, have invented new and useful Improvements in Broom-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to holding devices for brooms and similarly-handled implements, and is designed to be used in the household for convenience of retention when not in use, and in stores and where the same are to be displayed for sale or exhibition.

It consists in a suitably-mounted holding-shelf having in its outer edge or edges one or more curved recesses forming holding-pockets, across which elastic bands are maintained, by which the handle is retained in the recess by the displacement and elastic tension of the band and upheld by the frictional resistance of the band and recess-faces.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which Figure 1 is a perspective view of a simple broom-holder for domestic use; Fig. 2, a plan view of the same constructed for two brooms; Fig. 3, a front elevation, and Fig. 4 a plan of a portable holder for display or other uses.

The parts hereinafter mentioned are denoted in the drawings by suitable letters of reference.

In the drawings, A designates a horizontal shelf, which, in the illustrations given in Figs. 1 and 2, is designed to be attached to and supported against a vertical wall, and provided with one or more oval openings, O, in the outer edge, each opening being formed with a curved retaining lip or shoulder, *e*. The opening is of sufficient width to admit the insertion of the handle of the broom or other implement to be supported. Across the opening at the upper side of the shelf is secured an elastic cord or band, *c*, preferably of rubber, upon holding-pins *a*. *b*, in such position as to cross the mouth of the opening, and also the inner recess formed by the recurved lip *e*. The insertion of the handle H of the implement held vertically displaces the elastic band, which, when the handle is brought into the inner recess behind the lip *e*, acts by its elasticity to retain the handle securely therein, the friction of the rubber and the faces of the holding-recess serving to suspend the implement at any desired height without other support.

In Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings my invention is shown embodied in simple form in a shelf, A, constructed as an ordinary wall-bracket, with a back piece, B, for securing the same to a wall. In Fig. 1 the shelf is provided with a single opening and in Fig. 2 with two openings; but it is obvious that the number of openings may be increased to any extent permitted by the size of the shelf, and that the openings may be thus arranged in a shelf of circular or semicircular form, as well as in one of rectangular form. The openings may also be arranged "right and left" in relation to each other, as shown in Fig. 2, in which case a single holding-pin, *a*, may be used for two opposite holding-pins, *b*, arranged centrally upon the intervening projection *d*; and, if desired, a single band may be used extending around the central pin, *a*, and held upon the pins *b* at its ends; or the central pin, *a*, may in such case be dispensed with and the band stretched directly between the opposite holding-pins *b*.

In Figs. 3 and 4 I have shown the shelf A′ as circular in form and provided with a continuous series of openings, O, formed in the peripheral edge, and provided with the pins *a* *b* and the elastic bands *c*, arranged in relation to the shelf and its openings as already described. In this case a central support, C′, rising from a base, B′, is employed, upon which the shelf A′ is arranged to revolve, forming a display-rack for convenient use in stores and for exhibition purposes.

I claim as my invention—

1. A holder for suspending handled implements, consisting substantially of a horizontal overhanging shelf suitably supported, having in its outer edge one or more open recesses adapted to receive the handles of the implements, combined with elastic bands or cords held across the said recesses, whereby the inser-

tion of the handle displaces the band and causes it to hold the handles in the recesses by elastic tension, substantially as set forth.

2. The improved display-holder for handled implements, embodying the supporting-base B′, standard C′, and rotating shelf A′, provided with recesses O and elastic bands *c*, secured across said openings, in combination, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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