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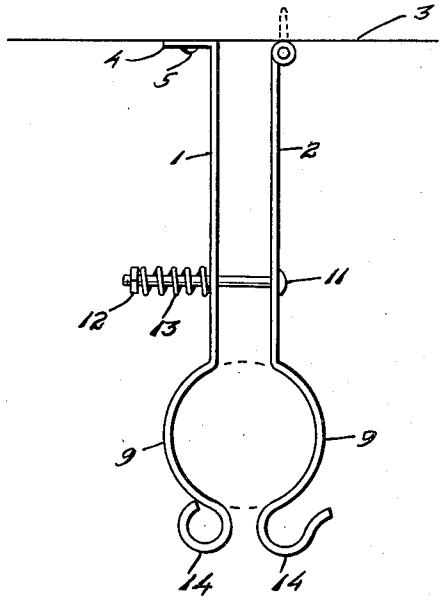


Fig. 1.

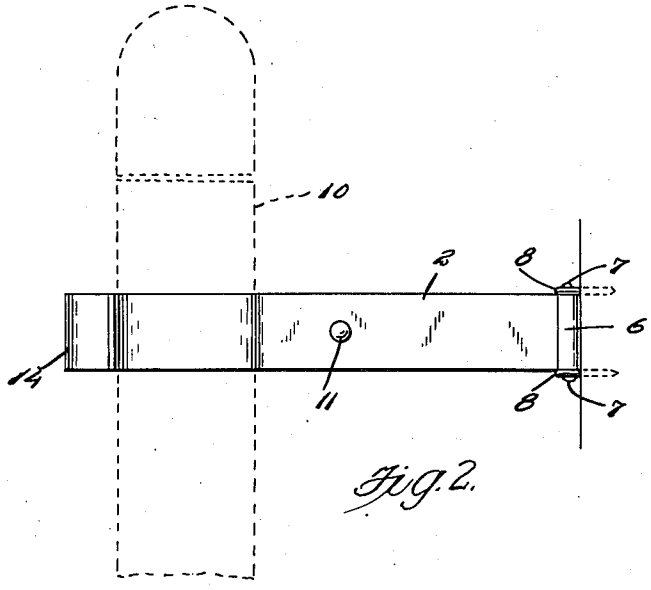


Fig. 2.

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1 Claim. (Cl. 24—254)

My invention relates to improvements in broom holders, the principal object in view being to provide a lightweight, strong, device of this character which is particularly adapted for quick and easy attachment to a door, wall, or similar support, and for manufacture at a very low cost for sale to low-priced trade.

To the accomplishment of the above, and subordinate objects presently appearing, a preferred embodiment of my invention has been illustrated in the accompanying drawing, set forth in detail in the succeeding description, and defined in the claim appended hereto.

In said drawing:

Figure 1 is a view in top plan illustrating a preferred embodiment of my invention, and

Figure 2 is a view in top plan.

Reference being had to the drawing by numerals, in the preferred embodiment thereof my improved holder comprises a pair of elongated members 1, 2, of strap iron, adapted to be attached in a manner presently described, to a wall, door, or other support, represented at 3, to extend horizontally therefrom in laterally spaced relation. The member 1 is provided with a right angled rear end flange 4 by means of which and wood screws 5, said member is rigidly attached to said support 1. The member 2 is provided with a vertically extending rear end bead 6 and reduced pintles 7 at the top and bottom of said bead by means of which, and a pair of eye screws 8 accommodating said pintles, said member 2 is pivotally attached to the support 1 for swinging movement into and from laterally spaced relation to the member 1. Each member 1, 2 is provided adjacent the outer end thereof with a semi-circular outwardly bowed portion forming a jaw 9, the jaws 9 being opposed to clamp a broom handle 10 therebetween. A bolt 11 extends through said members 1, 2, crosswise thereof in the rear of said jaws 9, with a nut 12 on one end and a coil spring sleeved thereon between said nut and one of the members whereby said members are urged toward each other into laterally spaced relation and the jaws 9 into cooperative clamping relation. The outer ends of the members 1, 2, are rolled, as at 14, to round said ends and facilitate the insertion of the handle 10 therebetween, the roll on the member 2 forming an open hook for use in hanging articles if desired.

In the use of the described holder, the broom handle is inserted between the front rolled ends 14 of the members 1, 2, the member 2 swinging away from the member 1 in opposition to the spring 13 to permit the handle to enter the jaws 9 for clamping therebetween under reverse swinging of said member 2 by reaction of the spring 13, all as will be readily understood.

A particular advantage of the described holder is that it obviates the use of flexible metal in its construction which, in its cheaper forms, easily breaks or becomes bent and lacks the requisite strength to support heavy brooms.

The foregoing will, it is believed, suffice to impart a clear understanding of my invention without further explanation.

Manifestly the invention, as described, is susceptible of modification without departing from the inventive concept and right is herein reserved to such modifications as fall within the scope of the subjoined claim.

What I claim is:

A holder for brooms comprising a pair of elongated members of strap metal for attachment to a wall or the like to extend therefrom in side by side spaced apart relation, one of said members having a right angled rear end screw accommodating flange for rigid attachment to said support, and the other member having a rear end hinge for attachment to said support whereby said other member is swingable toward and from the first mentioned member, said members being provided with a pair of opposed semi-circular jaw portions adjacent their outer ends for clamping said handle therebetween, and means urging said other member toward the first mentioned member comprising a bolt extending through said members in the rear of said jaw portions, a nut on one end of said bolt, and a coil spring on said bolt between said nut and one of the members.

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