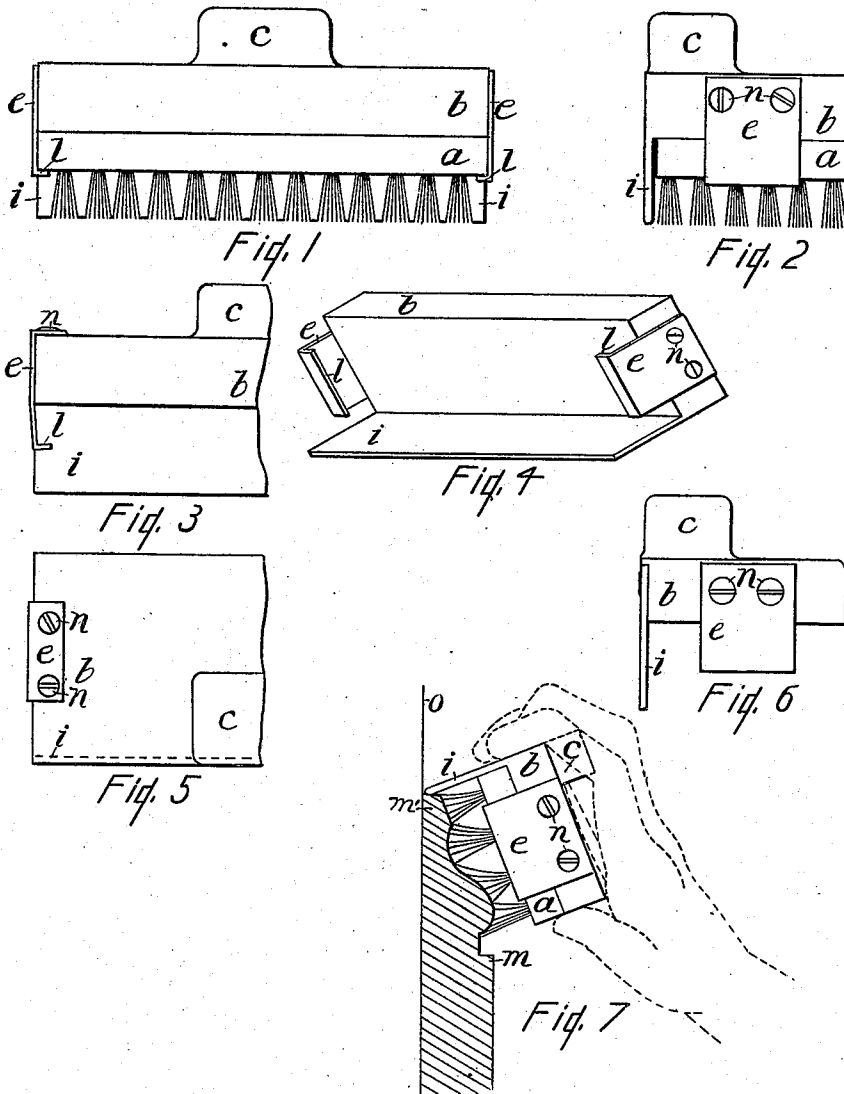


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABRAM D. LOCKWOOD, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Peekskill, in the county of Westchester and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Brush-Guards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to brushes used in housecleaning, and its object is to provide a protective means against soiling in cleaning wood work that joins paper covered walls, or walls that would be soiled by contact with water. The object is attained by the means set forth in these specifications and the accompanying drawings, in which like letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

Figure 1 is a side view of a brush and brush holder. Fig. 2 is an end view of the brush and brush holder. Fig. 3 shows one-half of the brush holder without the brush with a modification in the application of the springs. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the brush holder. Fig. 5 is a top view of one-half of the brush holder also showing spring modifications. Fig. 6 is an end view of the brush holder without the brush showing the block to be provided with a metallic flange. Fig. 7 represents the manner of using the brush and brush holder.

Nicely finished walls are liable to be soiled where they are joined by wood work by reason of carelessness, or the difficulty, in cleaning the wood work without wiping or spattering water over or along the wall, and often the effort to avoid such soiling of the wall results in the wood work being only partially cleaned. It is to facilitate the thorough cleansing without the soiling of the walls that this device is intended.

In Fig. 1 *a* represents a small rectangular brush such as is used for washing and scrubbing. *b* represents a holder for the brush, and it consists of a block shown in end view in Figs. 2, 4, 6, 7, that is provided on one side with a flange *i*, shown in all the drawings. Spring hook-plates *e* are secured to the ends of the block, as at *n*, Figs. 2 4 6 7. The free ends of the plates are flanged inwardly to constitute hooks, as at *l l*, Figs. 1 3 4, and normally the plates incline inwardly from the ends of the block, as at *l*, Fig. 3. The brush and block are so adapted to each other in sizes, that, when the brush is in-

serted between the plates *e* as in Figs. 1 2 7 the plates hold the brush in place endwise, and the hooks maintain the brush against the block.

The flange *i* in depth is adapted to the depth of the brush, that is, when the brush is in place the edge of the flange and the ends of the bristle are flush one with the other. The block *b* is also provided with a handle *c*, which may be no more than a slight projection or a knob. Its object is to afford something to drop the fingers over, as in Fig. 7 to facilitate the manipulation of the brush in scrubbing, the help it affords to the fingers relieving the necessity for a tight grip of the fingers on the brush.

Fig. 7 shows how the brush is used on a base-board *m*, the edge of the flange *i* resting in the corner formed by the junction of the wall *o* with the molding *m'*. The narrow edge of the flange *i* does no harm to the wall, and permits a free use of the brush until clean surfaces are assured. The harder the flange is pressed upon the molding the less will be the liability of water penetrating between it and the molding.

As will be seen by reference to Fig. 4, the brush may be easily and quickly placed in or removed from the holder, as only the spring plates hold it in place. Thus the brush holder may be used only for its especial purpose, and will not interfere with the use of the brush for general purposes.

The flange *i* may be a separate piece from the block secured to the block, as shown in Fig. 6, and it may be of any suitable material, not necessarily the same as the block. The spring plates may be flanged over and secured to the top of the block, as in Figs. 3 and 5, or, any other suitable means for accomplishing the same object might be substituted for the spring plates. It is not intended that the form of the device shall be limited to the precise construction herein shown so long as the principle of the invention is embodied, the principle being the protecting and guiding flange by the side of the brush.

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

1. In a brush holder, a block as a backing for the brush block, spring plates on the ends of the block to secure the brush block endwise, hooks on the ends of the spring

plates to engage with the under side of the brush block, a handle on the top of the block, and a flange on one side of the holder of a depth to correspond with the depth of a
5 brush.

2. The combination of a brush, a block as a backing for the brush block, clamping and hooking spring plates on the end of the holder block to secure the brush, and a flange

on the side of the holder of a depth to coincide with the depth of the brush. 13

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