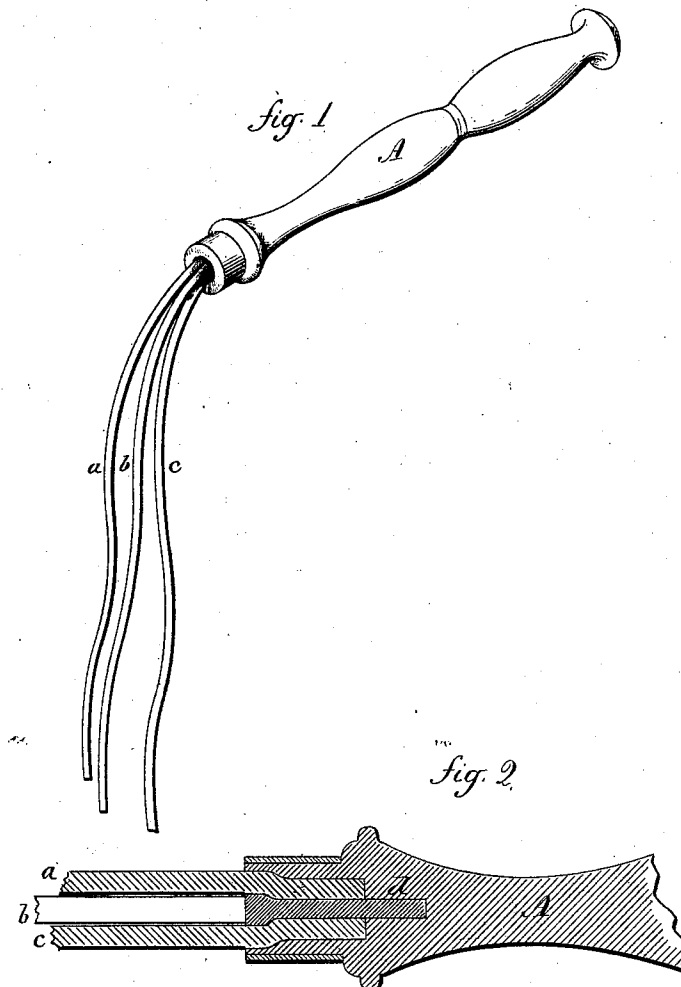


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CARPET-BEATER.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CARPET-BEATERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY FREEMAN, of Ansonia, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Carpet-Whips; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, perspective view; Fig. 2, central section.

This invention relates to a device for whipping or dusting carpets and like purposes; and it consists in a handle provided with several strands of leather, one end of each of the strands secured in the handle by means of a headed nail driven between the several inserted ends into the handle below, but so as to leave the others free, all as more fully hereinafter described.

A is a handle of a convenient form to be grasped by the hand, having at its lower end a socket, in which are inserted the ends of the strands *a b c* of leather, the ends of the three united and bound together at one end,

and that end inserted into the handle A, and secured by a headed nail, *d*, driven between the three into the handle, as seen in Fig. 2, leaving the outer ends free.

This instrument is used in the same manner as the common whipping-stick, the numerous flexible strands each making their own independent blow, thereby practically multiplying the number of blows, the flexibility adding materially to the effect of the blow.

I am aware that a whip with several lashes attached is a common device, and known as a cat-o'-nine-tails.

I claim—

As an article of manufacture, the carpet-whip described, consisting of the handle A, having a socket at one end, the independent strands *a b c* inserted in said socket, and retained therein by means of the headed nail *d* passing through said socket and into the wood of the handle, all as and for the purpose set forth.

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