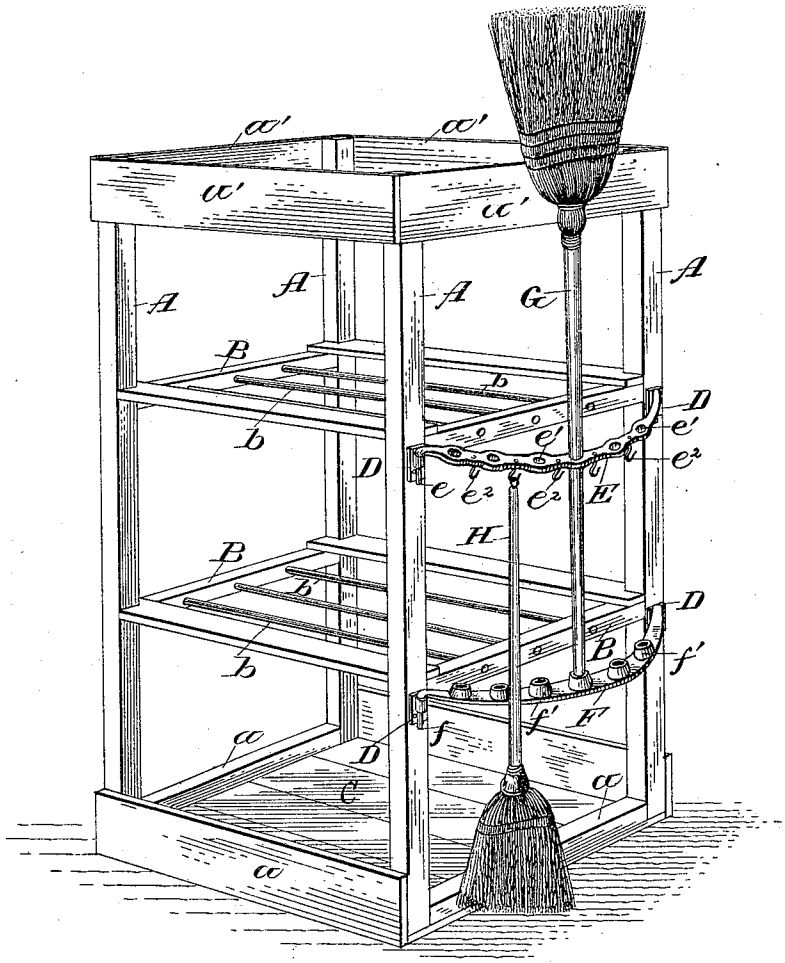
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN B. HOUSE, of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee, and in the State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Broom-Racks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to racks or cases for packing and exhibiting brooms and other articles having long handles; and it consists in certain peculiarities of construction, as will be more fully set forth hereinafter.

The drawing is a perspective view of my improved broom-rack, showing it in use as a show-rack.

A A A A are the corner timbers or uprights of my rack; *a a*, the bottom boards, and *a' a'* the top boards, and intermediately are other cross-boards, B B, &c., which are perforated for the reception of round rods *b b*, &c., and I have also a floor or bottom, C, to my rack. Within this rack the brooms are packed for shipment, a certain number being placed between each two adjacent rods *b b*, which serve to keep their handles in place during transit.

D D are perforated lugs, eyebolts, or staples driven into or secured to the outside of two adjacent uprights, A A, for the reception of the pintles *e* and *f* of the show-racks E and F. These racks are of general semi-elliptical shape, and the upper rack, E, is provided with a series of holes, *e' e'*, extending therethrough, and a series of hooks, e^2 e^2, depending from the under side thereof, while the lower rack, F, is provided on its upper surface with a number of cups, *f' f'*, integral therewith, but the holes or openings of which do not extend through the said rack. One or more pairs of these show-racks are packed in with the brooms, and then when the case has reached its destination the recipient takes out the racks E and F and slips their pintles into the receptacles D D, and, taking out the long-handled brooms, reverses them and slips their handles through the holes *e'* in the upper rack and into the cups *f'* in the lower rack, as shown by the broom G, until the racks are filled, and then takes out the short-handled brooms, which are made with eyebolts screwed into their handles, and hangs them up on the hooks e^2, as shown by the broom H.

As stated, my rack is equally well adapted for the storage, transportation, and exhibition of other long-handled articles—such as hoes, rakes, and other agricultural implements, mops, &c.

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

1. A packing and show case for brooms, &c., consisting of the frame A *a a'* B *b b* C, with the receptacles D D and removable racks E F, substantially as set forth.

2. The described show-rack for brooms, &c., consisting of the frame A A *a a'*, with receptacles D D, rack E, having holes *e'*, hooks e^2, and pintles *e*, and the rack F, having pintles *f* and cups *f'*, substantially as set forth.

3. In combination with a packing-case for brooms and other long-handled articles, the removable semi-elliptical racks E F, provided with pintles for attachment to the packing-case, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand, at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, in the presence of two witnesses.

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