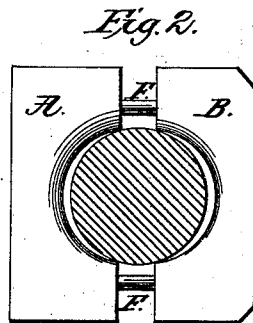
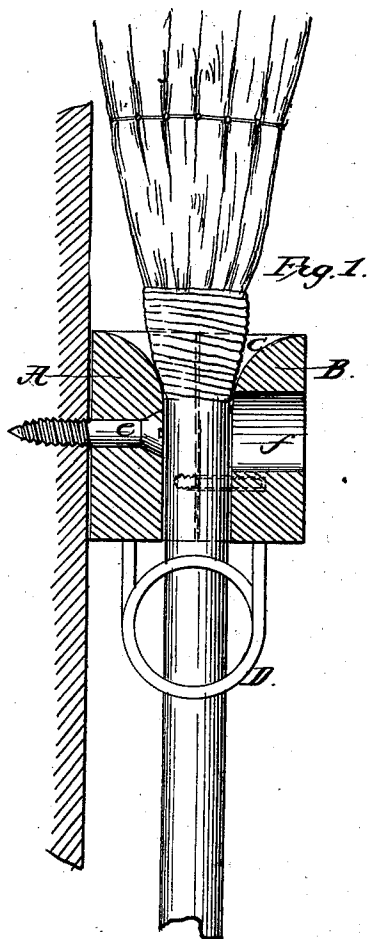


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IMPROVED BROOM-HOLDER.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, F. B. BATCHELDER, of Prairie du Chien, in the county of Crawford, and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Broom-Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to furnish a cheap and convenient article for holding brooms, mops, brushes, and other articles of a similar nature, used for household or other purposes.

And the invention consists in combining two blocks or pieces of wood, metal, or other suitable material, which blocks are semicircular on their inner sides, so that, when placed in contact, the two form a divided block, having a conical or flaring orifice through it for the introduction of the handle of a broom, brush, or other article to which it may be adapted.

Figure 1 represents a vertical section of the holder attached to the wall, with a broom inserted.

Figure 2 is a bottom view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The blocks, A and B, may be formed of either wood or metal, or other suitable material, and of any desired shape on their outside, and of any desired size.

Each part has a semicircular orifice on its inside, so that when placed together, as seen in the drawing, a full circle, with a conical or flaring bottom, is formed, as seen at C.

The bottom of the orifice is flared in this manner for the purpose of guiding the end of the handle of the broom or other article to the orifice.

The two blocks, A and B, are connected together by the legs of coil-springs, one of which springs is seen in fig. 1, marked D.

One part, A, is attached to the wall, or to any convenient fixture, by a screw, *e*, as seen in the drawing.

f is an orifice in the part B, for affording access to the screw with a screw-driver.

The part B being connected with A only by the springs D and by the guide or dowel-pins F, it will be seen that the aperture formed by the two parts can be expanded when the handle of a broom or other article is introduced, and that the two blocks or parts, A and B, form a spring-clasp, for securely holding any article of greater diameter than the hole or orifice is in its normal condition.

The advantages of this arrangement will be readily understood and appreciated by those who desire to have a "place for everything" and to see "everything in its place."

I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The blocks A B, each formed with a semicircular recess in its inner face, and connected together by the spring D, all constructed and arranged to operate in the manner and for the purpose substantially as set forth.

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