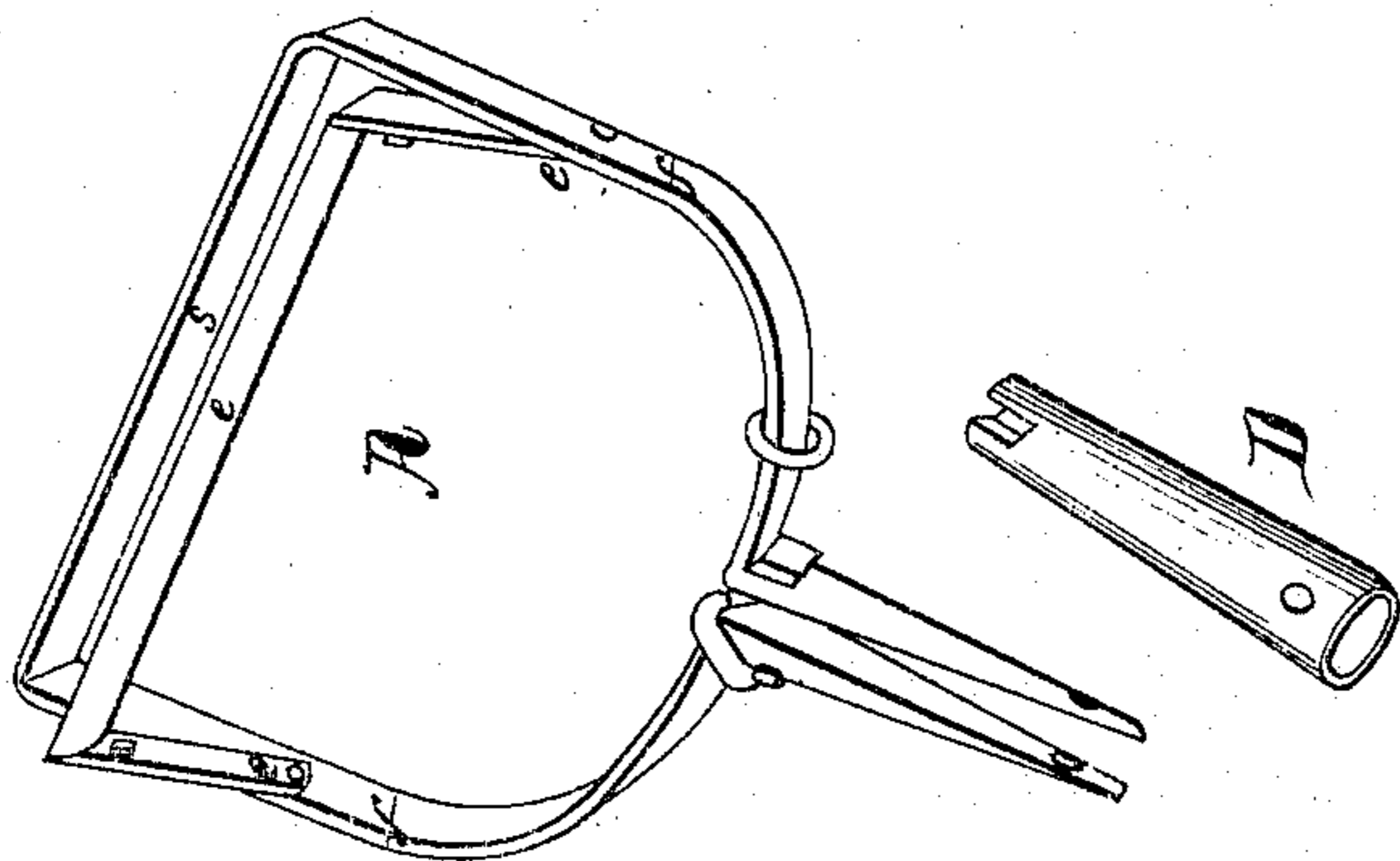
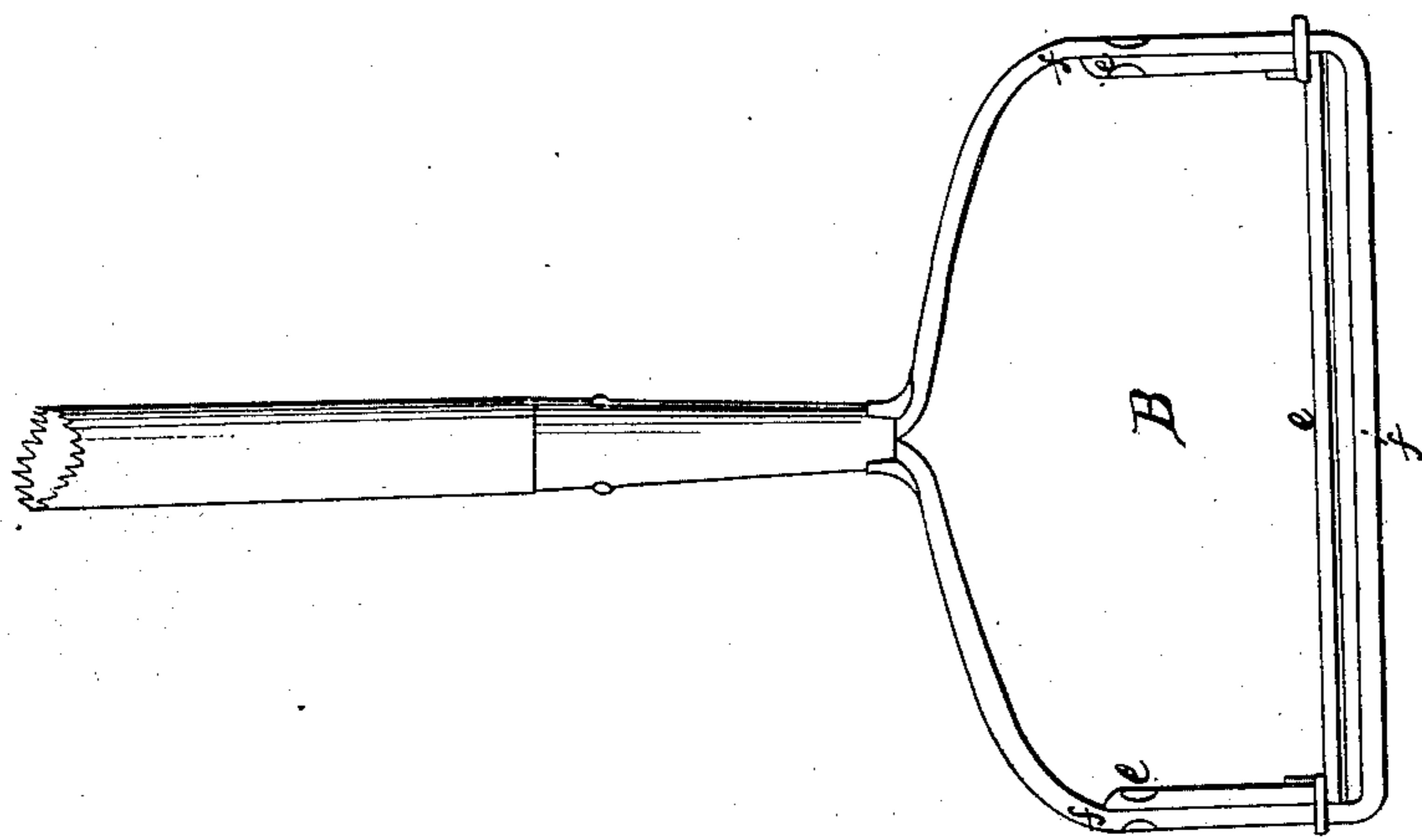


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAML. S. WHITMAN, of the town of Little Falls, in the county of Herkimer and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in the Form and Construction of Mop-Holders.

My mop holder is made of iron and may be made of any metal. It is somewhat in the form of a stirrup with double bottom and sides, and single or double shank, and a ring on each side. The outer part, which is attached to wood or handle in any convenient mode, is made of one piece, and is represented by the figure marked *f* in the drawings annexed hereto. I make the shank, by which it is attached to the handle, divided, each part being a continuation of its own side of the outer iron or jaw. From the shaft or handle it divides on a curve outward, and downward, to a proper width, say six to eight inches, and from that width at the termination of the curve, another piece is hung on pivots or gudgeons within the outer piece or jaw, and conforming to it in shape, but a little shorter, with straight sides and bottom as shown in the figures A, and B, in the annexed drawings. The inner piece, which I call the inner jaw, is so made so as to be turned out of the plane of the outer jaw, and then the mop is placed across and upon the bar of the outer jaw, and the inner jaw is returned or pressed into the plane of the outer jaw, by which means the mop is compressed and held fast between the bottom bars of the jaws, the distance between which is sufficient to receive

a large mop, and may be diminished to any desired width, by winding a strip of cloth around the lower or outer jaw, and the jaws are held in the same plane by means of a ring or link on each side slid down over the sides of both parts or jaws. These rings are made either with a small open space, or a notch on the inside to put down over a rib or projection on one of the jaws, and then being turned, it cannot slide back, until it is turned in the same position it was when slid down. If a link is used, then the inner jaw is made so as to spring and bear upon it and hold it. They may be made with the gudgeons and the ribs to hold the rings, cast on or swaged on solid, and the rings or links may also be of wrought iron, or cast solid, and by having the shank in two parts, the two sides can be spread or strained apart far enough, to receive and hold the inner jaw, and to put on the rings or links, and after that the shanks being put into the ferrule and secured to the handle the whole is secure. Or the shank may be entire and the rings put on and shut together or brazed after they are on.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

The method herein described of holding mops by means of the inner jaw hinged or jointed to the sides of the outer jaw and secured by rings or links substantially as herein described.

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