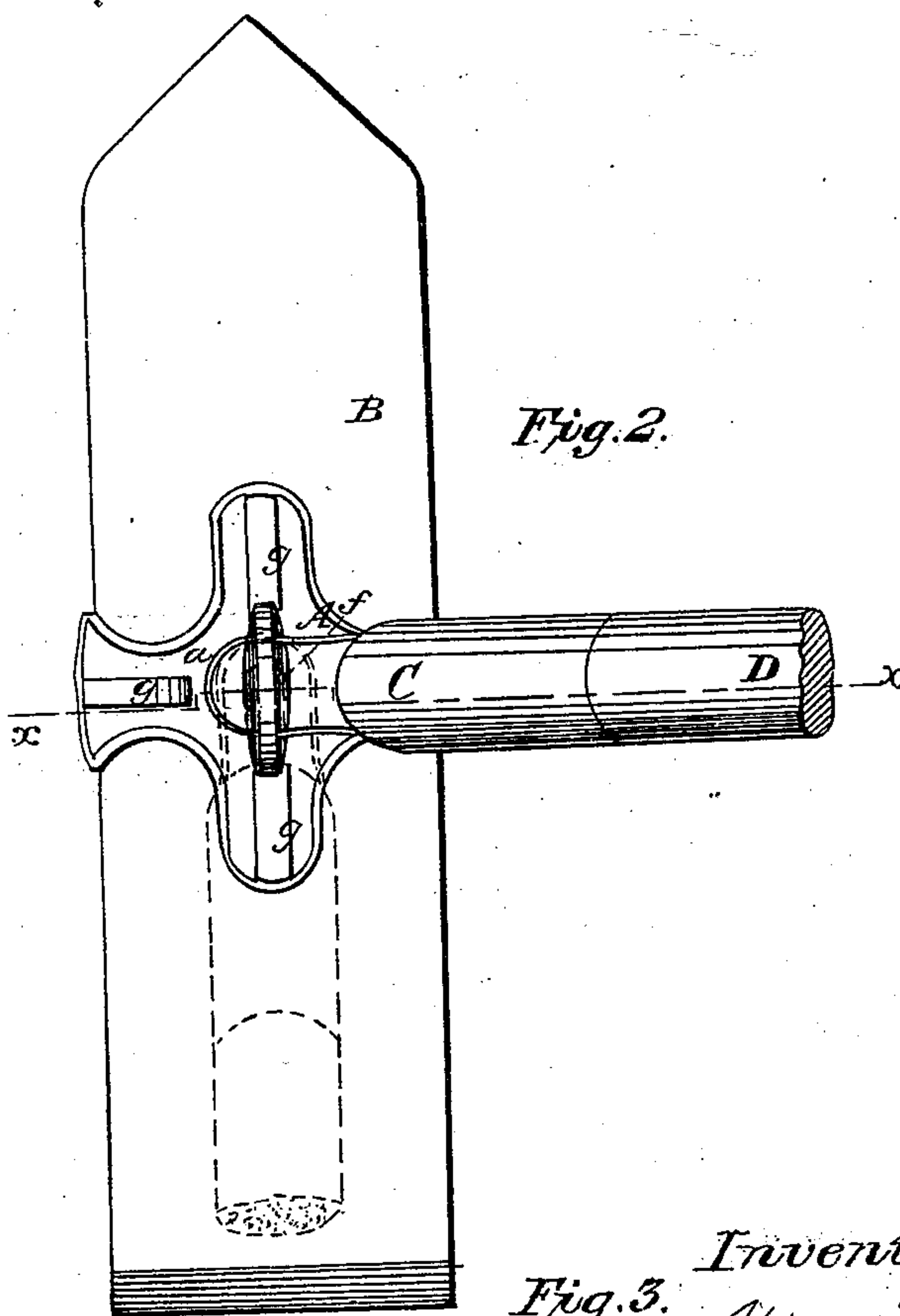
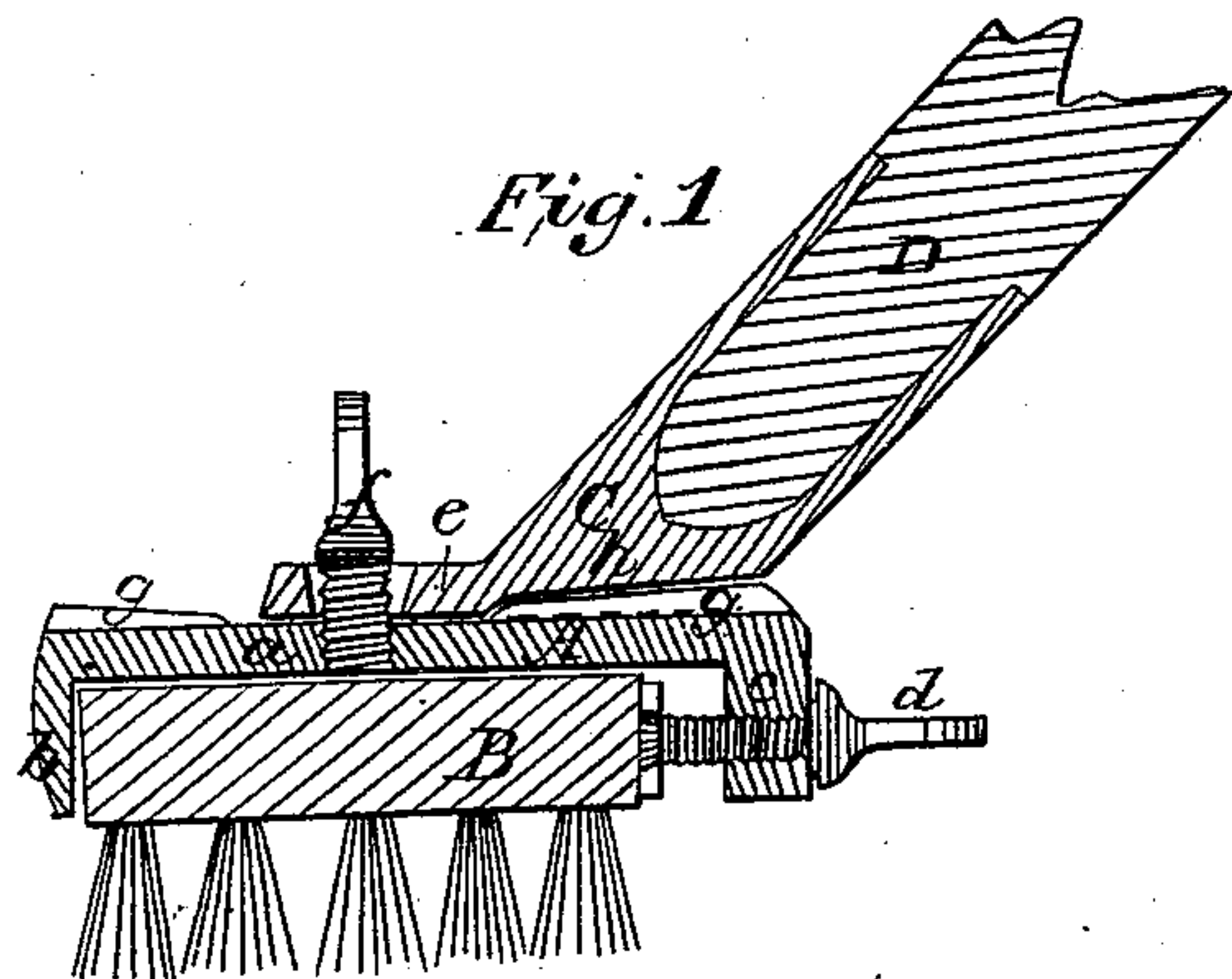


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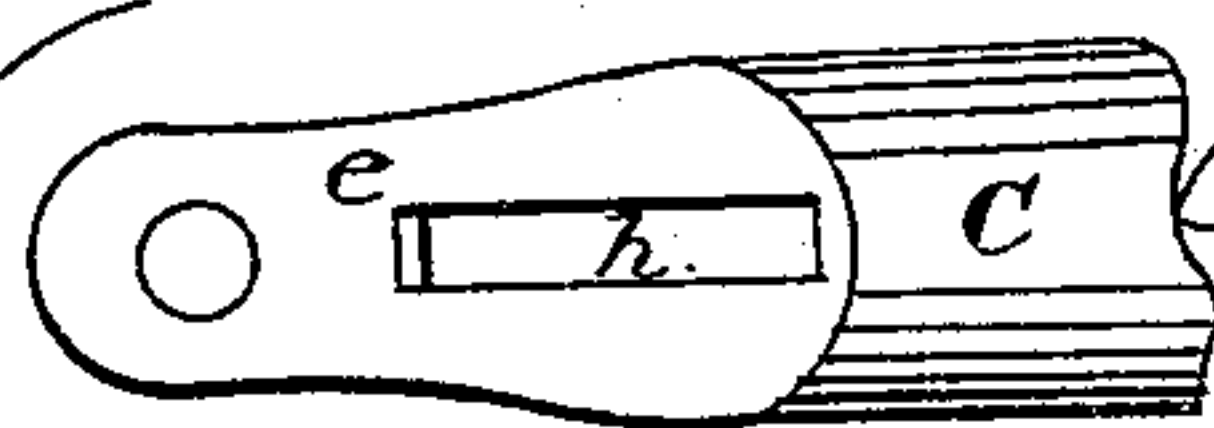
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## IMPROVED BRUSH-HOLDER.

*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, JOSEPH MESSINGER, of Springfield, in the county of Windsor, and State of Vermont, have invented a new and improved Brush-Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to a new and improved holder, by which scrubbing-brushes may be firmly secured to a handle to admit of the brush being used without the necessity of the operator stooping over and working on the knees, as is now universally done.

The invention consists in constructing the holder in such a manner that the handle thereof may be turned or adjusted in a position at right angles with the brush, or longitudinally therewith, and the holder at the same time be perfectly simple in construction, and economical to manufacture. In the accompanying sheet of drawings—

Figure 1 is a side sectional view of my invention, taken in the line *x x*, fig. 2.

Figure 2, a plan or top view of the same.

Figure 3, a detached under view of the socket pertaining to the same, which is attached to the handle.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents a clamp, constructed of cast iron, and composed of a plate, *a*, having a pendent lip, *b*, at one end, and a similar lip, *c*, at the opposite end, the lip *c* being tapped to admit of a screw, *d*, passing through it, by which the plate *a* may be firmly secured to the brush B, as will be clearly understood by referring to fig. 1. C represents a cast-iron socket, which is fitted on a wooden handle, D. This socket has a lip, *e*, extending obliquely from its lower end, and through this lip a screw, *f*, passes into or through the centre of the plate *a*, which screw firmly secures the socket to the plate. The upper surface of the plate *a* is cast with four ribs, *g*, which are at equal distances apart; and the under side of the socket C is cast with a recess or groove, *h*, to receive either of the ribs *g*, and when the socket C is turned or adjusted to receive any one of these ribs, and the socket pressed firmly down upon the plate *a*, by turning the screw *f*, the socket will be firmly secured to the clamp; and it will be seen that the socket C and handle D, in consequence of the plate *a* having four ribs, *g*, may be secured in four different positions relatively with the brush B, to wit, made to project obliquely from either side of the brush, or from the front or rear end of the same. This is an important feature, for it is in many cases very necessary that the handle D be adjusted in line longitudinally with the brush, in order that the latter may be made to enter recesses and angles or corners with facility.

This device may be constructed at a very small cost, and admits of the handle D being secured to and detached from the scrub-brush with the greatest facility, and either in an oblique position with the same, at either side, longitudinally therewith, or from the front or rear end, as may be desired.

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

1. The socket C, in which the handle D is fitted, when secured to the clamp of a scrub-brush, as shown, or in an equivalent way, to admit of the socket or handle being adjusted in different positions relatively with the brush, as herein set forth.

2. The combination of the clamp A and socket C, constructed substantially in the manner as and for the purpose specified.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this

day of October, 1867.

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