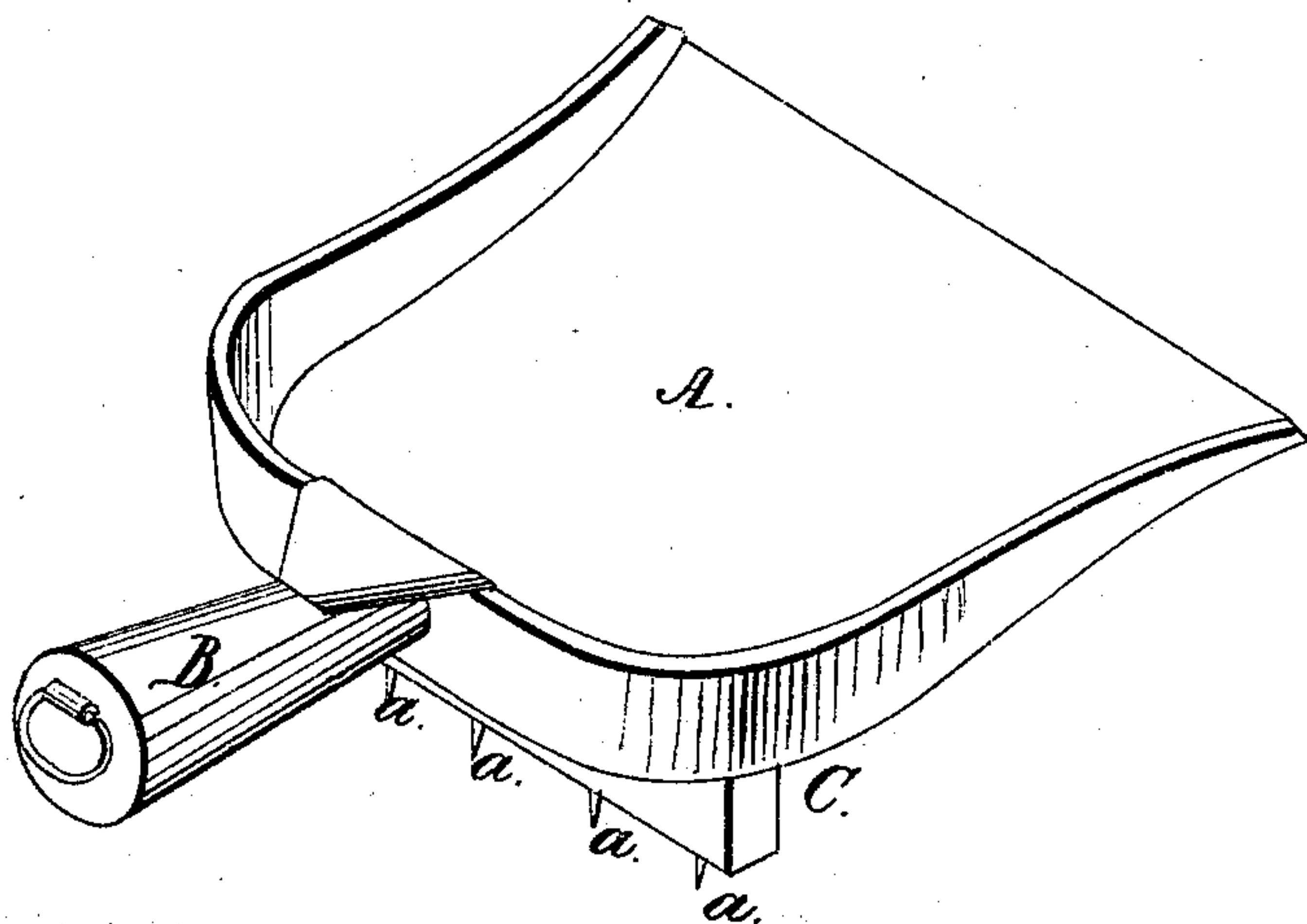


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IMPROVED DUST-PAN.

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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, L. F. WHEATON, of Madison, in the county of New Haven, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Dust-Pan; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawing constitutes part of this specification, and represents a perspective view of a common dust-pan, with my improvement attached.

This invention relates to an improvement in a common dust-pan, the object being to avoid the necessity of stooping to hold the pan while brushing dust or dirt thereon; and consists in constructing the pan with several points near its rear or handle-end, which, while they raise that end of the pan into about the position it will be held by the sweeper, the points resting upon the carpet hold the pan so firmly that the dust or dirt may be swept thereon in the usual manner, without moving the pan.

To enable others to construct my improvement, I will proceed to describe the same as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

A is a dust-pan of common construction; B, the handle. Upon the bottom of the pan, and near the handle, I arrange a bar, C, extending across the pan, or nearly so, and upon the under edge of said bar I fix pins or points *a*, so that while the bar raises the rear end of the pan, the points set into the fibres of the carpet sufficient to hold the pan in the position in which it is placed upon the floor. The bar C is not essential, as the points may be of sufficient length to raise the rear end of the pan; but yet I prefer the bar, as by its use, the points may be shortened by so much as the depth of the bar, and therefore less liable to injury.

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

A dust-pan, having the points *a* arranged near its handle-edge, so as to elevate and hold the pan, substantially in the manner and for the purpose described.

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