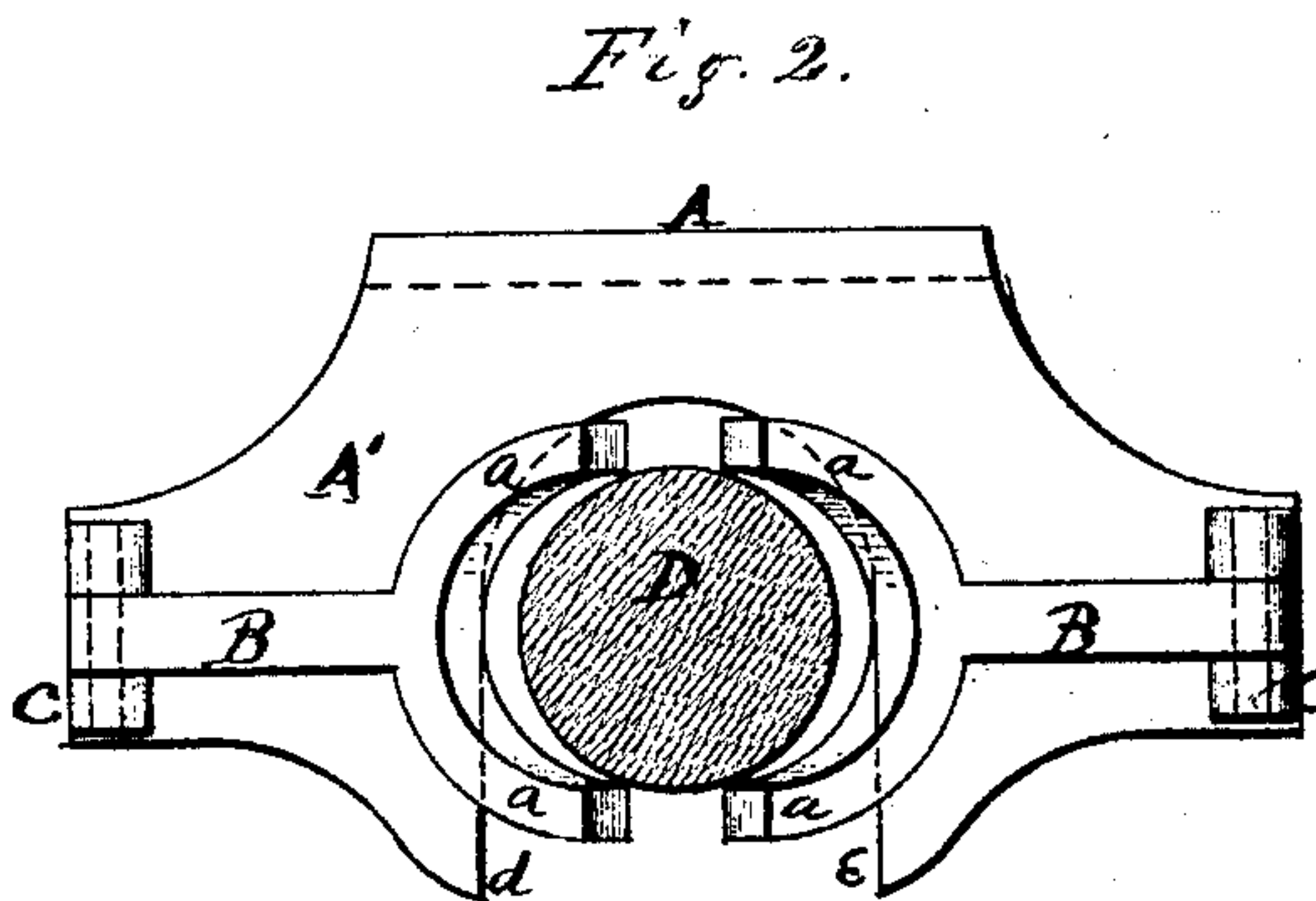
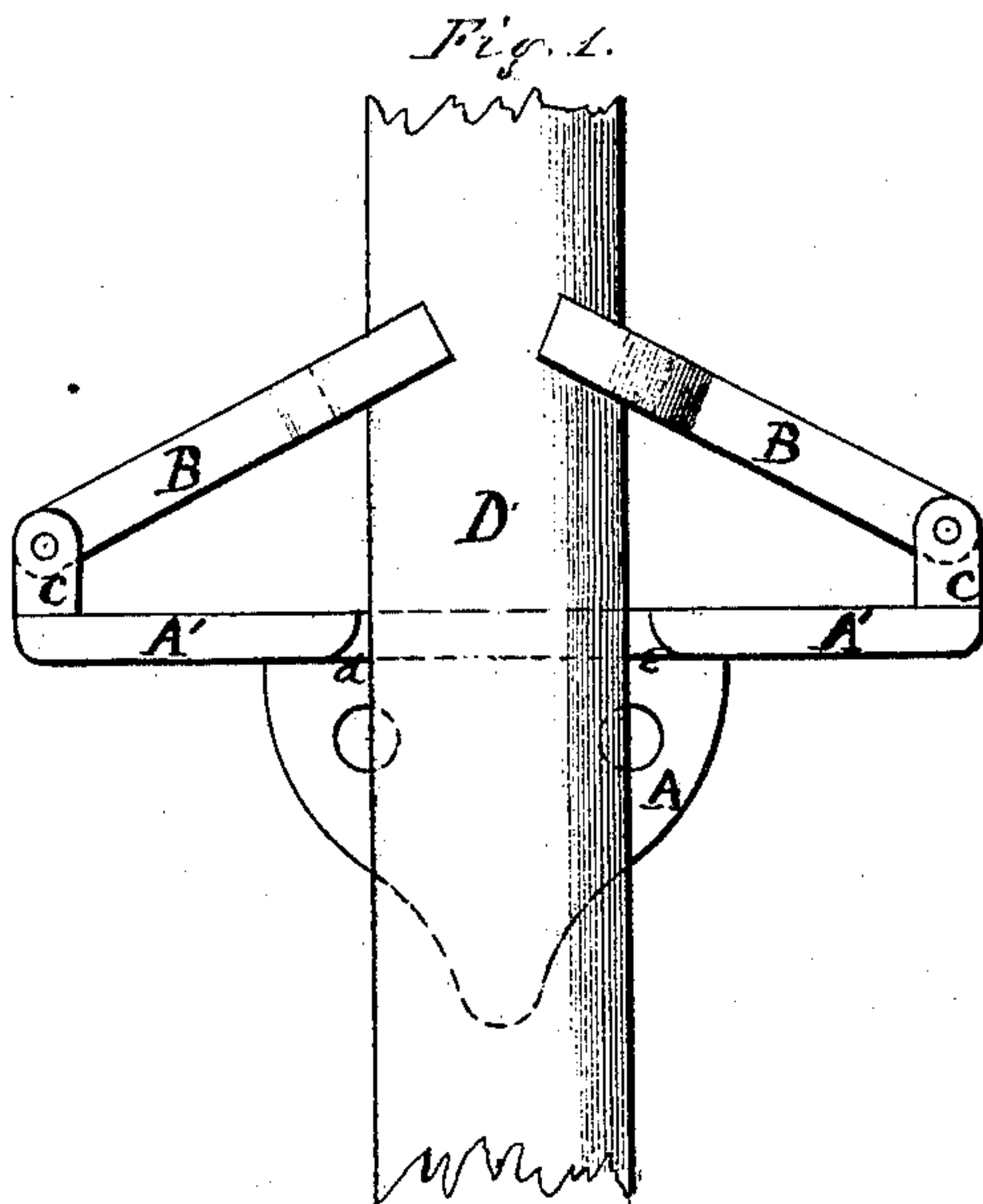


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IMPROVED BROOM OR MOP-HOLDER.

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

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HENRY L. FRANKLIN and EUGENE CLARK, both of Nashua, county of Hillsborough, and State of New Hampshire, have invented an Improved Broom or Mop-Holder, which we call "The Universal Broom or Mop-Holder;" and do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents our improved holder, with the handle of a broom, mop, or other article, held therein.

Figure 2 is a plan view of our invention.

The object of our invention is to produce a holder for brooms, &c., which can be easily fastened to the wall, and so constructed that the handle of the broom, &c., can be quickly and easily suspended in, and firmly held by the holder, but in such a manner, that by lifting the handle smartly, it can be withdrawn from the holder at once.

We avoid the use of springs altogether, and our holder is not only cheaply constructed, but it is neat in appearance.

The nature of our invention consists in a cast bracket, the shelf of the bracket having a slot or opening. Over this slot are two jaws, opening upward in opposite directions, hinged, respectively, on each side of the bracket.

In the drawings—

A A' is a bracket, A' being the shelf part, in which is slot *d e*.

B B are arms, hinged upon shoulders *c c*, and having semicircular clasps or jaws *a a* upon their inner ends, and closing toward each other to a circle.

These jaws fall upon the shelf A' when the holder is not in use.

D represents the handle of a broom, or whatever may be desired to be held.

The action and operation of our invention are very simple.

The bracket is screwed up to the wall, in position shown in fig. 1. To suspend a broom, &c., push the end of the handle up through slot *d e*, opening, in its upward movement, the clasps *a a*, and, when the upward movement is stopped, of course the handle tends to a downward action, as also do the jaws or clasps *a a*; but the clasps bite the handle, and keep the same suspended.

To remove the handle, lift it smartly, and with an upward, and, at same time, forward drawing motion.

This device is very useful in the kitchen, but it is a great convenience in shops, barns, and tool-houses, for securely and neatly holding tools. It is not only cheap but durable, and its use would save much time and expense from the careless manner of keeping tools.

What we claim as our invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of arms B B, constructed substantially as shown, and bracket A A', slotted at *d e*, the whole forming a universal broom or mop-holder, substantially as herein set forth.

In testimony whereof, we have signed our names to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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