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Fig. 1.

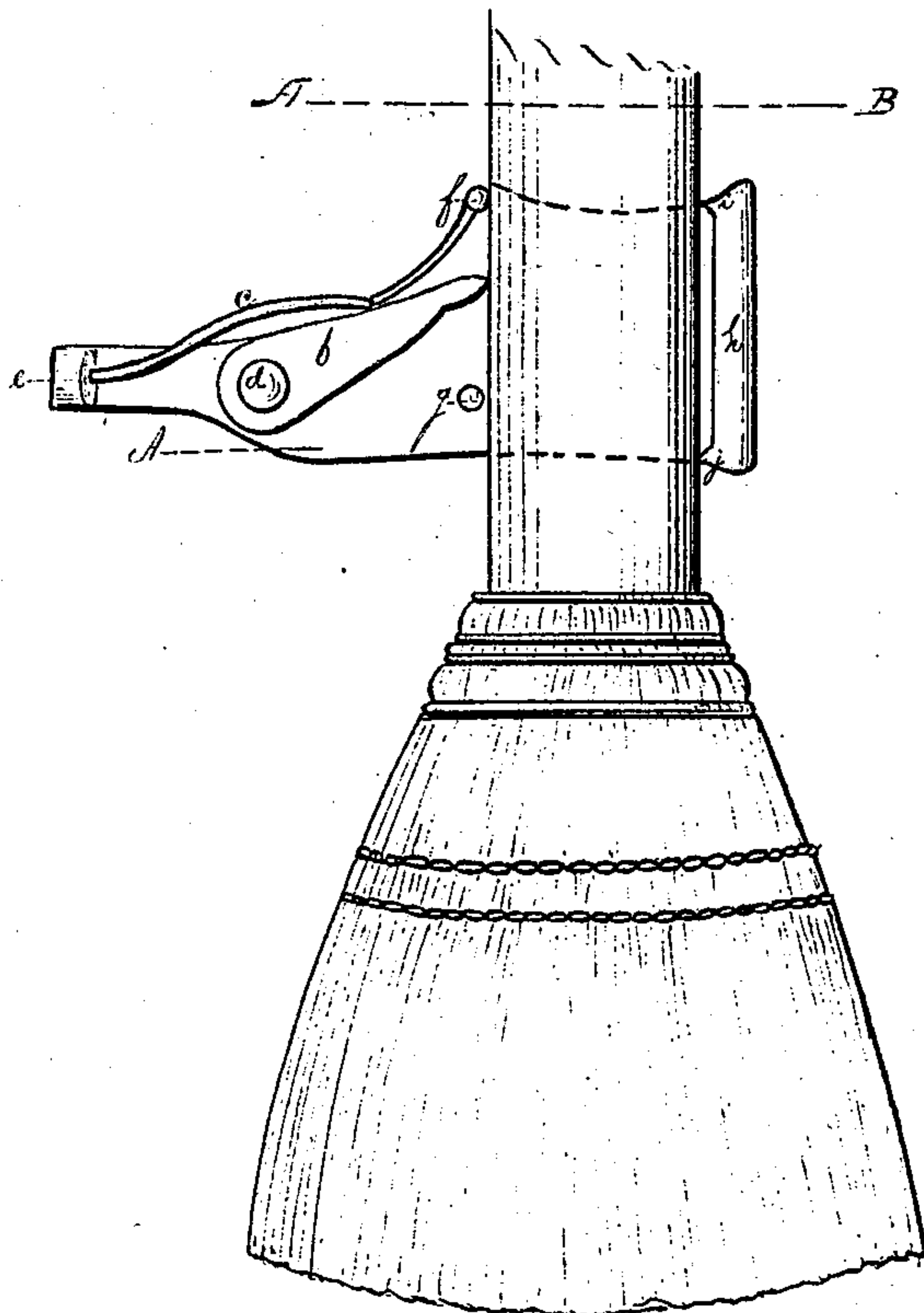
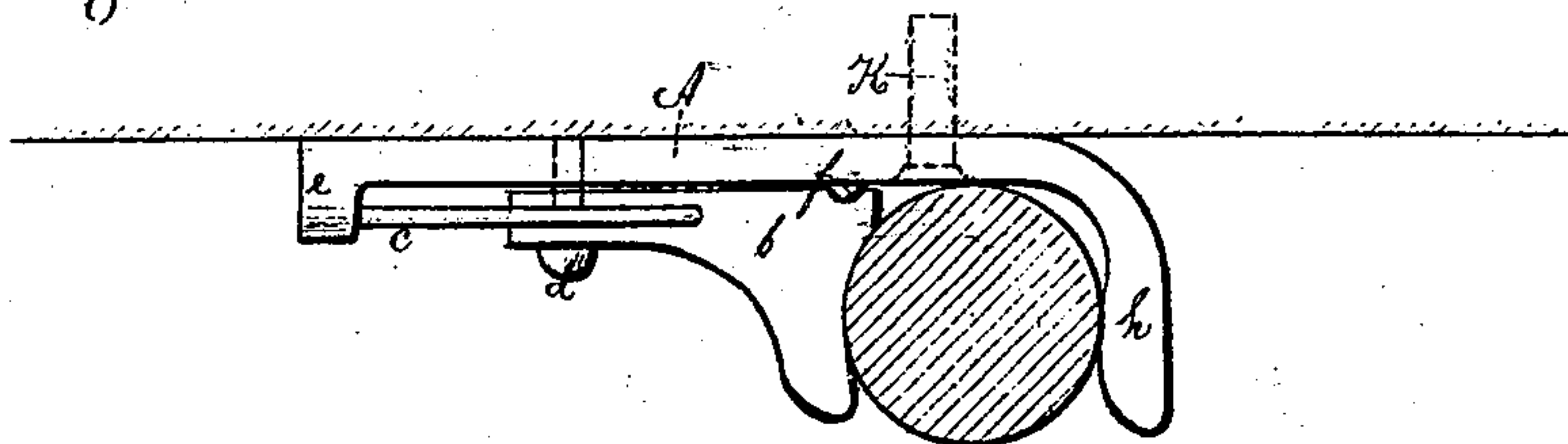


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVED BROOM AND 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, BENJAMIN D. WALLACE, of Boston, county of Suffolk, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Broom and Brush-Holder; and I hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, and the letters of reference marked thereon, in which the same letter represents the same thing in each figure.

Figure 1 is a front view of my invention, showing the manner in which a broom or brush is held in it.

Figure 2 is a sectional view of the same.

The object of my invention is to furnish a device for securely holding a broom or brush, and at the same time allowing it to be quickly removed or replaced.

In the use of an article so often required as a broom or brush, the trouble of hanging it by a loop, or similar device, to a nail, is irksome, while, if the article is allowed to remain standing, it is not only a source of inconvenience, by being in the way, but it also wears out more rapidly than if it were hung up when not in use.

To obviate these well-known household inconveniences, I have invented the device which I shall now proceed to explain.

The nature of my invention consists in affixing to a piece of metal or frame, of convenient form for fastening to a wall, a jaw or holder, of metal, which can move freely on a pin, by which it is fastened to said piece of metal or frame, and which is pressed down by a spring or piece of wire, fastened to the frame in the rear of the jaw at one end, the other end being used for pressing down the jaw.

Upon the frame of the holder I put two small protuberances, one above and the other below the extremity of the jaw, and such a distance apart as to allow sufficient movement of the jaw, their object being

to prevent the jaw from being elevated or lowered too much.

The end of the frame opposite to the spring is bent up such a distance as that the handle of a broom or brush, pressed against it by the jaw and spring, shall be securely held, and to make this more certain, I raise the upper and lower edge of this extremity, so as more securely to grasp it.

Through the centre of the frame is a hole for screwing, or otherwise fastening the holder to the wall, or wherever else it may be desired to place it.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation.

A is the frame of the device.

b is a jaw, which is to be clamped down on the handle of a broom or brush by the spring c, and is fastened to the frame by a pin, or in any other suitable manner, so as to allow motion freely.

At d the spring c is fastened to a projection, e, to the frame, in any suitable manner.

At f and g are shown small protuberances for the purposes mentioned above.

The extremity h of the frame is bent up, as shown in the drawings, for the purpose above indicated.

The raised edges of this part are shown at i and j.

The screw for fastening the frame to the wall is shown at k.

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

The arrangement of the clamps b and h, spring c, projection e, in combination with frame A and screw k, as shown and described.

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