

*Spoon Lifter.*

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## IMPROVED SPITTOON-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, CHAUNCEY O. HALEY, of Westfield, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Spittoon-Holder; 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, and which said drawing constitutes part of this specification, and represents, in—

Figure 1, a side view of my invention.

This invention relates to an instrument to be used for removing and cleansing spittoons; and

It consists of two levers, which are pivoted together, and terminate in two jaws; the lower jaw is wedge-shaped, and has a recess therein, in which rests the bottom rim of the spittoon, and the upper jaw has also a recess therein, and is hooked, to hold the upper rim of the spittoon, so that the spittoon may be seized and carried out and cleaned without touching it with the hands, and still be held firmly during the operation of cleaning it.

That others skilled in the art may be able to make and use my invention, I will now proceed to describe its construction and mode of operation.

In the drawing—

*a* and *b* represent the two jaws, the lower jaw, *b*, being wedge-shaped and pointed at *e*, and having a recess, *d*, made therein.

The jaw *b*, extending in nearly a horizontal direction, has a shank, *f*, in which are made a series of horizontal holes, *i*, and the said shank is elongated into the handle *b'*.

The upper jaw *a* is hooked at *n*, and a protuberance or swell is made at *c'*, which forms a recess at *c*.

This jaw has also a shank, *f'*, having a series of holes, *i*, made therein, and is elongated into the handle

*a'*, the two handles, with the terminating jaws *a* and *b*, forming levers, which are pivoted together at any of the holes *i i*.

A pivot or screw is inserted into any two of the holes in both shanks *f* and *f'*, bringing the jaws *a* and *b* either nearer together or further apart, according to the size of the spittoon to be cleaned.

The instrument is used as follows:

A spittoon which is to be cleaned is seized between the jaws, by opening the handles *a'* and *b'*, and thrusting the jaw *b* underneath the spittoon, which said jaw, being wedge-shaped, passes under quite easily, until the bottom rim of the spittoon rests in the recess *d*, the more central part of the spittoon resting upon the part *e*.

The upper rim of the spittoon will then rest in the recess *c* in the upper jaw, and the end *n* of said jaw, being hooked, will press upon the upper part of the spittoon, and prevent it from swaying horizontally or sidewise.

In this manner spittoons which have become positively filthy may be cleaned without the disagreeable necessity of touching them with the hands.

Having thus described my invention,

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

A spittoon-holder, consisting of the two levers *a* and *b'*, having the holes *i i* therein, and pivoted together, said levers terminating in the jaws *a* and *b*, the jaw *b* being wedge-shaped, and having the recess *d* therein, and the jaw *a* being hooked at *n*, and having the recess *c*, all constructed and operating substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

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