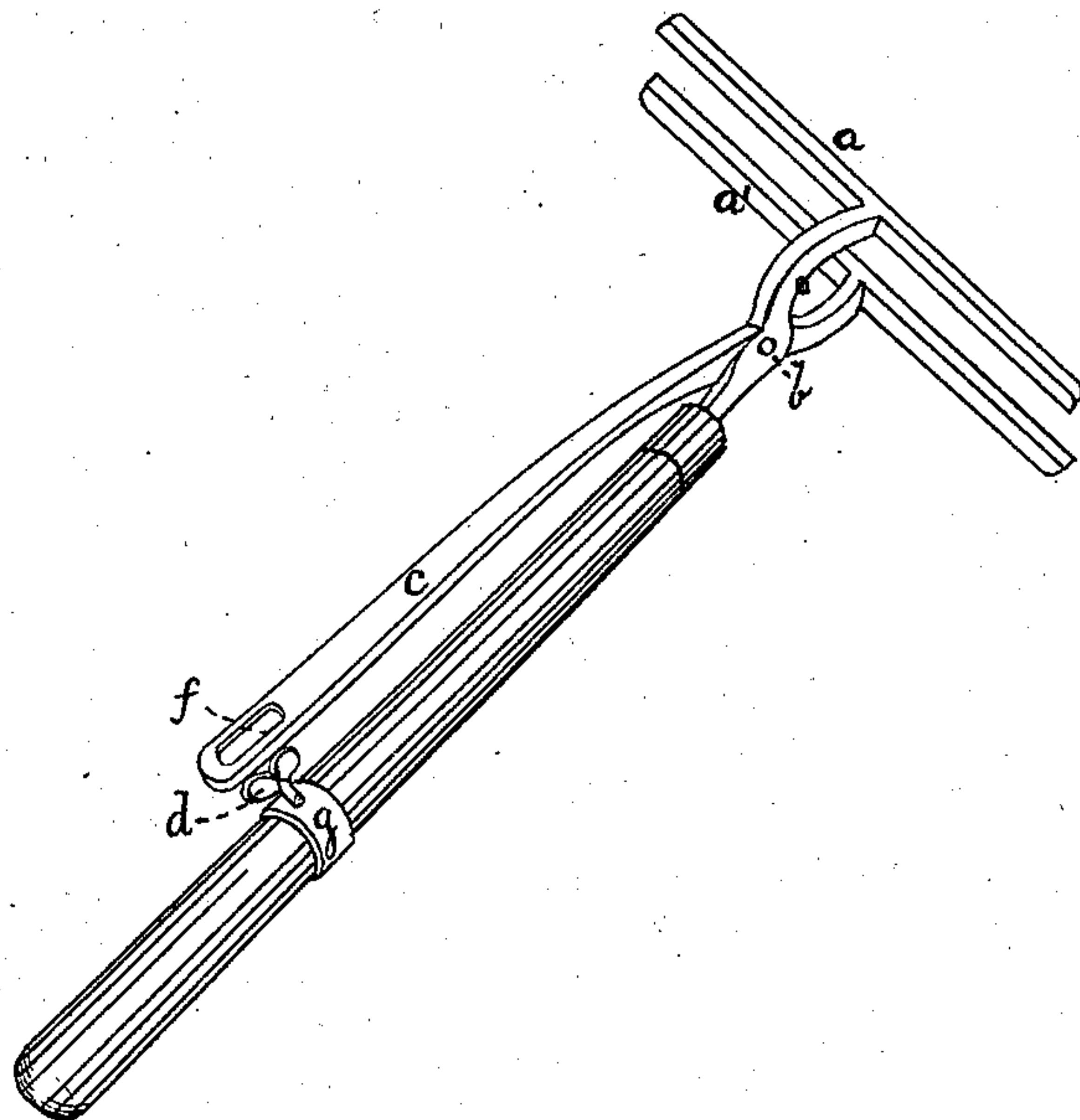


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## IMPROVEMENT IN MOP-HOLDERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 136,912, dated March 18, 1873.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES L. HAINES, of Carmel, in the county of Penobscot and State of Maine, have invented a new and useful Improved Mop-Holder; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which is shown a perspective of my invention.

The object of my device is to provide a simple and convenient method of securing mops, whether large or small, to their handles, which will hold them securely when in use and allow them to be quickly and easily removed when they are to be cleansed or dried. Reference to the drawing illustrates it fully.

At *a a'* are two jaws pivoted or jointed at *b*. Below the joint *b* the jaw *a* is extended and driven firmly into the handle *e* of the mop. The jaw *a'* is also extended and formed into a spring having a longitudinal slot in its lower end at *f*. A ring, *g*, is secured to the handle below this slot, and is provided with a thread, in which is screwed a thumb-screw, *d*, of such shape that when its head is turned so as to be in line with the length of the handle it will pass through the slot in the spring-arm *e*, and when turned across will retain the arm in place. The jaws *a a'* may be provided with T-shaped ends to give shape to the mop.

The cloth is inserted between the jaws, and

the spring-arm pressed down over the screw or button, which is then turned so as to secure it. The spring of the arm keeps every part in place and prevents the fastenings from working loose, as is the case when rings and like contrivances are used, and being extended down the handle serves as a lever, enabling the mop to be tightly held between the jaws. The extension of the lever-arm also assists in securing the jaws firmly to the handle, tending to check any sidewise motion, while the ring around said handle prevents the possibility of its splitting.

I do not claim the mop-holder patented by George Fliedner, July 16, 1872, it differing from mine in principle and operation; but

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

The arrangement, in a mop-holder, of jaws *a a'*, crossing each other and pivoted together at *b*, the said jaw below said pivot being driven firmly into the mop-handle, and the said jaw *a'* being formed into a spring lever-arm provided with a slot, *f*, in its lower end and extending down said handle to a thumb-screw set in a ring, *g*, surrounding said handle, all said parts being constructed and operating as herein described.

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