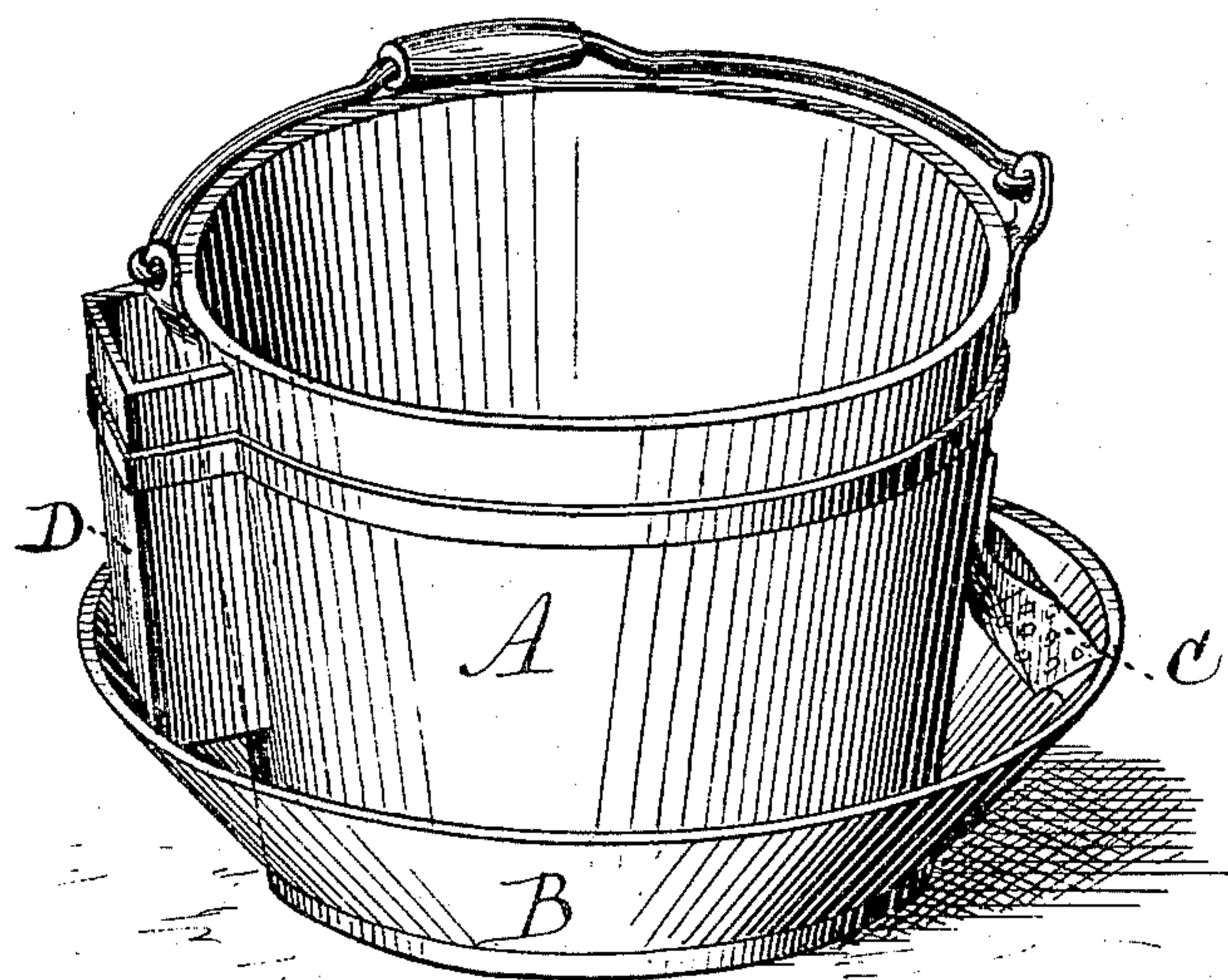


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## IMPROVEMENT IN HOUSEMAIDS' PAILS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known I, EMMA C. WOOSTER, of New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented an Improved Housemaids' Pail; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification.

My invention consists in a pail having a surrounding pan or circular trough attached to its bottom to prevent slopping, and provided with a soap-dish and a brush-receptacle, for holding a piece of soap and a scrubbing-brush, so that the drippings therefrom will run into the trough.

The accompanying drawing represents a perspective view of my invention.

The pail A may be of any suitable construction and material.

At the bottom of the pail is a circular trough, B, extending entirely around the bottom of the pail, and projecting sufficiently far from the periphery of the pail to catch the water which may slop over the edge, and prevent it from running to the floor, or wherever the pail may be placed.

The trough may be formed by attaching to the bottom of the pail a pan with sloping sides, or by attaching the lower edge of a strip of metal to the lower edge of the periphery.

On one side of the pail is a soap-dish, C, attached to the pail and trough, and having a

perforated bottom, so that when a piece of wet soap is placed in the dish the drippings will run into the trough. On the opposite side of the pail is a brush-receptacle, D, consisting of a box or case, with an open or perforated bottom. It may be attached to the pail by a strip or band, or in any other suitable manner, with its bottom immediately over the trough B, so that when a wet brush is placed therein the drippings will run into the trough.

This invention furnishes a neat and convenient article for household use.

The trough may be used to hold sponges, cloths, &c., and the apparatus may be carried from place to place, and set upon the floor or a table without soiling the carpet or furniture by any slopping or dripping from the pail, or the articles carried therewith; and it obviates the necessity of carrying about a piece of oil-cloth, or other material to place under the pail.

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

The implement consisting of pail A, trough B, soap-dish C, and brush-receptacle D, all constructed and connected substantially as and for the purpose shown and described.

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