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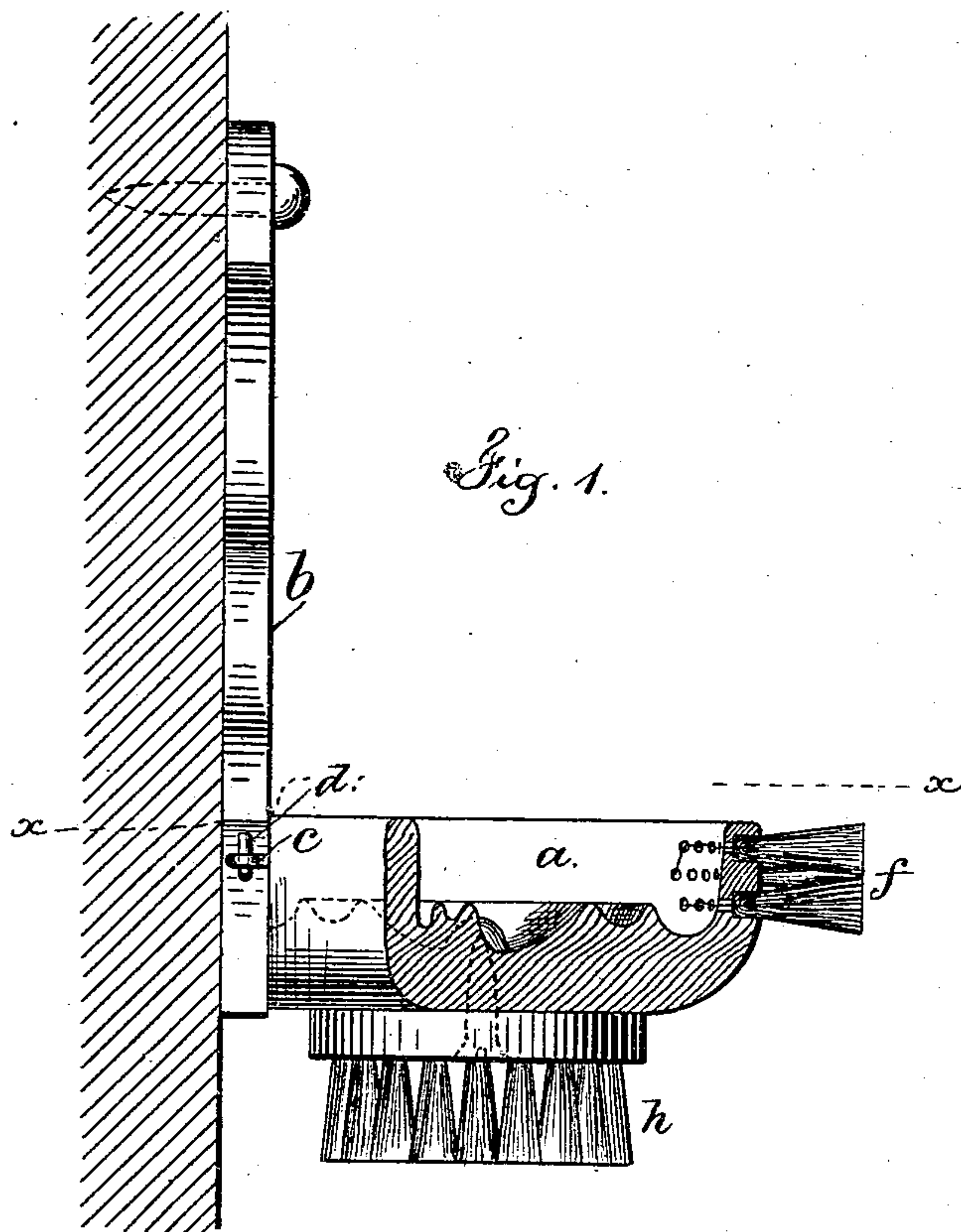
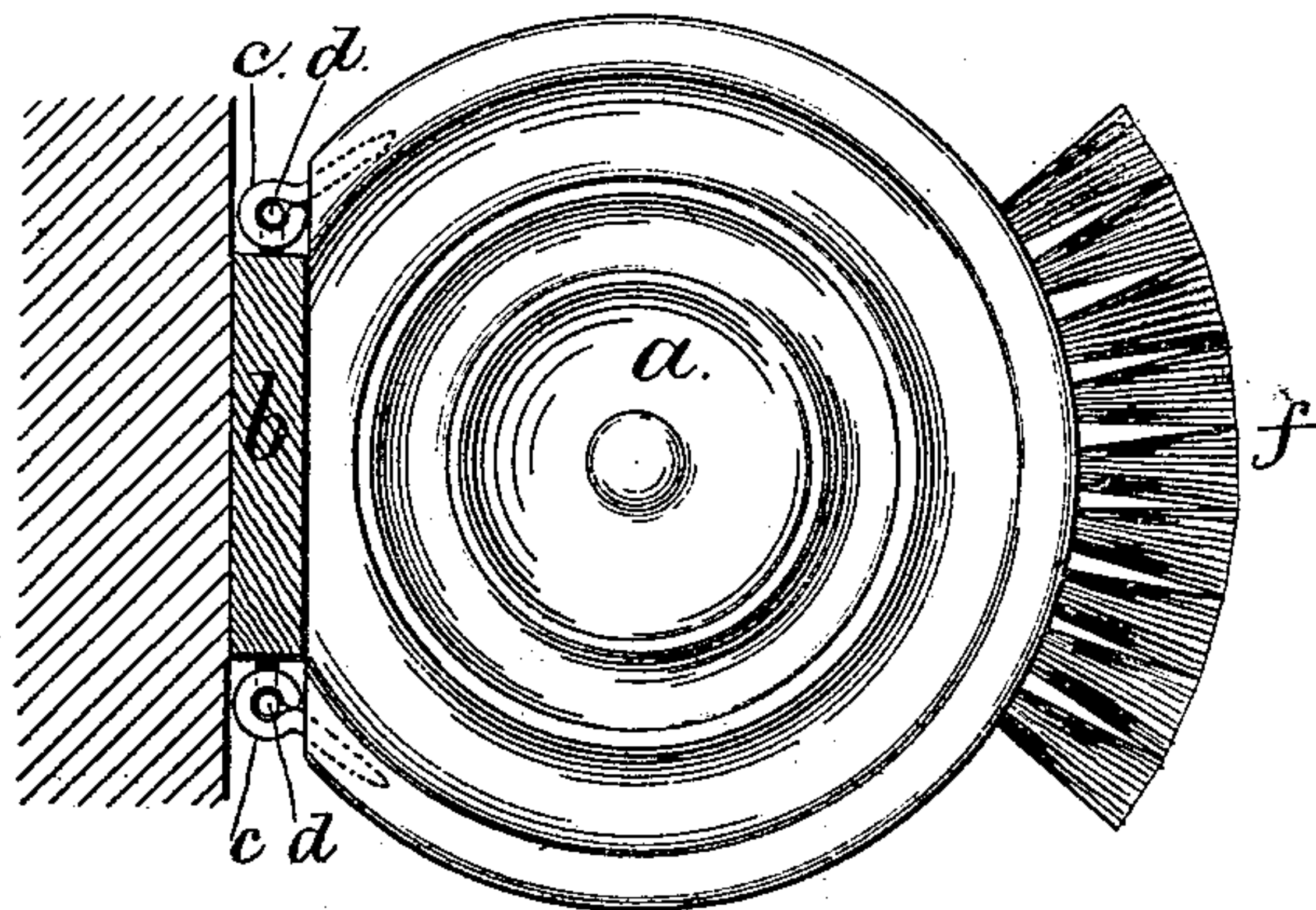


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MICHAEL J. A. KEANE, of the city and State of New York, have invented a Combined Soap-Holder and Cleaning-Brush, of which the following is a specification.

This article is especially intended for manufactories or for kitchens, where the hands have often to be washed, and where a brush is a great convenience in cleaning the hands or other articles, and where a soap-holder is usually hung up, so as to be out of the way of the tub, bowl, or other vessel in which the water is contained.

I make a soap-holder with a brush projecting at one side, so that the holder becomes a handle in using the brush, and the soap-holder is adapted to be easily hung up or taken down. By this construction a mechanic or servant is able to take the soap and brush from the place where they hang and use them in washing his hands or in any other work, and then replace them together.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation, partially in section, of the combined soap-holder and brush; and Fig. 2 is a plan of the same and section of its support below the line *x x*.

The holder *a* is of an ordinary shape—such as a round tray—with corrugations in the bottom. I prefer to have one edge of the tray cut off to form a flat side, that is adapted to setting against the wall-plate *b*, and there are eyes *c* in the tray, that pass over the hooks *d* of the wall-plate in hanging up the soap-holder. These parts allow the soap-holder to be easily lifted down or hung up.

The cleaning-brush *f* is provided with tufts or bristles, that project from the soap-holder, so that said soap-holder becomes a body for the brush, and such brush is adapted to clean-

ing the hands or nails, or for any other work with which water and soap are associated. I have shown the bristles *f* as projecting from the rim of the soap-holder, but they may project downwardly or at an inclination.

I usually also provide a second brush at the under surface of the soap-holder, as seen at *h*, and the same may be made with a separate body screwed to the under surface of the soap-holder, so that it may be changed or renewed when worn out.

It is important that in factories and kitchens the number of articles around the sink or washing-vessel be as few as possible. This invention supplies a brush with the soap-holder without interfering with the usefulness of the soap-holder, so that said brush is constantly ready for use, and the article to be cleaned can be rubbed upon the brush or the soap and holder removed from the wall-plate when the brush is made use of.

It is usually preferable to screw or nail the wall-plate into its place, so that it will not move when the soap-holder is hooked upon it or removed.

I claim as my invention—

1. The soap-holder provided with a brush, the bristles or tufts of which project outwardly from the soap-holder, substantially as set forth.

2. The soap-holder and brush with a wall-plate and eyes and hooks by which the soap-holder is connected removably with the wall-plate, substantially as set forth.

Signed by me this 24th day of August, A. D. 1881.

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