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BROOM-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NEWTON C. HOLMES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oshkosh, in the county of Winnebago and State of Wisconsin, have invented new and useful Improvements in Broom-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to racks for holding brooms, whips, and other articles of a similar nature; and it consists in the novel features of construction hereinafter described, whereby an article of superior utility is obtained.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front view, partly in section, of a rack embodying my invention, the plane of section being indicated by the line *xx*, Fig. 3. Fig. 2 is a side view, and Fig. 3 a plan or top view thereof.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

The letter A designates the shelf composing the rack proper, and B a bracket supporting the shelf.

In the shelf A is a hole or opening, C, and around this opening in one of the surfaces of the shelf is a recess, D, into which is fitted a ring, E, of elastic material, such as india-rubber. The opening F of this elastic ring is of the proper size or diameter to receive a broom or other similar article, and to increase the elasticity thereof radial slits may be formed in the inner edge of the ring, as shown in Fig. 3.

Into the recess D is also fitted a second ring, G, of wood, metal, or other rigid material, the same being placed upon the elastic ring and held to the shelf by screws I or other similar fastenings, which pass through it and the elastic ring. The opening J of this rigid ring corresponds approximately to the opening C of the shelf, and both being larger than the opening F of the elastic ring, the inner or effective portion of the latter is left exposed to grasp the broom or other article that may be inserted in it. By the arrangement of the elastic ring E in the recess D it is very firmly held in position, the side of the recess tending

to prevent its lateral displacement, while the outer edge of such ring, moreover, is brought out of sight, thus adapting the article to take a superior finish.

The shelf-supporting bracket B may be cast or otherwise formed in one piece with the shelf, and it is provided with holes O, for the reception of screws, whereby it may be fastened to a wall or other support. The shelf may also be provided with a number of holes, C, so as to provide for the reception of a series of brooms, whips, or similar articles.

Heretofore a hanger for brooms and similar articles has been composed of a frame, against the flat face of which a disk of rubber is held by a ring and screws, the disk having central radial slits for impinging against the broom or other handle inserted through the disk. Such, therefore, I do not broadly claim.

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

A rack for brooms and other articles, consisting of a vertical bracket, B, adapted to be secured to a wall or similar support, and constructed with the shelf A, projecting at right angles to the bracket, and provided with the opening C and recess D, surrounding the opening, the elastic ring E, having the opening F, of a diameter less than that in the shelf, and arranged in the recess with its periphery against the wall formed by the recess, and the ring G, secured upon the elastic ring within the surrounding recess, with its periphery bearing against the said wall of the recess, and having the opening J of a diameter greater than that of the opening in the elastic ring, substantially as and for the purposes described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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