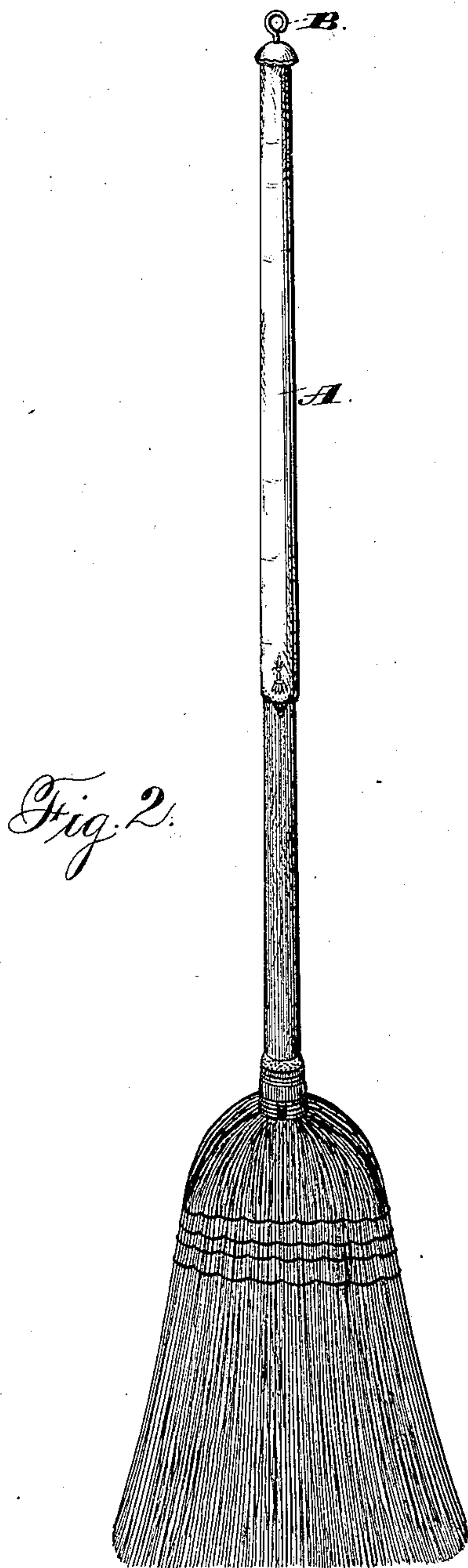
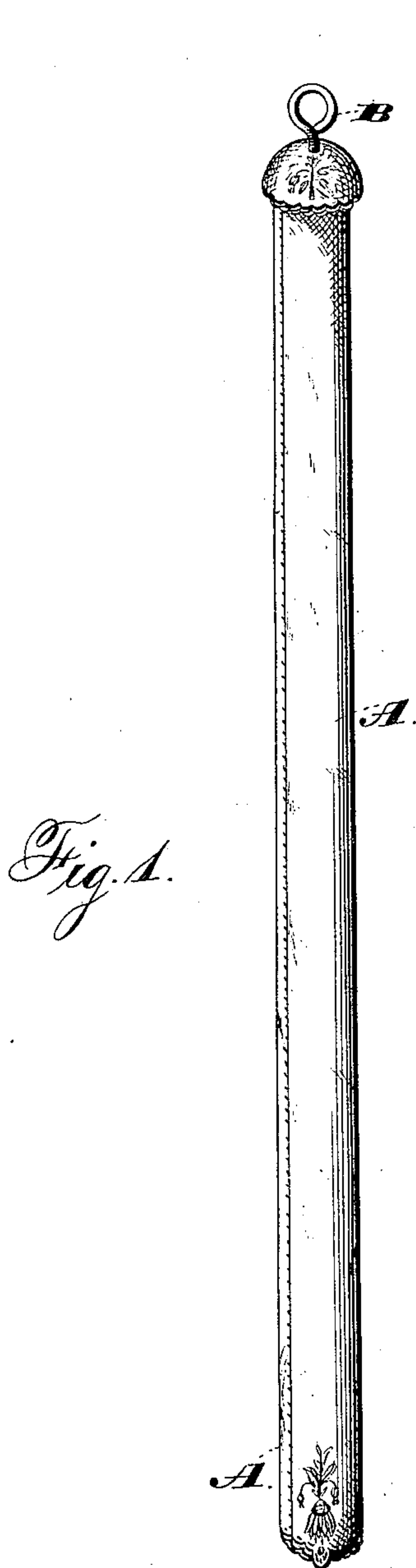


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY BIDWELL, of Springfield, in the county of Clark, and in the State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hand-Protectors; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device separated from a broom-handle, and Fig. 2 is a like view of the same as arranged for use.

Letters of like name and kind refer to like parts in each of the figures.

In the use by ladies of brooms for household purposes much discomfort arises from the hardening of the palms of the hands, and for the purpose of preventing such injury many ladies endeavor to protect their hands by using sweeping-gloves; but the latter are liable to be mislaid, and their use involves a considerable expense.

To obviate this difficulty is the design of my invention, which consists in the protector, as hereinafter described, and more specifically pointed out in the claims.

In the annexed drawings, A represents a case or cover constructed, preferably, from chamois-skin in the form of a sleeve, and having such size as to permit it to be drawn over the handle of an ordinary broom. The upper end of said case is closed and preferably covered by an ornamental disk of leather, and through the same is passed an ordinary screw-eye, B, which, when said case is in place, may be screwed into the upper end of the broom-handle, where it serves the double purpose of a fastening and a means for suspending the broom from a nail. The lower end of said case may be secured in place by a cord, by tacks, or by any similar means.

The casing described, if made of chamois-

skin, will wear as long as several brooms, and can be easily placed in or removed from position, when desired, and when in place is a perfect protection to the hands of the user of the broom, and prevents the same from becoming soiled or hardened by the exercise.

Having thus fully set forth the nature and merits of my invention, what I claim as new is—

1. As a means for protecting the hands while using a broom, a case of flexible material closed at its upper end, and adapted to be placed over a broom-handle and to extend down along the handle, so as to protect both hands of the user of the broom, in combination, with a screw passing through the upper end of the case and adapted to be driven into the end of the broom-handle, substantially as shown and described.

2. As a means for protecting the hands while using a broom, the flexible case closed at its upper end, adapted to fit over a broom-handle and to extend along it a sufficient distance to cover the portions grasped by both hands of the user, and provided at its closed upper end with a screw-eye adapted to be screwed into the end of the broom-handle, substantially as shown and described.

3. The cover for broom-handles, consisting of a case of flexible material closed at its top with a leather disk, and having a screw-eye passing through the disk, and adapted to be screwed into the end of the broom-handle, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of November, 1883.

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