

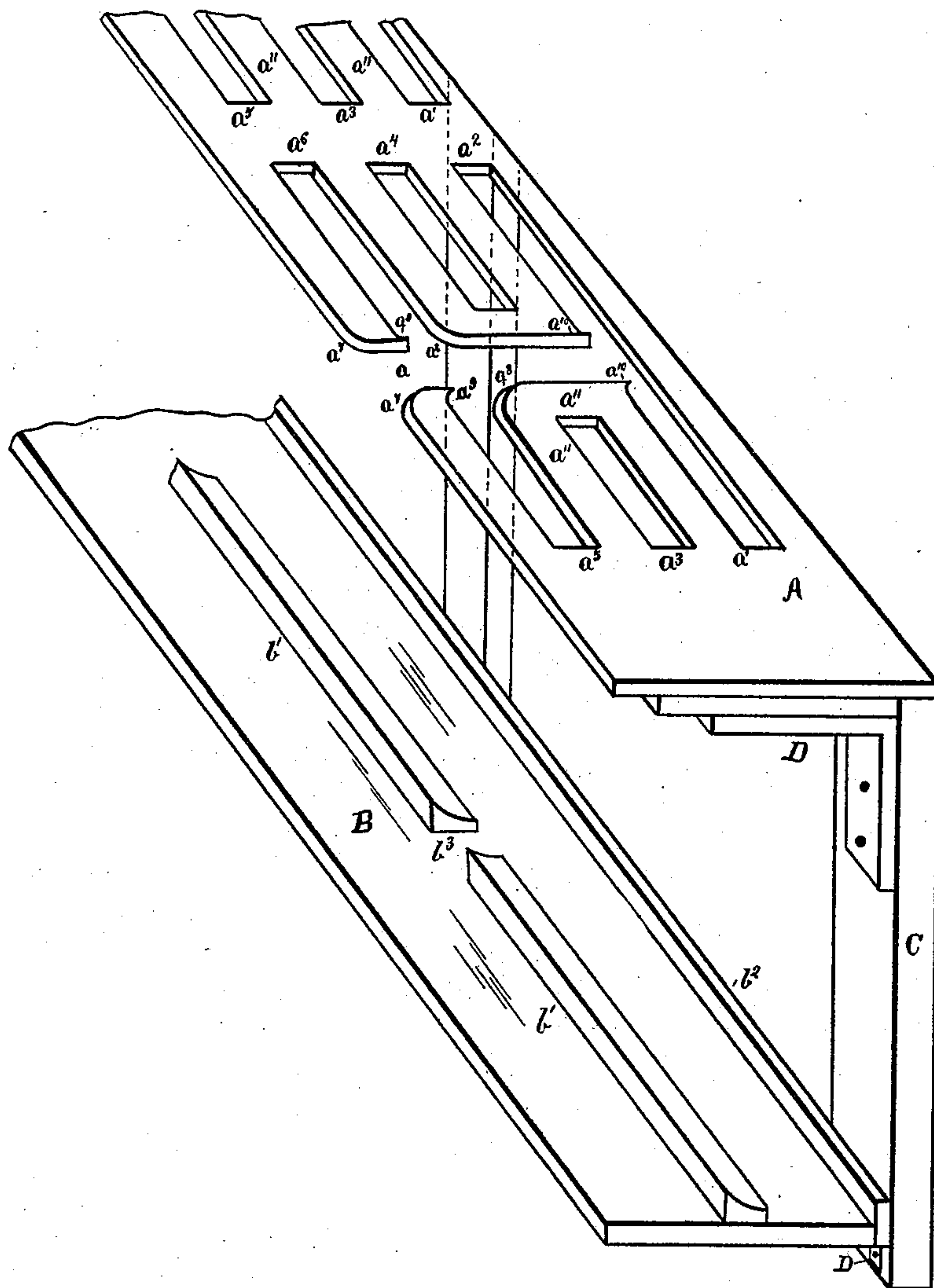
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN H. BARBER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Peirce City, in the county of Lawrence and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Broom and Tool Racks; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in combined broom and tool racks, the object of which is to provide a cheap, simple, durable, and at the same time convenient device for holding brooms, tools, &c. These objects I attain by means of the device illustrated in the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, which is a view in elevation showing the entire device.

A is a top piece, through which the brooms, tools, &c., are placed. B is a bottom or foot piece, on which the ends of the brooms, forks, hoes, shovels, rakes, &c., rest. C are connecting-pieces having supporting-brackets D.

The top A is provided with openings *a*, for freely admitting the handles for placing the brooms, &c., into the rack. Said top is made any desired width and length, and has any desired number of slots, preferably four, *a'* *a''* *a'''* *a''''*, for each opening *a*. These slots are preferably formed wide and long enough to freely receive a half dozen brooms, &c. The ends of the handles, which are inverted, rest upon the foot piece B, which is placed any desired distance from the top piece, and is made any desired width. It has a cleat, *b'*, to prevent the ends of the handles in the front row, or slots *a''* *a'''*, from slipping back against the handles in the back row, or slots *a'* *a''*, said back row being held in place by being placed between the cleat *b'* and the back piece, *b''*. Cleat *b'* has an opening, *b''*, directly beneath the opening *a*, for convenience in placing and removing the back row of brooms, &c.

D are ordinary brackets or braces for supporting the top piece, A, and foot-piece B.

C are connecting-pieces, which may be made any desired length and size, said pieces being screwed, bolted, or otherwise firmly attached to the side of a building or other desired place

for holding the rack up out of the way. Thus I have a rack in which the brooms, &c., in either row may be quickly and easily placed or removed, as desired, without disturbing those in the other slots.

The parts *a''* between the slots *a''* *a'''* and *a'* *a''* may be slotted or provided with suitable openings, *a''* *a'''*, for hammers, hatchets, saws, chisels, &c., usually used about a store. Thus I have a rack that is convenient for storing and exhibiting tools, &c., the points or corners *a''* *a'''* *a''''* *a''''''* being made a little rounding for convenience in placing the brooms, &c., in, while the corners *a''* *a'''* *a''''* *a''''''* may be made straight, but are preferably turned in a little to prevent the brooms, &c., from ever falling out.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A rack for holding brooms and tools, composed of a top piece, A, having openings *a* and slots *a'* *a''* *a'''* *a''''*, a bottom piece, B, having a cleat, *b'*, and back piece, *b''*, connecting-pieces C, and braces D, all substantially as shown and described.

2. In a rack, the combination of a top piece, A, having openings *a* and slots *a'* *a''*, a foot-piece, B, having a cleat, *b'*, and back piece, *b''*, connecting-pieces C, and braces D, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The combination, in a rack, of a top, A, having slots *a'* *a''*, opening *a*, rounded corners *a''* *a'''* *a''''* *a''''''*, and sharp inturred corners *a''* *a'''* *a''''* *a''''''*, foot-piece B, having a back piece, *b''*, and a cleat, *b'*, in which is an opening, *b''*, connecting-pieces C, and braces D, all substantially as shown and described.

4. A combined broom and tool holder composed of the part A, having openings *a*, and a piece, *a''*, having openings for tools, foot-piece B, having back piece, *b''*, and cleat *b'*, in which is an opening, *b''*, connecting-pieces C, and braces D, all substantially as shown and described, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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