

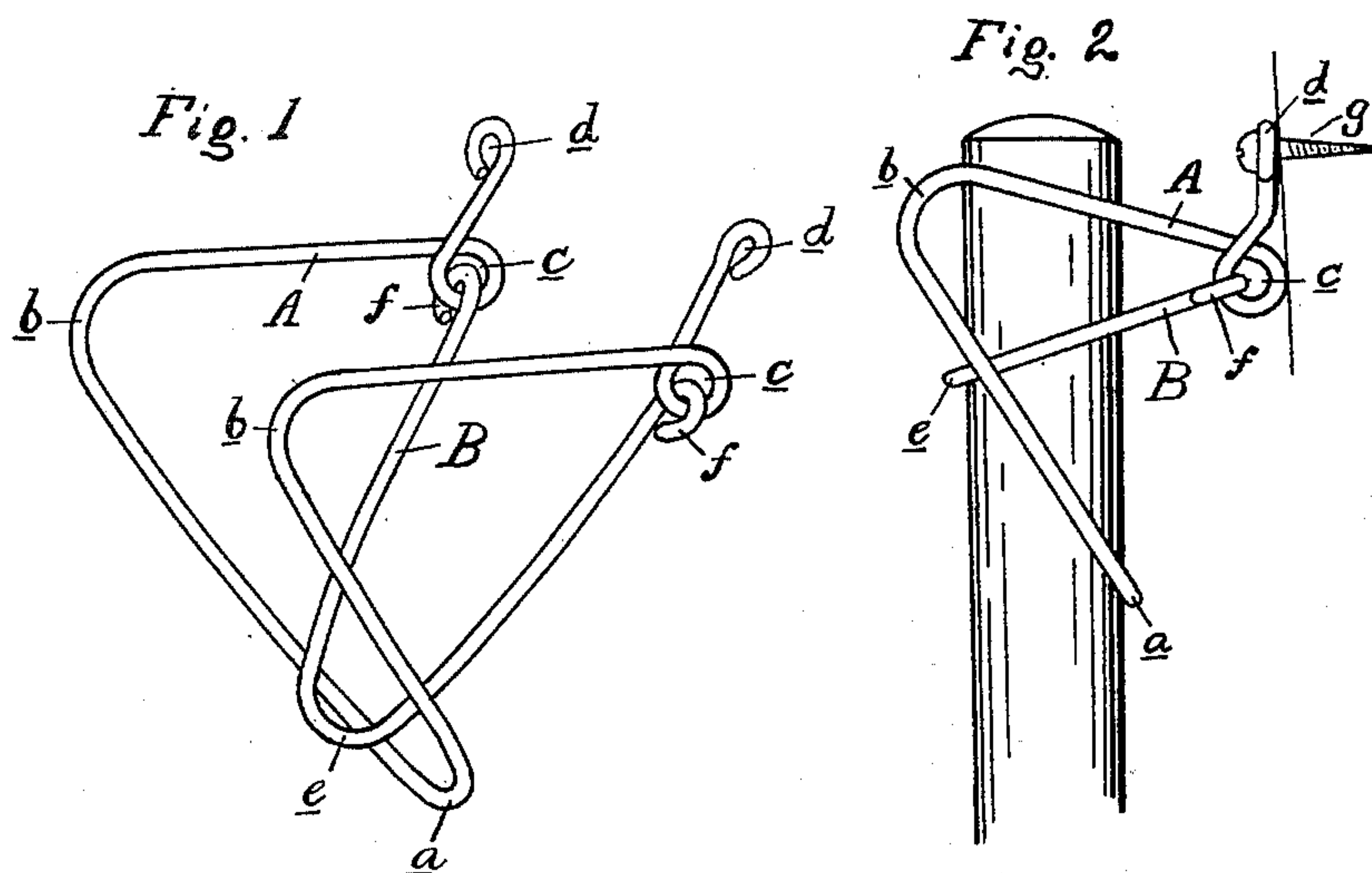
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, HARRY H. ENGELMAN and JOHN H. KISER, citizens of the United States, residing at Defiance, in the county of Defiance and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders for Brooms, &c., of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to new and useful improvements in holders for brooms, mops, &c.; and the invention consists in the peculiar combination and operation of a bifurcated frame or bracket and a hinged bail, whereby  
15 a broom or mop may be suspended by means of the device, all as more fully hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings which accompany this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view  
20 of our device. Fig. 2 is a side view showing it in operation.

Our device consists of a stationary frame or bracket, A, and a hinged bail, B.

25 The bracket A is preferably made of a single piece of wire in the form of a loop, with eyes *c d* in the ends of the loop and return bends *b b* near the middle. From the base *a* toward the bends *b* the loop is more or less diverging. The bail B is also formed of one  
30 piece of wire and is provided with the bend *e* and the eyes or hooks *f*, by means of which it is hinged into the eyes *c*, between the legs of the loop.

35 In practice, the device being secured to a wall at a suitable height from the floor by means of nails or screws *g*, the end of the broom or other handle is inserted into the

bracket A between the bends *b* of the loop and then the bail is clapped over it, as shown, when it will be found that by the combined  
40 clamping action of the bail and loop the broom is held suspended in position, and when required may be released by a simple pull best applied in a forward and downward direction.

While we have described and shown the device as being formed of wire, we do not intend  
45 to confine ourselves to such construction alone, although we deem it most preferable on account of cheapness; but it is obvious that the bracket A may be formed by casting as well,  
50 the essential features being that it is vertically bifurcated or forked to receive the handle of the broom, such bifurcation converging slightly toward the base of the bracket to enable it to grasp the sides of the broom or  
55 other handle. The bail B is also preferably made with slightly-diverging legs to have a clamping action on the broom-handle in opposite direction to the loop or bracket A.

What we claim as our invention is— 60

As a new article of manufacture, a holder for brooms and like articles, consisting of the bracket A, made of wire in the form of a bent loop and provided with the eyes *c d*, and the hinged bail B, all arranged to operate sub-  
65 stantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures, in presence of two witnesses, this 20th day of July, 1887.

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