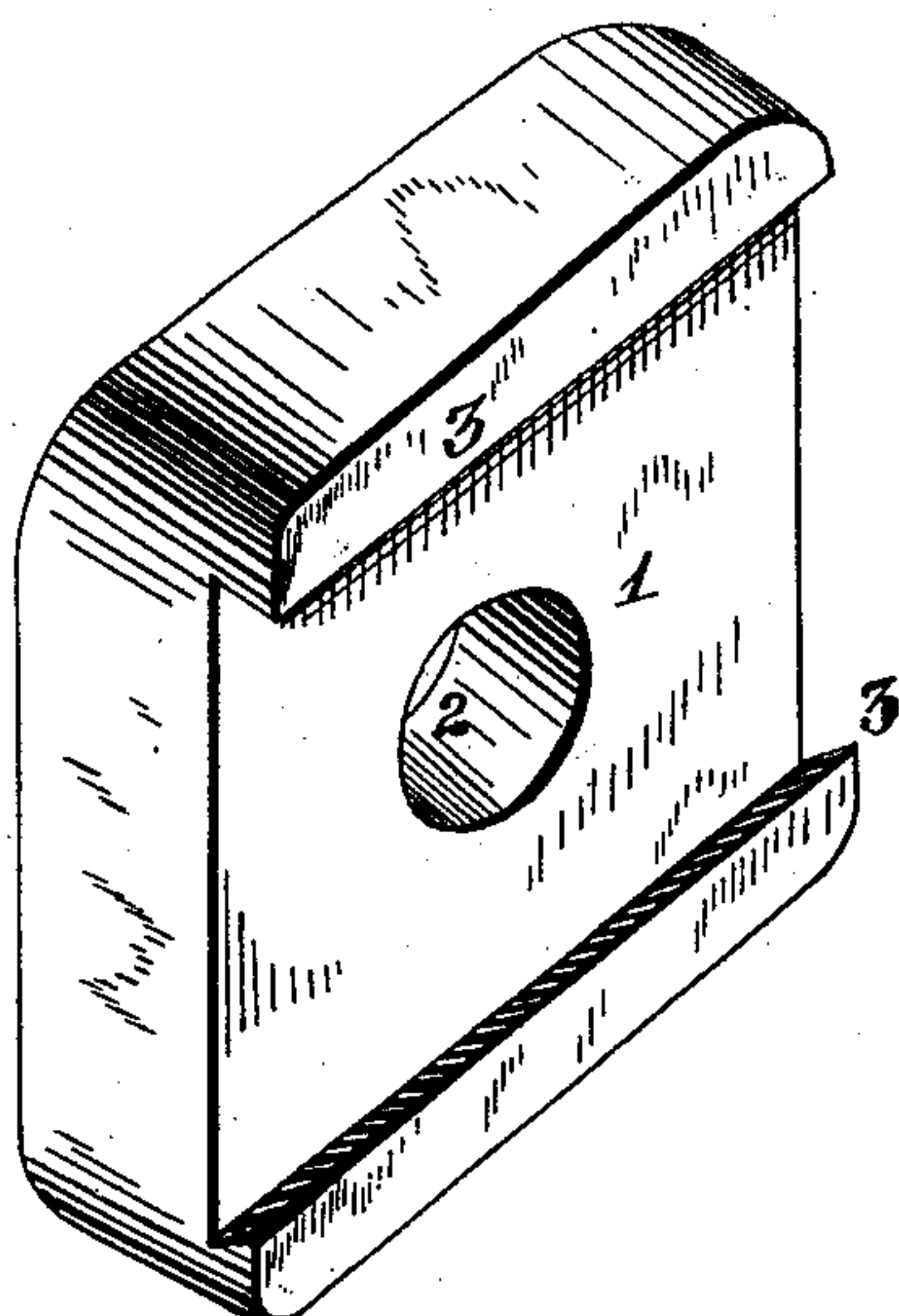


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY LAMONT, of Lincoln, Lincoln county, Kansas, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Broom-Catches, of which the following is a full and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and the reference-numerals marked thereon.

The object of my improvement is to provide a catch upon the broom-handle, preferably of the ordinary house-broom, whereby it may be readily hung up or leaned or rested against articles of furniture in a room without liability to slip down upon the floor or to fall off.

In household use brooms frequently fall upon the floor when the furniture is being moved here and there during the sweeping process, necessitating undue labor and exertion in stooping and picking them up. To remedy this difficulty I have devised a catch, which will now be fully described, and then set forth in the claims.

The drawing represents a perspective view of my improved catch.

1 represents a block, preferably of rubber or other material.

2 represents a hole pierced through the block, through which is inserted the handle of the broom. This hole may be of any shape, so that it fits or hugs the handle at any point of its length.

The block 1 is cut away on one side to form the catch-ledges 3 3, the angle or shape of which may be varied, as will be obvious.

The block-catch is shown of substantially rectangular or polygonal shape; but I may

adopt various shapes without departing from my invention. I have shown but two ledges 3 on the block; but there may be more or less and on more than one side.

The ledges or catches 3 will engage most any article of furniture—such as tables, chairs, &c.—and prevent the broom sliding to the floor, or it may be hung on the wainscoting, or on door or window frames or other projections, when it is desired to hang it up.

This catch may be applied to other handled implements in the same manner—such as rakes, hoes, carpet-stretchers, carpet-sweepers, and other articles, which will instantly suggest themselves to the reader, but which are unnecessary to specifically set forth, as I intend to use my invention for all the purposes to which it may be found suitable.

Other means for attaching the catch to the handle may be employed.

What I claim is—

1. A catch, substantially as described, consisting of a block having a catch formed thereon, said block having means for attaching it to the handles of implements for the purpose of supporting the same.

2. An elastic block having a catch thereon, and an aperture therein for the reception of a handle.

3. A catch-block having a ledge formed thereon, and an aperture therein for the reception of a handle.

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