

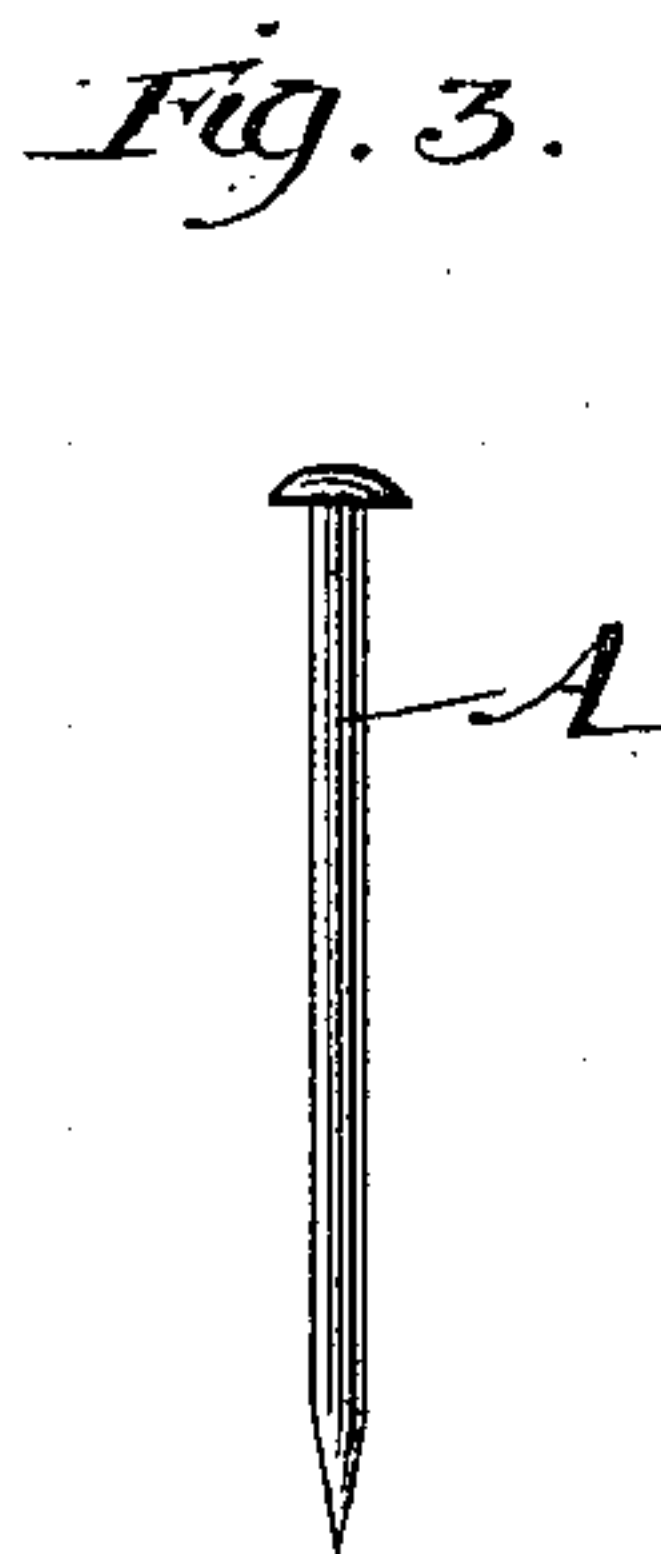
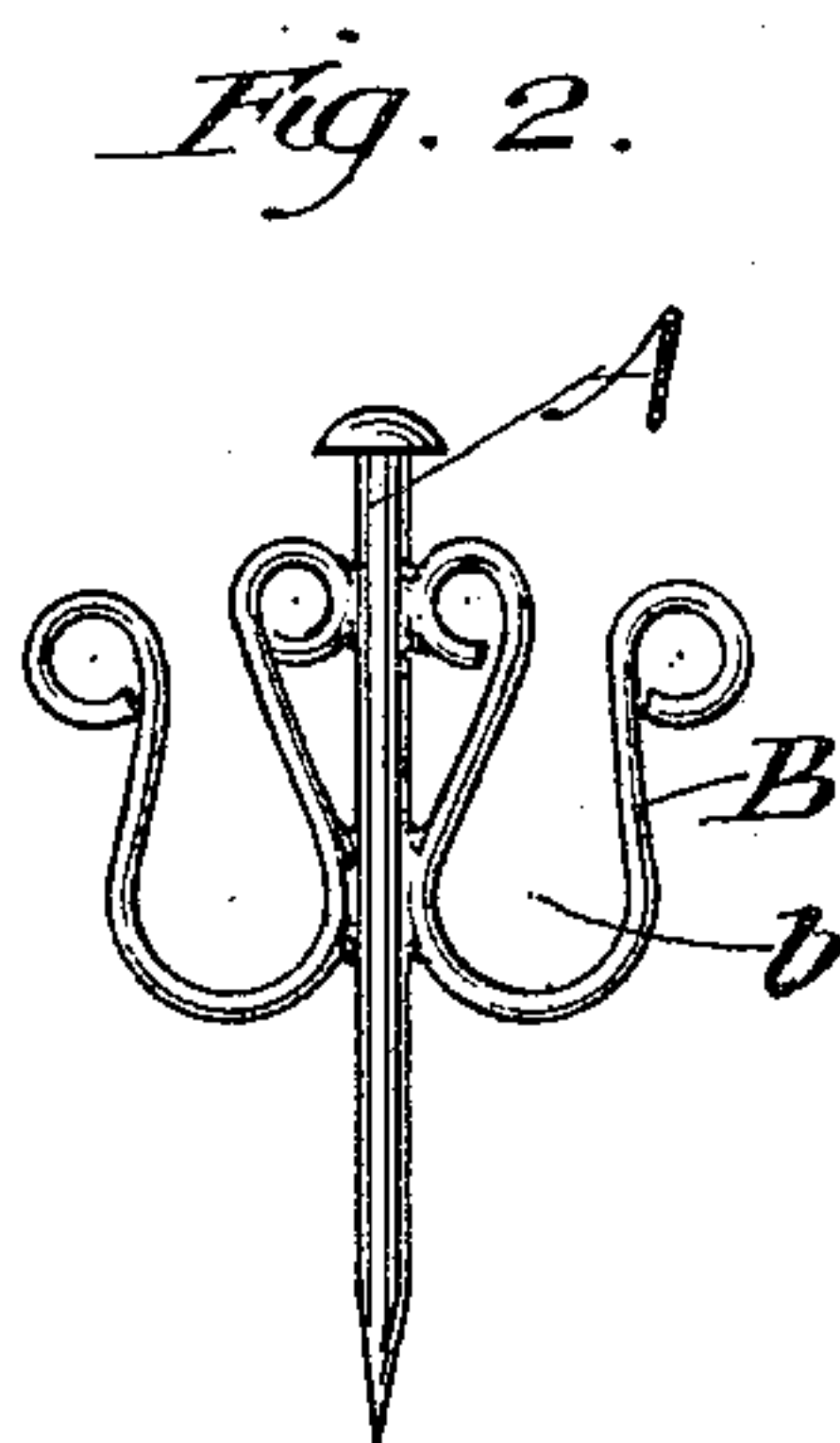
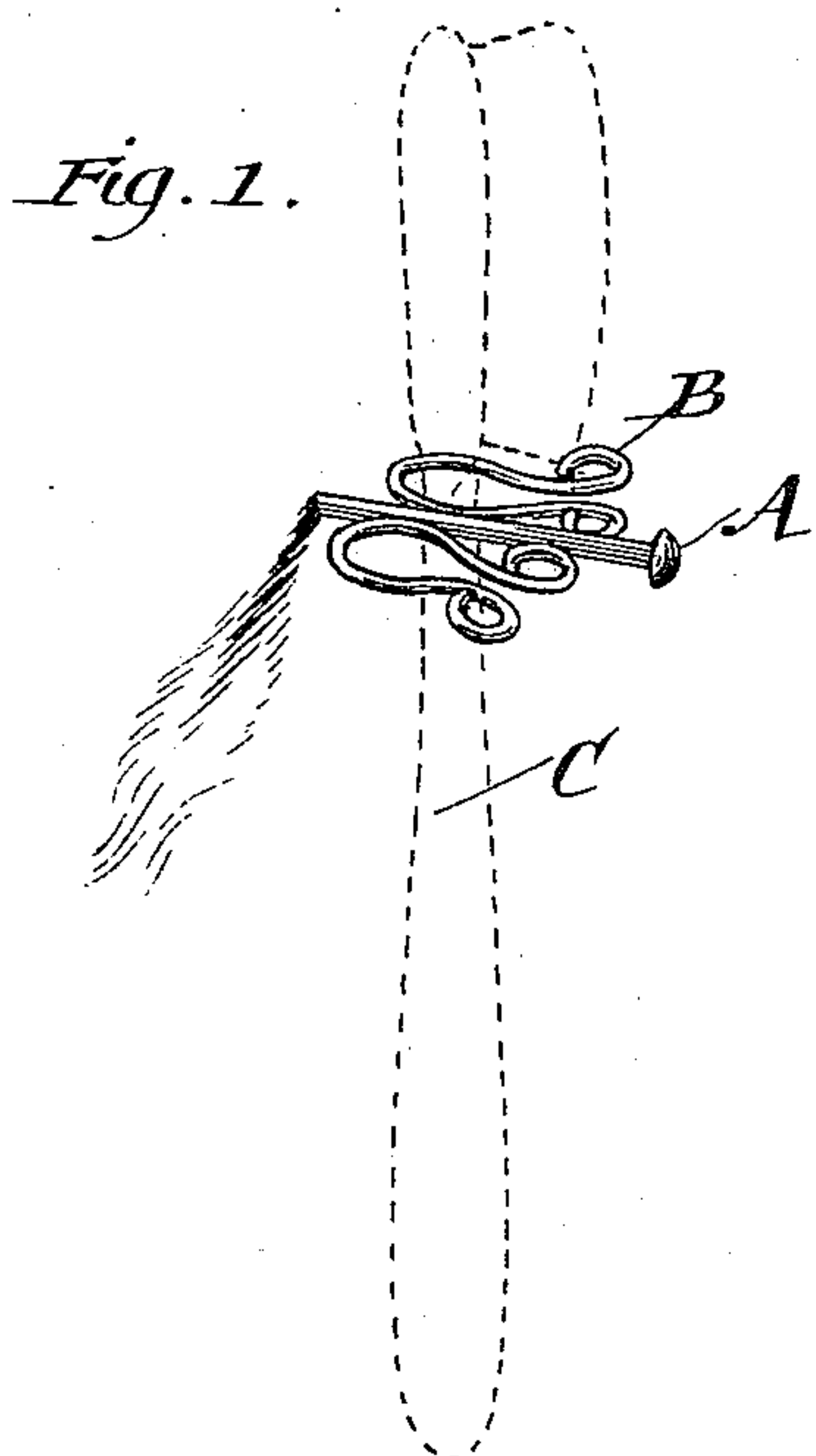
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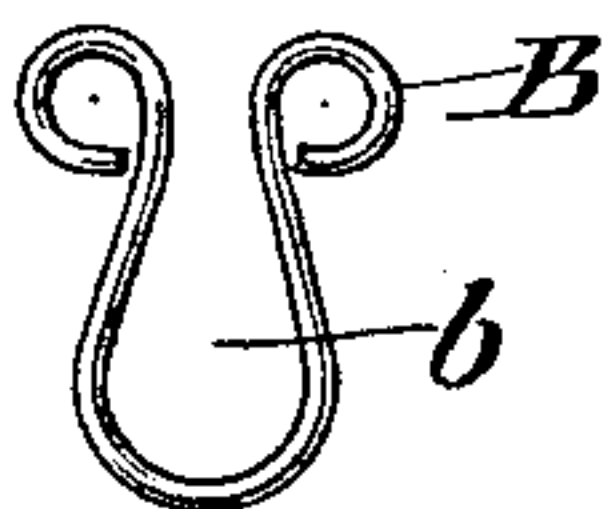
DEVICE FOR HOLDING TOOTH OR NAIL BRUSHES.

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*Fig. 4.*



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## DEVICE FOR HOLDING TOOTH OR NAIL BRUSHES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES E. KEEFE, a resident of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, and a citizen of the United States, have invented a new and Improved Device for Holding Tooth or Nail Brushes, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

10 Figure 1 is a perspective view of the holder or rack as it appears when fastened on the wall or otherwise, holding brush therein. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the rack or holder as it appears with two clasps. Fig. 3 shows the nail  
15 or rivet which the wire clasp or clasps are attached or soldered to. Fig. 4 shows the clasp which is attached to the nail, Fig. 3.

20 The object of my invention is to provide a rack or holder to be fastened to a wall or other suitable place in which to lodge tooth or nail brushes of any size, which I accomplish as illustrated in the drawings and hereinafter described and claimed.

25 In the drawings, A represents the nail or similar fastening device, which is driven into the wall or other fixed support, and to which the clasps B are attached, as shown in Fig. 2.

30 B is a clasp made of suitable material of a partly oval shape, coming near together at the ends, so that it will require pressure of the brush to enter the recess; as shown in small b.

C represents a tooth-brush lodged in the clasp fastened to the wall or otherwise and held securely in place.

The device is secured in position as shown 35 in Fig. 1, and the brushes are then slipped therein, as indicated in dotted lines. The brush-head will rest upon the oval loop, and thereby prevent the brush slipping there-through, while the contracted front end of the 40 clasp or loop will prevent the brush from falling forward.

The device is exceedingly simple in its construction and can be manufactured and sold at a slight cost. By its use the brushes will 45 be maintained in their proper places and all danger of their loss is obviated.

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

The improved brush-holder herein de- 50 scribed and shown, consisting of a central body having a pointed inner end and a headed outer end, whereby it is adapted to be driven into a fixed support, and oval clasps rigidly secured to the sides of the said body and pro- 55 vided with contracted open front ends having curved inner walls, as specified.

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