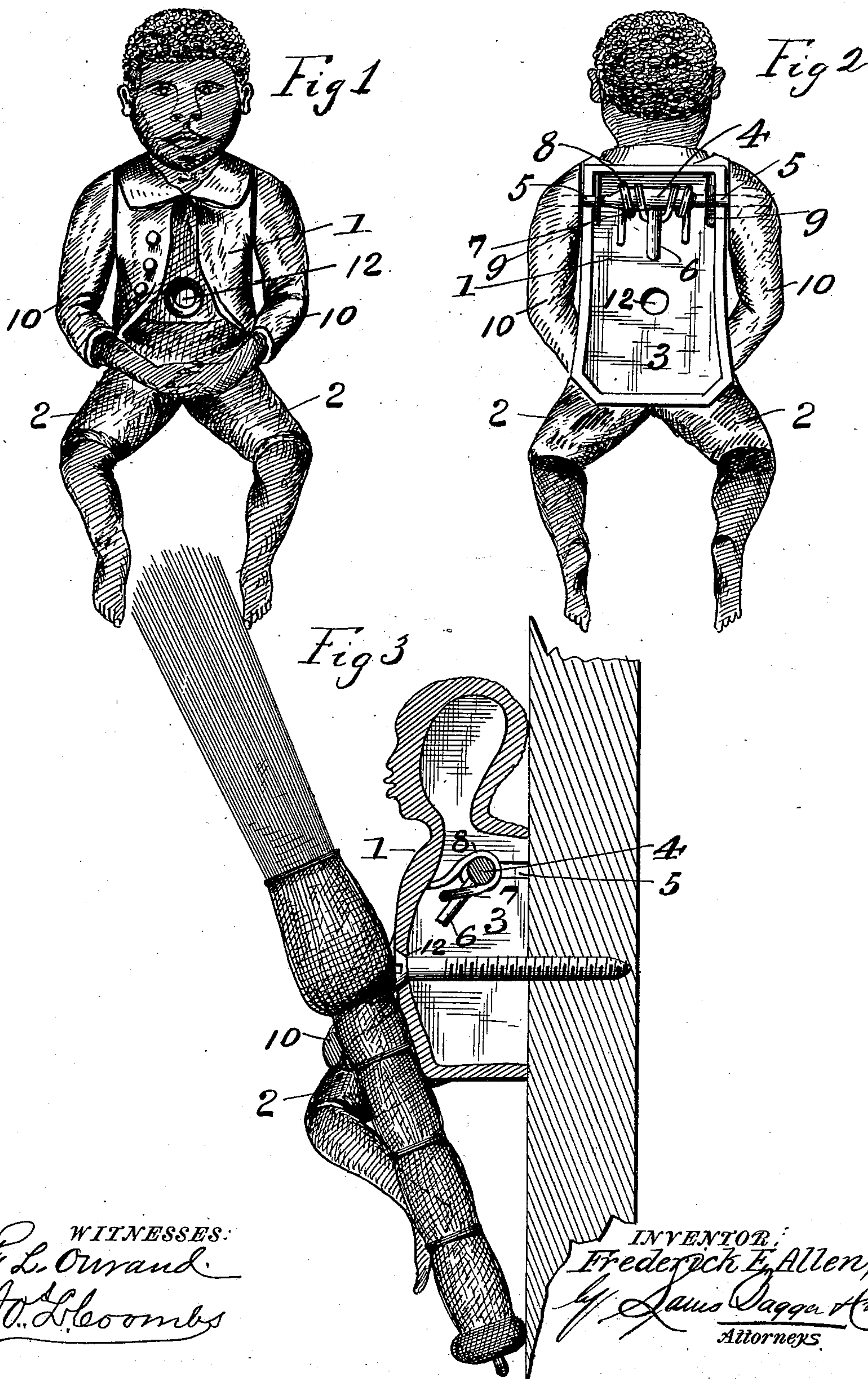


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## BROOM-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FREDERICK E. ALLEN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Broom-Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in holders for brushes, brooms and similar articles of that class or description to be fastened to a wall or other support and in which the article suspended is held in place by spring actuated arms.

The object of the present invention is to provide a novel construction of holder of the above character which shall be not only very efficient in use but shall also present an ornamental appearance.

The invention consists essentially in the image of a human being or an animal adapted to be secured to a wall or other support having a recess in the back and with the legs extended and bent at the knees forming guides for the articles to be suspended or held, a shaft located in said recess provided with a coiled spring and the arms secured to said shaft and adapted to embrace and hold an article inserted between the guide legs, as hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a front view of a broom or brush holder constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a back view of the same. Fig. 3 is a central vertical section.

In the said drawings the reference numeral 1 designates the image having the legs 2 spread apart and bent at the knees thus forming guides for the article to be held or suspended. At the back the image is formed with a recess 3, in which is located an oscillatory shaft 4, the ends of which are journaled in slots 5, and project a short distance be-

yond the sides of the image. This shaft is provided at its center with a pin 6, which engages with a loop 7 of a spring 8, coiled around the shaft the ends of which press against the interior of the image. Wires 9 secured to the image engage with the journals of said shaft and hold it in its bearings.

The numeral 10 designates the arms secured to the shaft at the shoulders having the forearms bent inwardly and the hands secured together.

The numeral 12 denotes a hole for the passage of a nail, screw or other fastening device.

The operation will be readily understood: The image is secured to a wall as seen in the position shown in Fig. 1, and the article to be held is passed between the legs which guide it to the arms by which it is embraced and through the medium of the coiled spring is held tightly clasped to the breast and prevented from accidental displacement.

The above construction not only provides a very useful and efficient device for holding brooms and brushes but it also presents a pleasing appearance to the eye.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

A holder for brooms, brushes and other similar articles consisting of an image formed with a recess in its back and a hole for the passage of a fastening device, the legs formed integral with the body and spread apart and bent at the knees forming guides for the article to be held, the spring actuated shaft located in said recess and journaled in the sides thereof, and the arms secured to said shaft the forearms of which are bent inwardly and the hands clasped and adapted to embrace and hold the article inserted between the legs, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereunto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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