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Fig. 1.

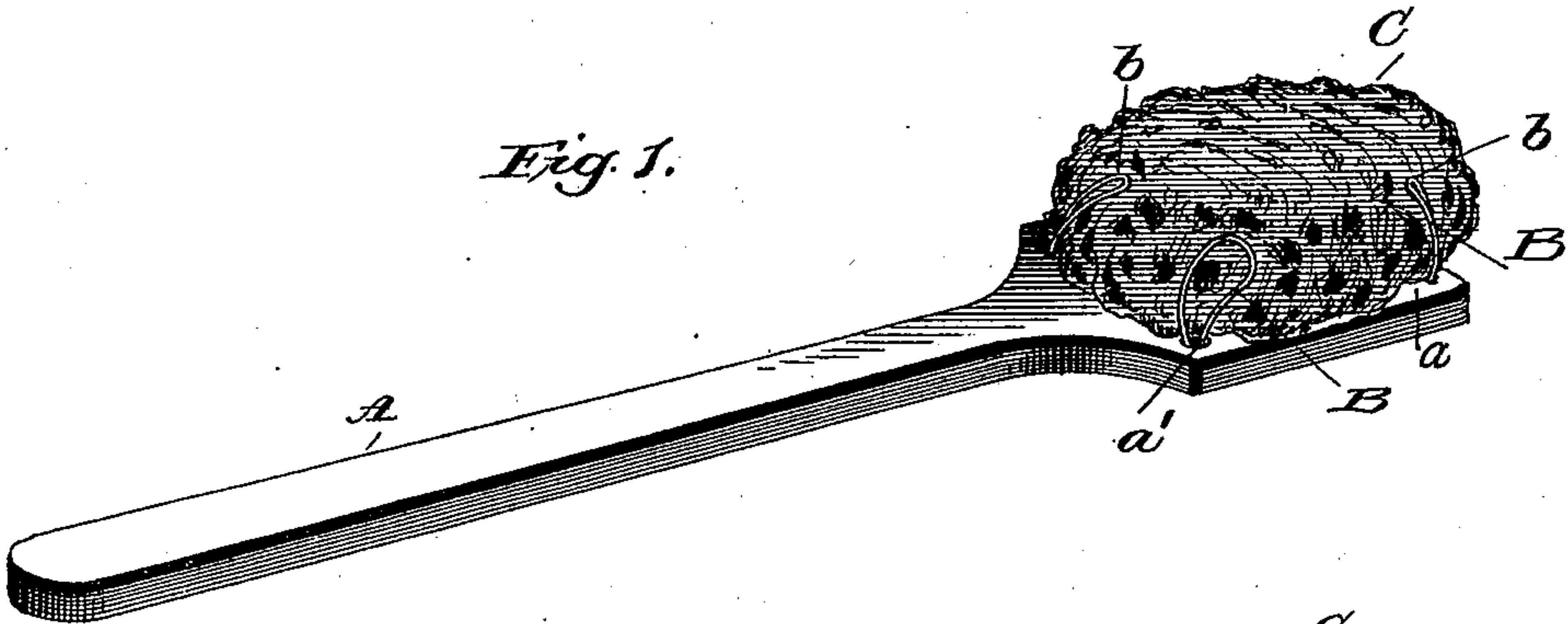


Fig. 2.

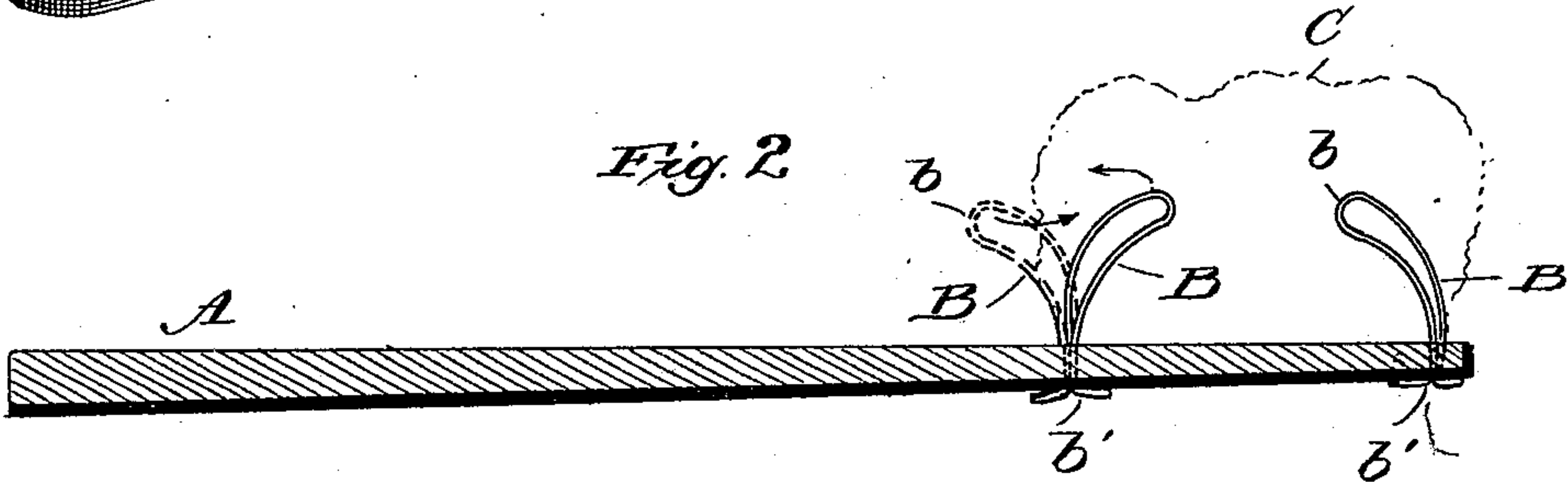


Fig. 3.

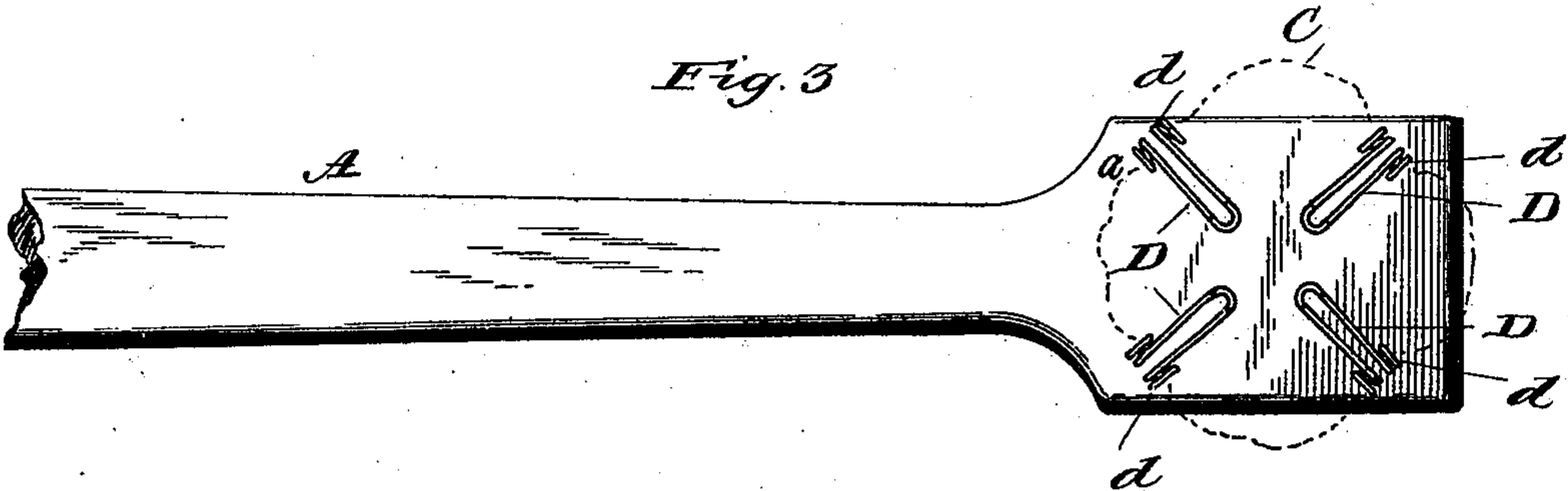
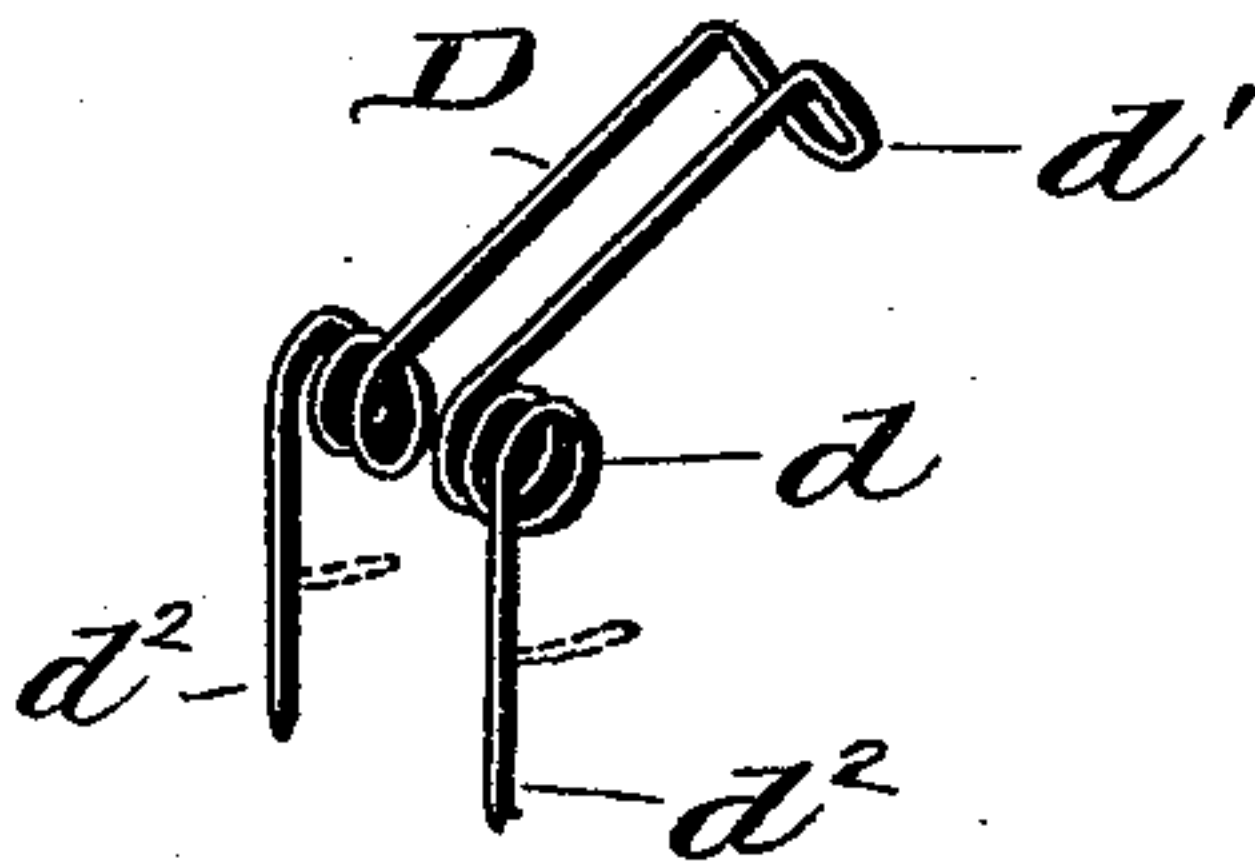


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AMANDA E. BUCKINGHAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hermosa, in the county of Custer, State of South Dakota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Scrubbers, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in devices designed primarily as flesh brushes for use in bathing and more particularly for cleansing the back of a person, but, as will hereinafter appear, applicable to other uses; it is designed to hold a sponge, or a cloth, as may be desired. It embodies a handle and yielding devices for holding thereon a sponge or cloth, said devices being so constructed that the sponge or cloth can be easily and quickly removed or placed in position. The holding devices are so constructed as not to come in contact with or injure the person in use.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear and the novel features thereof will be specifically defined by the appended claims.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved device. Fig. 2 is a substantially central longitudinal section through the same. Fig. 3 is a plan view showing a different form of holding means. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of one of the forms of holding device shown in Fig. 3, detached.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Referring now to the details of the drawings by letter, A designates a handle of any suitable material and form, preferably, however, having at one end an enlargement *a* and, in the form shown in Figs. 1 and 2, provided near each corner thereof with a hole *a'* in each of which is held a holder B of spring wire bent upon itself as shown at *b* to form a loop which is further bent toward the center of the enlargement of the handle as seen in

full lines in Fig. 2 so that when in position to hold the sponge or cloth the bend *b* will be in such a position as not to injure the person using the brush. These holders are rotatably held within the holes *a'* by having their ends passed through the holes and then bent at right angles to the length of the holder or parallel with the under side of the handle in such a manner as to allow of free movement of the holder when desired and yet preventing displacement thereof; the loop portion of the holder is of greater diameter than the hole through which it passes so as to prevent displacement in the opposite direction, but it can be easily compressed to allow of the looped portion being inserted through the hole.

C designates a sponge, or it may be a cloth, held upon the enlarged end of the handle by the holders, which, one or more, may be turned around into the position in which the one at the left is shown by dotted lines in Fig. 2, to allow of the insertion of the part C after which they are turned around into the position in which they are shown by full lines in Figs. 2 and 1 to hold the said part C securely against displacement. The holders being of spring material readily yield to permit of the sponge or cloth assuming any required position.

The form shown in Fig. 3 is substantially the same as that above described except that the holders are not swiveled in the handle. In this form the holders D are formed of spring wire with the ends *d*² held in the handle by being passed therethrough and bent as will be readily understood from Fig. 4, and near their junction with the handle there are coils *d* as shown, the wires of which the said holders are formed being bent upon themselves at the center as shown at *d'* and the bend being turned at a right angle to the main portion thereof as seen in Fig. 4 so as to take a firm hold upon the sponge or cloth and better hold the same against displacement.

What I claim as new is—

1. A brush or scrubber consisting of a handle and spring holders mounted thereon to swivel, as set forth.

2. The combination with a handle having

holes near one end, of a plurality of spring
wire holders passed through said holes with
their ends bent parallel with the handle and
with looped portions of greater diameter than
5 said holes whereby the holders are rotatably
held in position and prevented from acciden-
tal displacement, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in
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