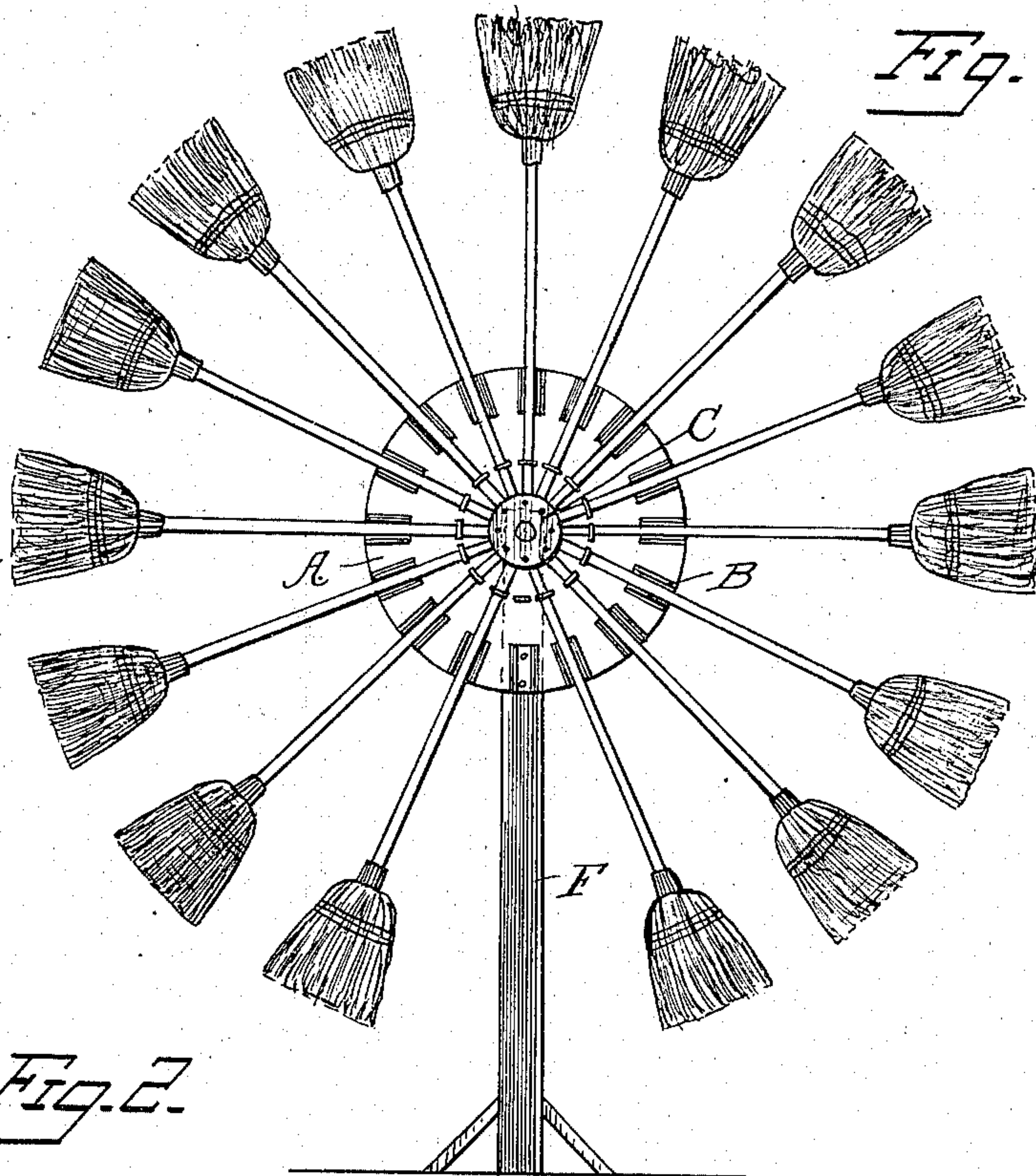


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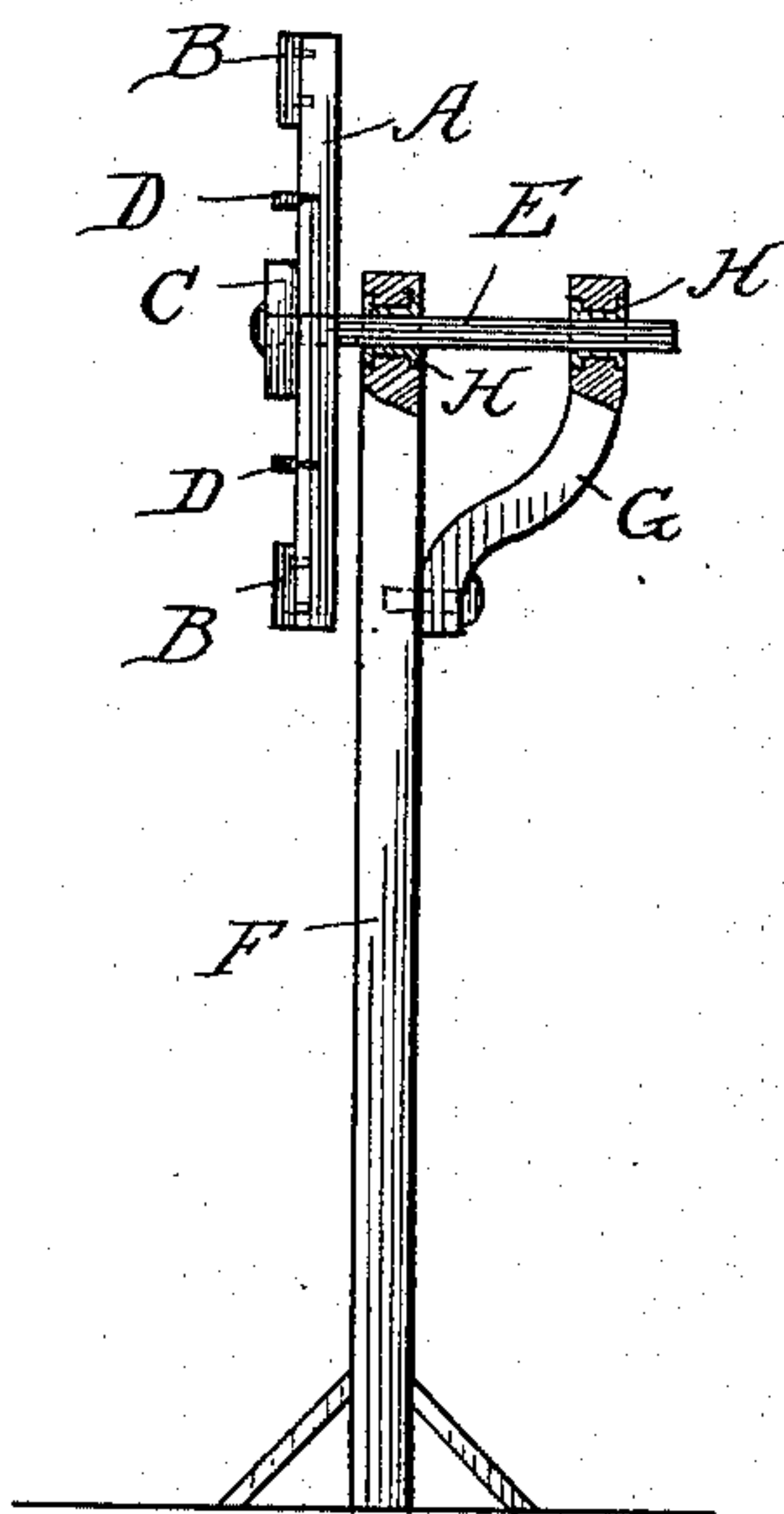
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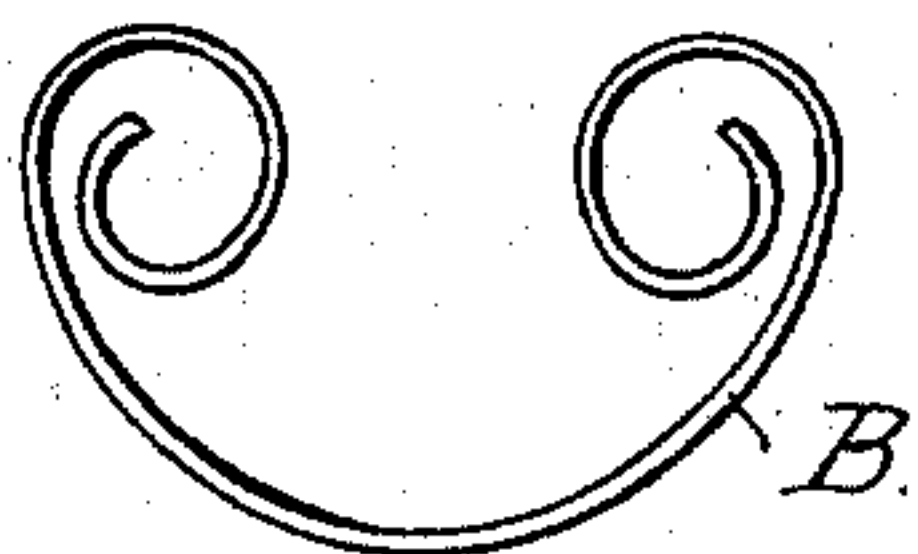
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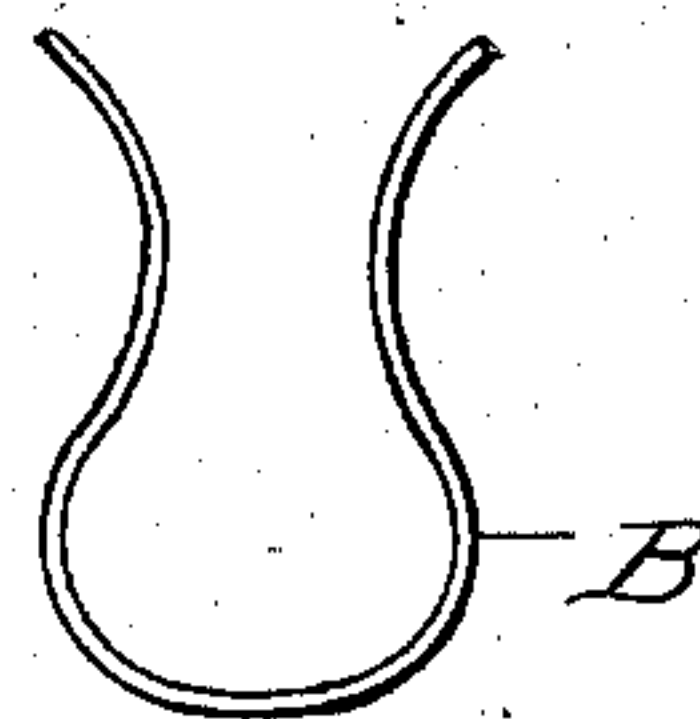
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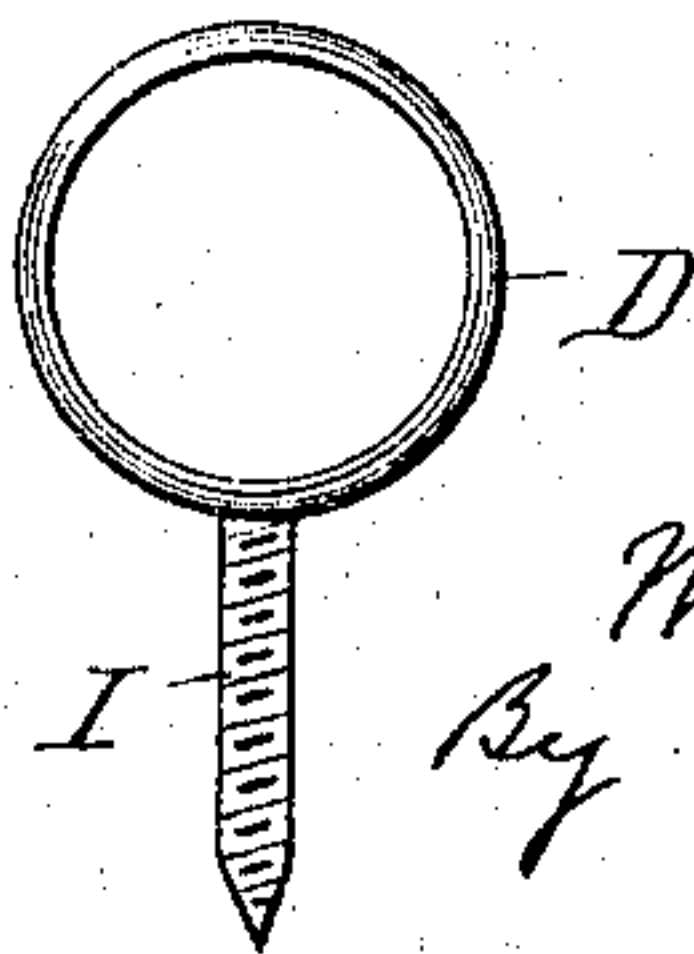
*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 5.*



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## DISPLAY-RACK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARSHAL E. BATSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Carbondale, in the county of Jackson and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Racks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to devices for supporting and exhibiting brooms and other similar articles, and has for its object to provide a new and improved construction of rotating rack that will detachably receive and retain the said brooms or other articles to be exposed in such manner that the same will not only present a highly striking and ornamental appearance, but will also permit of the ready removal or replacement of any of the articles when desired.

To these ends the invention consists of the novel combination of elements hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved device, showing brooms held in position thereon. Fig. 2 is a side elevation, partly in section, for showing the means for rotatably supporting the same. Figs. 3 and 4 are detail end views of two forms of spring-clips for receiving and retaining the articles on the rack, and Fig. 5 is a detail view of one of the rings for receiving the inner end of the article to be held.

In the said drawings the reference-letter A denotes the supporting-disk, formed of wood or any other suitable material, and having fastened thereto by screws or other suitable means radially near its periphery a series of spring-clips B, preferably of the form shown in Fig. 3, having their free ends bent into volute form, as shown. If desired, however, these clips may be of the shape shown in Fig. 4, having their ends flaring.

Attached to the center of the disk A in any suitable manner is the projecting hub C, against which the inner ends of the articles to be exhibited abut. Disposed radially on the surface of the disk A, between the hub C and the clips B, are a series of rings or eyes D, corresponding in number to the clips and in alinement therewith. These rings or eyes

have preferably formed thereon the screws I, as shown in Fig. 5, providing a simple means of attachment to the disk, though they may be attached thereto in any other suitable manner.

The disk A has passing centrally there-through a spindle E, rotatably mounted in the upper end of a supporting-post F. Projecting to the rear of said post is the additional supporting-bracket G for giving a wide bearing to the spindle E. Suitable metallic bushings H are provided in the post and bracket to receive the wear of the spindle E.

From the above description the operation of my device will be understood to be as follows: The brooms or other articles to be exhibited are passed through the rings or eyes D on the disk, which are just large enough to receive the ends thereof, and rest against the periphery of the hub C, which limits their inward movement. They are then pressed between the jaws of the spring-clips B and are thus retained firmly in place against accident displacement, the spring-clips possessing sufficient resiliency to perform this function. By rotating the disk A on its spindle any desired article may be brought within reach of the operator for removal. It will thus be seen that the device will not only permit of a ready removal and replacement of any of the articles displayed, but will also present a highly striking and ornamental appearance.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A rack for exhibiting brooms and other articles, consisting of a vertical disk mounted on a horizontal axis, a support for rotatably carrying said axis, a central hub mounted on said disk and projecting from the front surface thereof, a series of spring-clips mounted radially near the outer edge of said disk, and a series of rings or eyes also mounted on said disk between the hub and spring-clips and in alinement with the latter, substantially as described.

2. In a rack for exhibiting brooms and other articles, the combination of a disk, a spindle passing centrally therethrough, a support for

rotatably carrying said spindle, an additional  
supporting-arm projecting to the rear of said  
support and receiving the rear end of said  
spindle, a series of spring-clips mounted ra-  
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In testimony whereof I affix my signature  
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