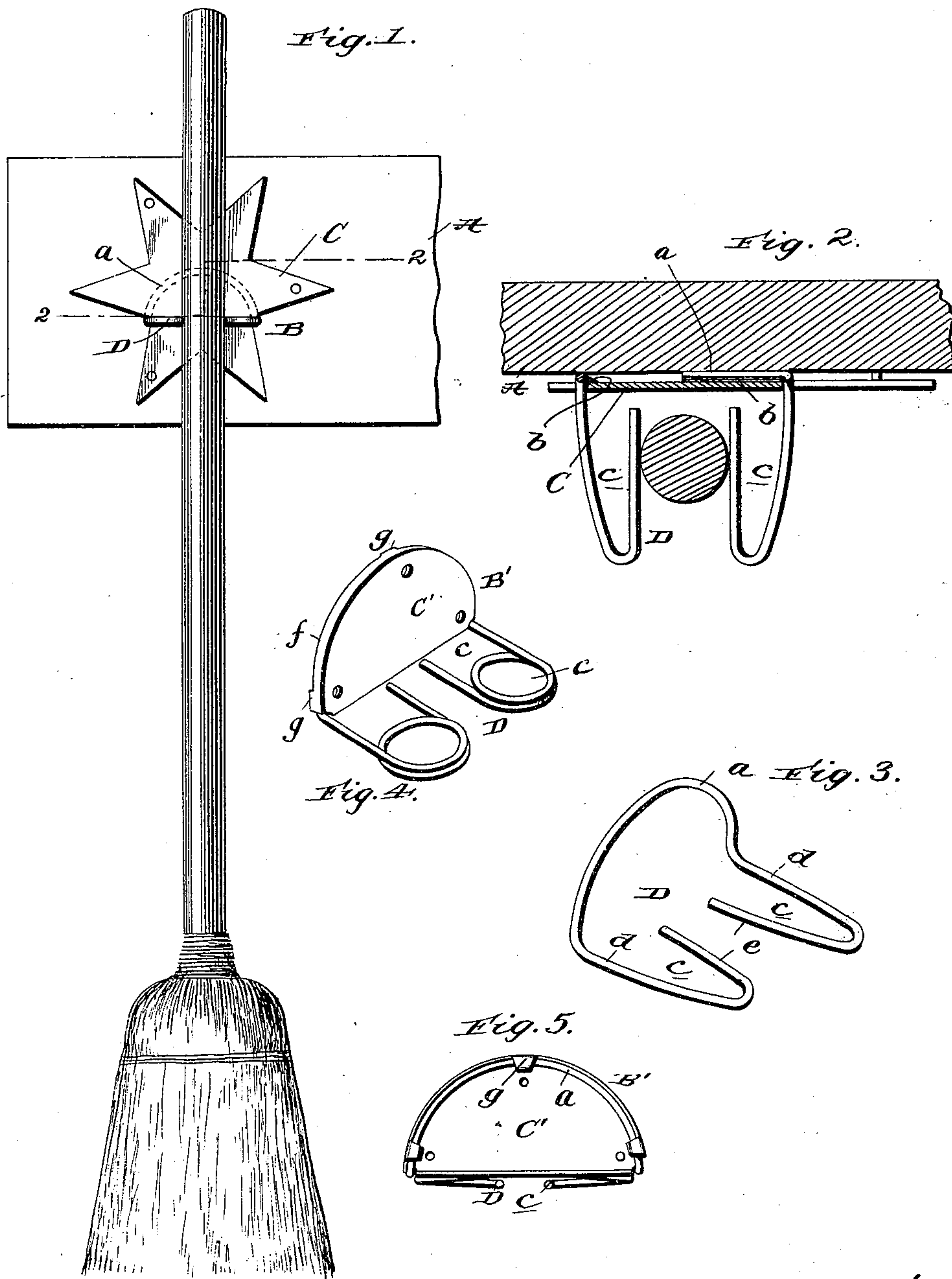


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. GASTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to holders for brooms, dusting-brushes, tools, and the like, and contemplates the provision of a holder which, while adapted to securely hold a broom or the like and yet permit of the ready removal of the same when desired, is so simple and cheap in construction as to admit of it being used to advantage as an advertising medium.

With the foregoing in view the invention will be fully understood from the following description and claim when taken in conjunction with the annexed drawings, in which—
Figure 1 is an elevation illustrating my improved device as attached to a support and holding a broom. Fig. 2 is a section taken in the line 2-2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the clamp forming part of the holder.
Fig. 4 is a perspective view, and Fig. 5 is a rear elevation, of a modification.

In the said drawings similar letters designate corresponding parts in all of the several views, referring to which—

A is a support which may be the wall of an apartment, a door, or any other device, and B is my improved holder. This holder B is made up of a body C, which is susceptible of ready attachment to a suitable support, and a clamp D, which has for its purpose to receive and hold the handles of brooms, dusting-brushes, and the like, as well as tools of various kinds and sizes. The body C is made of a single piece of sheet metal, and while it is shown as star-shaped I desire it understood that it may be made in any desired shape, according to the place where the holder is to be used or the commodity which it is to advertise without departing from the scope of my invention. The clamp D is made of a single piece of wire of suitable gage and resiliency, and it comprises a loop *a*, which is arranged at and connected by solder *b* or other suitable means to the back of the body C, and jaws *c*, which are disposed at right angles to the loop *a* and body C and extend forwardly from the same, as best shown in Fig. 2. These

jaws *c* are formed by the outer outwardly-extending portions *d* and the inner inwardly-extending terminals *e*, and they are calculated to receive between them and securely hold the handles of brooms, dust-brushes, and the like of various sizes, as well as tools of various kinds, after the manner shown in Fig. 2.

In the practice of my invention the body C of the holder is nailed or otherwise attached to a door or other support in the position shown in Fig. 1, and the said holder is then ready for use.

In using the holder the handle of a broom or other article to be held is interposed between the terminals *e* of the arms *c* and is pushed rearwardly or toward the body C. This movement of the handle presses the terminals *e* apart and places them under tension, with the result that they exert considerable pressure against and securely hold the handle. The interposition of a broom or dusting-brush handle or a tool between the jaws *c* in the manner stated may be quickly and easily accomplished, and while the broom or tool will be securely held against casual release or displacement, yet it may be very easily removed by simply drawing it out or in a direction away from the body C.

By reason of the loop *a* of the clamp D being arranged at and connected to the back of the body C the whole face of the said body is left free to receive any ornamentation or advertising matter which it is desired to provide upon the same.

The holder shown and described, while efficient in operation, is so very simple and cheap as to admit of it being provided with advertising matter and given away as an advertising medium. For this reason I prefer to make the holder substantially as herein shown and described. When desired, however, it is obvious that a number of clamps D, arranged in a straight or circular manner, may be employed in conjunction with a common body without departing from the scope of my invention.

In Figs. 4 and 5 I have shown a modified holder B', designed more particularly for pens, pencils, and other small articles. This holder B' comprises a sheet-metal body C', which is preferably flanged, as indicated by *f*, and is

provided with three (more or less) clips G and a clamp D. The said clamp is made of a single piece of resilient wire and embraces a loop *a*, arranged at the back of the body and connected to said body by the clips *g* thereof, and angularly-disposed jaws, which are similar to the jaws *c*, (shown in Figs. 1 to 3,) except that they are provided with eyes and have the ends of their terminals arranged below the body C.

In practice, the modified holder is designed to be connected to a desk or the like by small nails or the like, and a pencil or pen is placed in or removed from the same in the same manner that a broom-handle is placed in or removed from the holder shown in Fig. 1.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

As an improved article of manufacture, the herein-described holder consisting essentially

of the flat, sheet-metal body having a face entirely free from projections, and the clamp formed of a single piece of wire and having the upright loop *a* arranged parallel with and connected to the body at the back thereof, and the jaws *c* disposed at right angles to the loop *a* and extending forwardly immediately below the edge of the body; said jaws being made up of outwardly-extending outer portions and inwardly-extending inner, terminal portions arranged in the same horizontal plane as the outer portions, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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