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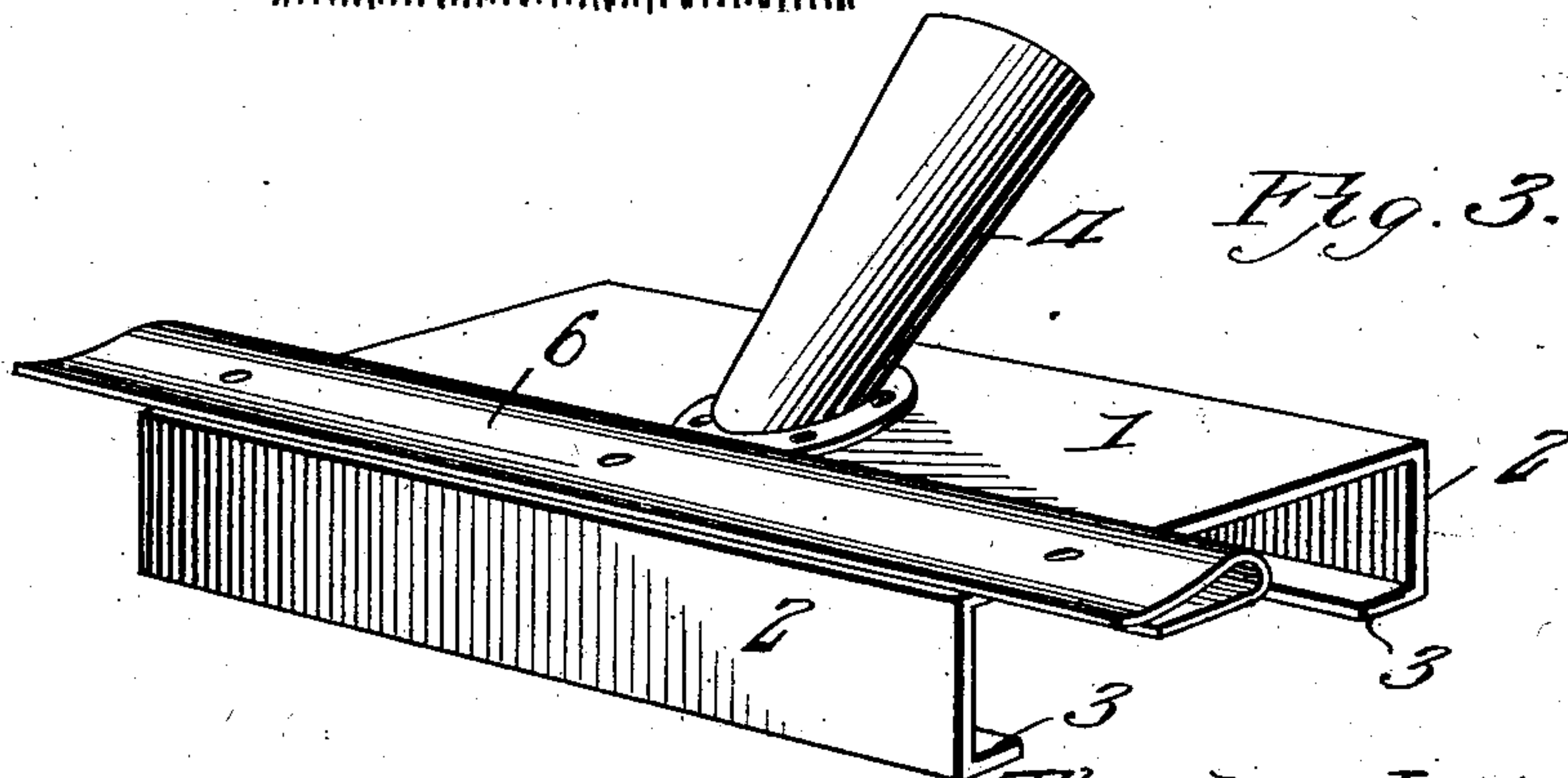
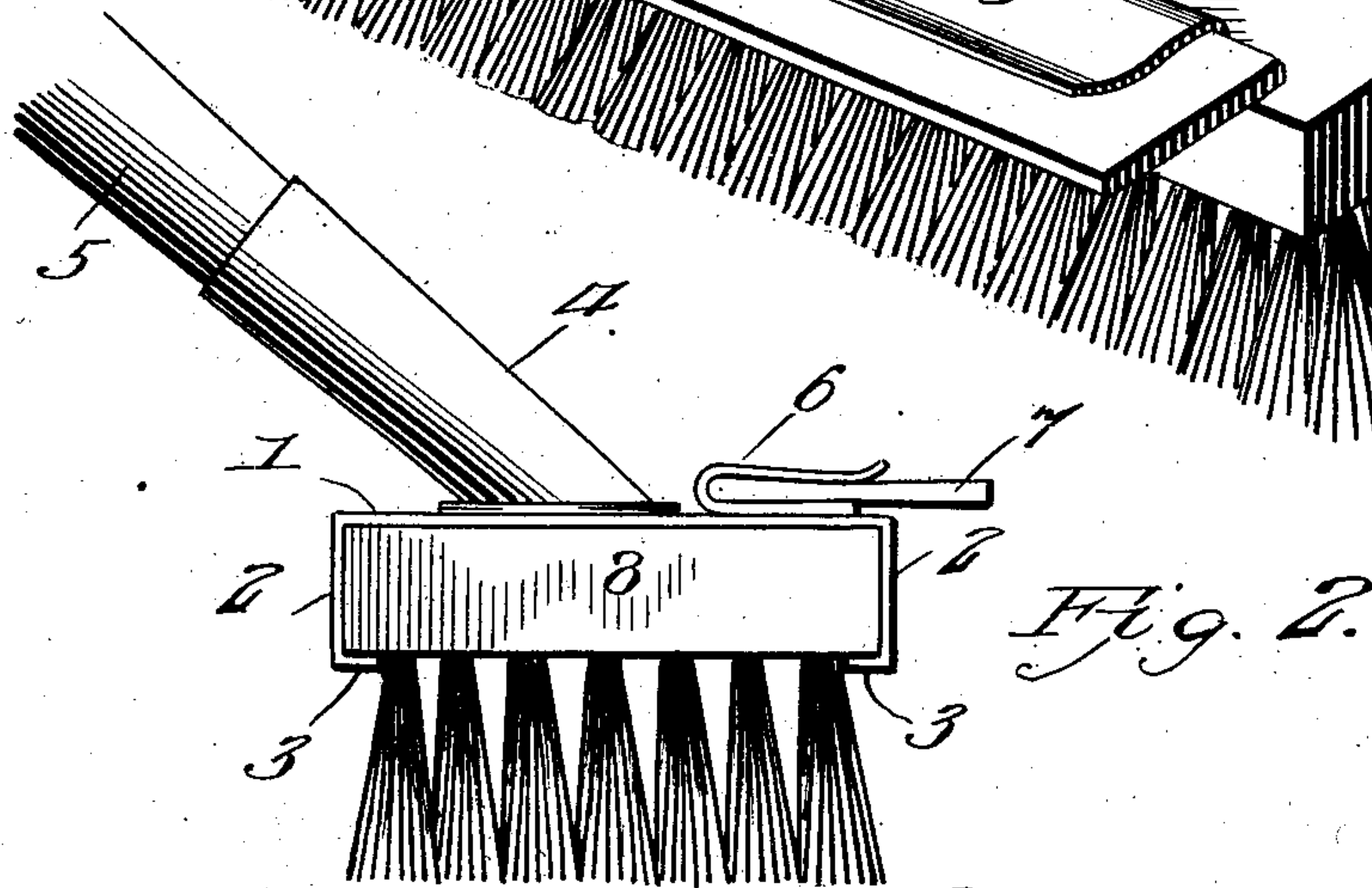
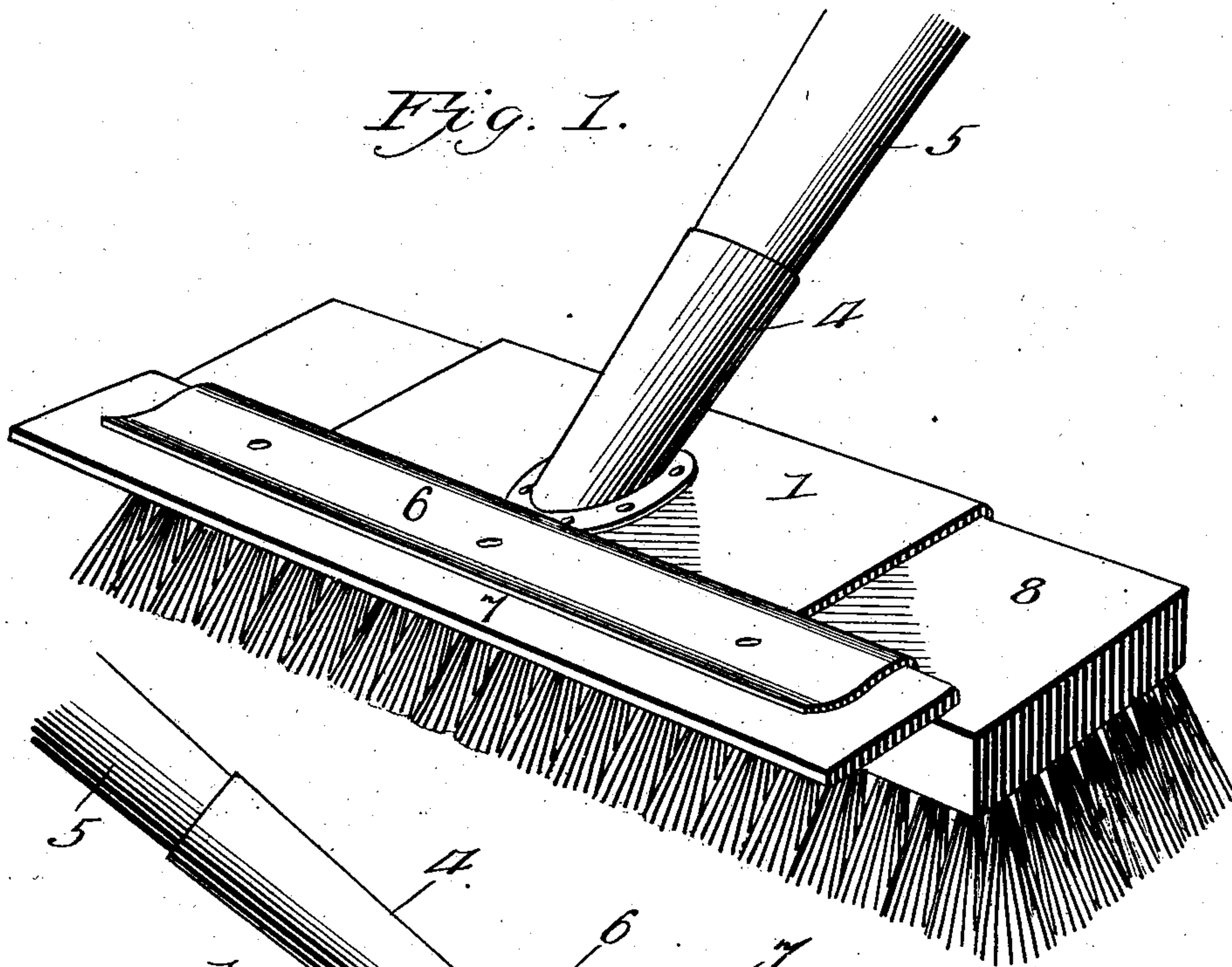
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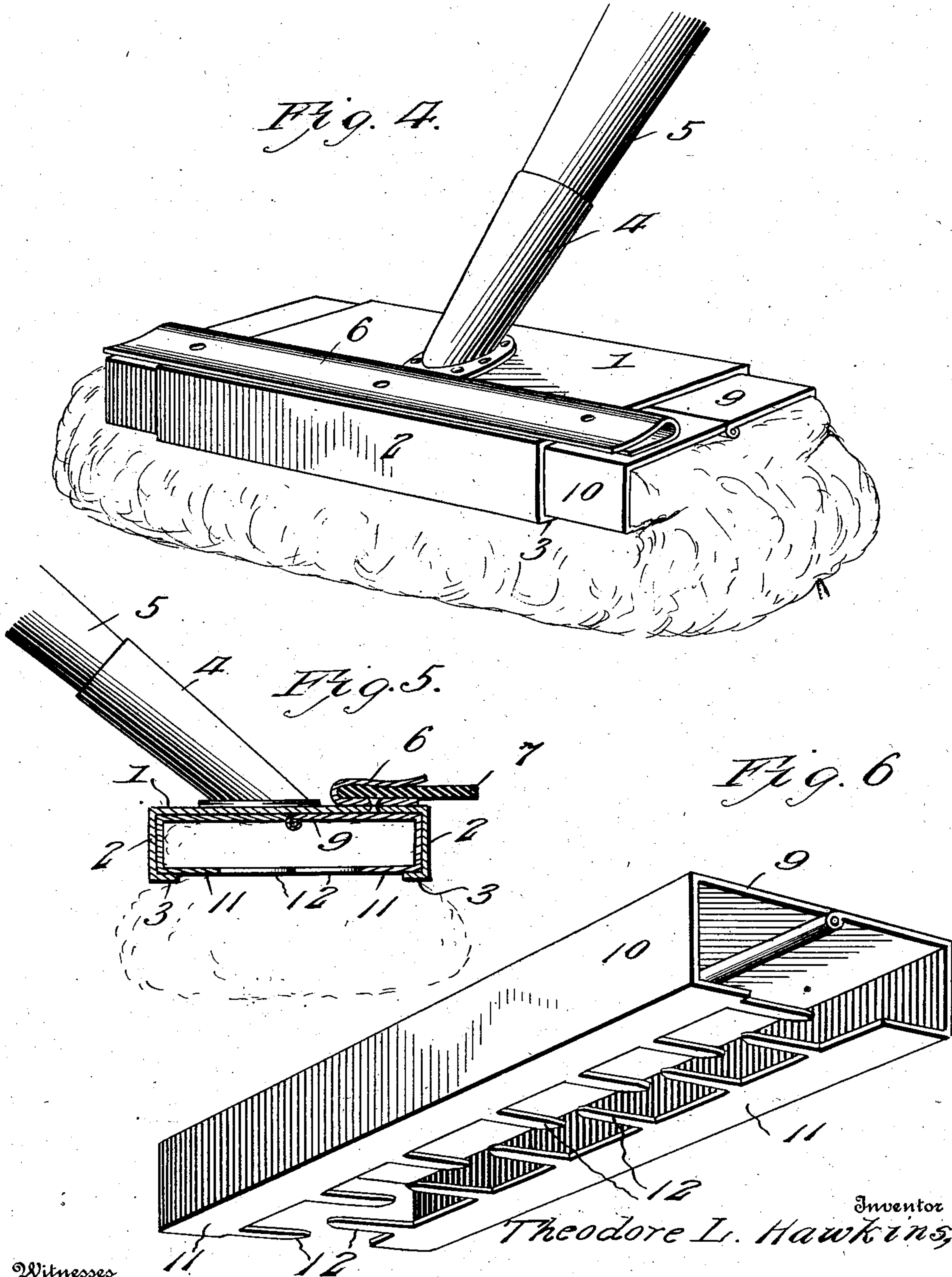
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THEODORE LEWIS HAWKINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lincoln, in the county of Lancaster and State of Nebraska, have invented new and useful Improvements in Holders for Brushes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in holders for brushes, mops, &c.; and its object is to provide a device of simple and inexpensive construction adapted to be detachably secured to the back of a scrubbing-brush, and which is provided with a clasp for holding a preferably flexible scraper.

A further object is to provide a novel device which may be used in connection with this holder and which is employed for fastening a sponge, mop-cloth, or other similar material to the same.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in providing a holder which is preferably formed in a single sheet of spring metal having opposite edges thereof bent downward and inward, so as to permit the back of a brush to be moved longitudinally therebetween and be retained in position thereby. A socket is arranged upon this holder to permit a suitable handle to be attached thereto, and a spring-clasp is also provided along one edge of the holder for the reception of a flexible scraping-strip.

The invention also consists in providing a fastening device which may be employed for securing a mop-cloth, sponge, or other similar material to the holder. This device comprises two similar sections hinged together at their adjacent edges and each provided at its opposite edge with inwardly-extending teeth arranged alternately and adapted when closed together to engage the material placed therebetween. This device is of such size that it may be readily slipped when closed longitudinally into the holder.

The invention also consists in the further novel construction and combination of parts, which will be more fully hereinafter described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a scrubbing-brush in position within my improved holder. Fig. 2 is an end elevation

thereof. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the holder with the brush and scraper removed. Fig. 4 is a perspective view showing a mop in position within the holder. Fig. 5 is a vertical section through the holder and showing the means employed for fastening the mop in position, and Fig. 6 is a detail view of the mop-fastening device.

Referring to the figures by numerals of reference, 1 is the body of the holder, which is preferably formed of sheet metal and has its front and rear edges bent downward, as shown at 2, to form clasp members provided at their lower edges with inwardly-projecting flanges 3. A socket 4 is secured in any suitable manner upon the body 1 and is adapted to receive a handle 5 of any suitable form, and a spring-clip 6, substantially U-shaped in cross-section, is secured longitudinally upon the body 1 at the front edge thereof. This clip is adapted to receive and retain in position a scraping-strip 7, preferably formed of rubber, and especially adapted for removing water from smooth surfaces. A brush-head 8 is adapted to be inserted between the clasp members 2 and above flanges 3 from one end of body 1 and will be retained in position within the holder by the pressure of the clasp members 2 thereon.

It will of course be understood that the brush can be readily removed by drawing the same longitudinally from the holder, and the pressure of the clasp members upon the brush is sufficient to prevent the same from being displaced accidentally while in use.

If desired, the brush can be withdrawn from the holder and a mop-cloth or sponge substituted therefor. In this event it is necessary to employ means for fastening the said cloth or sponge within the holder. I have shown this fastening means in Figs. 4, 5, and 6. The same is preferably formed of two similar jaws hinged together at their adjacent edges and comprising plates 9, having sides 10 at right angles thereto. A flange 11 projects inward from the lower edge of each of these sides and is provided at its inner edge with a series of teeth 12. To secure a mop-cloth or sponge within the fastener, the jaws 9 are moved back upon each other so as to separate the two series of teeth 12. The cloth or sponge is then placed between the teeth and the jaws



moved back to normal position. The teeth will thus be forced in opposite sides of the material therebetween and will firmly secure the same to the jaws. The fastener when in  
5 engaging position is of such size as to fit snugly within the holder between the clasping members 2 thereof and above the flanges 3. It is therefore obvious that the fastener can be readily inserted longitudinally into the  
10 holder when it is desired to secure the mop-cloth or sponge thereto.

In the foregoing description I have shown the preferred form of my invention, but I do not limit myself thereto, as I am aware that  
15 modifications may be made therein without departing from the spirit or sacrificing the advantages thereof, and I therefore reserve the right to make such changes therein as fairly fall within the scope of my invention.

20 Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. In a holder of the character described, the combination with a body having clasping members at opposite sides thereof and in-  
25 wardly-extending flanges upon said members; of jaws hinged together at their adjacent

edges and adapted to be inserted longitudinally between the clasping members and in rear of the flanges, and inwardly-extending teeth upon the jaws adapted to engage ma- 30  
terial placed therebetween.

2. In a holder of the character described, the combination with a body having clasping members at opposite edges and inwardly-extending flanges upon said members; of fas- 35  
tening-jaws hinged together and adapted to be inserted between said members and above the flanges, said members serving to bear upon the jaws and retain them in position.

3. In a holder of the character described, 40  
the combination with a brush-engaging body; of a longitudinally-extending strip of spring metal bent upon itself to form a clip and projecting from one edge of the body, and a flexi- 5  
ble strip clamped within the clip and extending from one edge thereof.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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