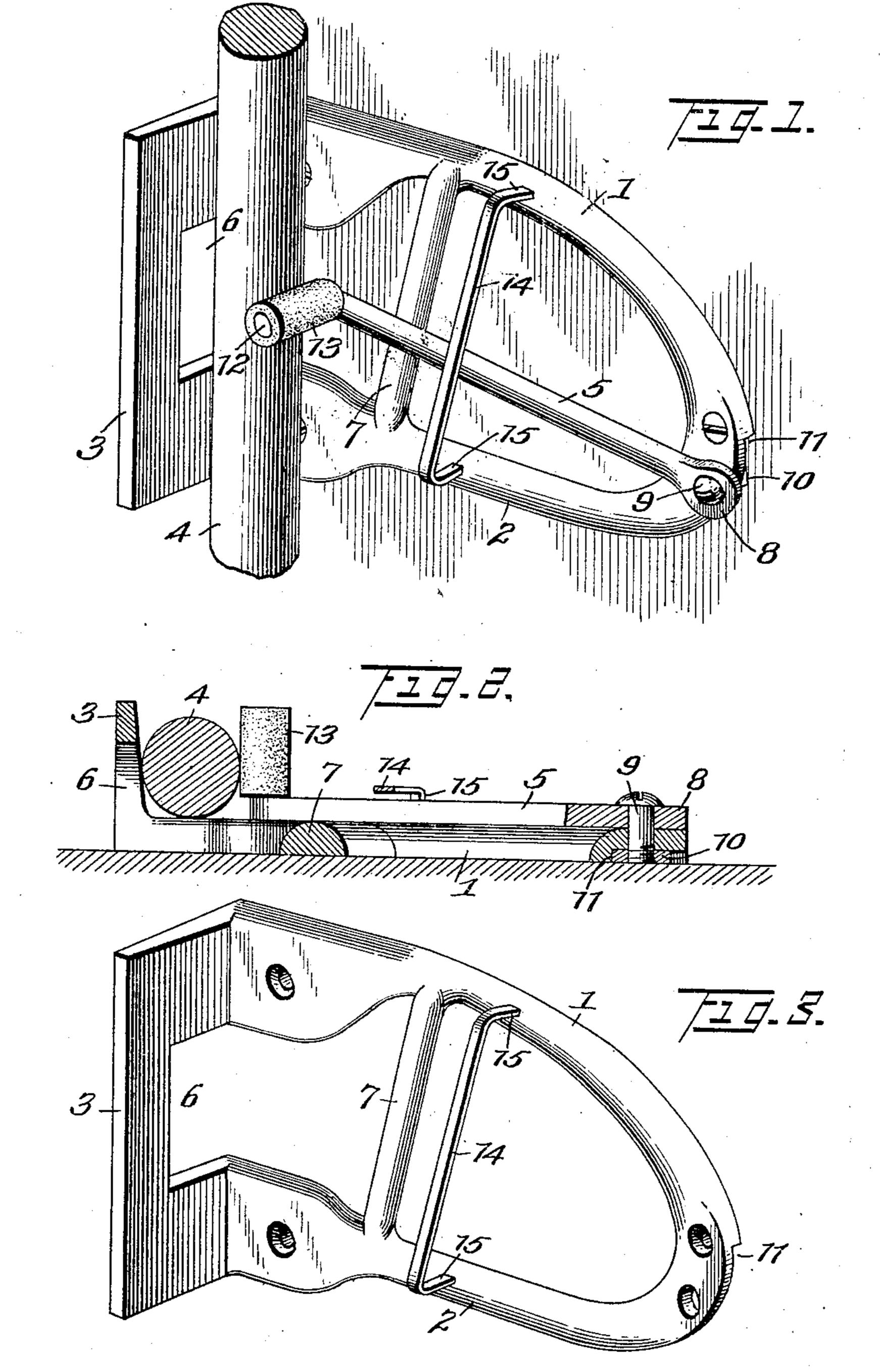
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## BROOM-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Samuel Walter, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dallas City, in the county of Hancock and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Broom-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in

broom-holders.

The object of the present invention is to improve the construction of broom-holders and to provide a simple and comparatively inexpensive one designed to be secured to a wall or other supporting-surface and adapted to enable a broom-handle to be readily introduced into it and capable of securely gripping such handle for supporting the broom.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended, it being understood that various changes in the form, proportion, size, and minor details of construction within the scope of the claims may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a broom-holder constructed in accordance with this invention and shown engaging a portion of a broom-handle. Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view of the same.

Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the frame of the broom-holder.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the draw-

ings.

The frame of the broom-holder, which preferably consists of a light casting, is provided with upper and lower sides 1 and 2, connected together and formed integral with each other at one end of the frame and spaced 45 apart at the other end and connected thereat by a vertical jaw 3, against which a broom-handle 4 is clamped by a lever 5. The jaw is preferably provided with a central opening 6 to reduce the weight and cost of the frame, and 5° the sides 1 and 2 are connected at an intermediate point by a cross bar or piece 7, which is slightly inclined, as clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 3 of the drawings. The sides of the frame are provided at their ends with 55 suitable countersunk openings for the reception of screws or other suitable fastening de-

vices for securing the frame to the wall or other support. The lever is provided at its outer or rear end with an eye 8 for the reception of a bolt 9, which fulcrums the lever on 60 the frame and which is provided with a nut 10, arranged in a recess 11 of the inner face of the frame and abutting against the walls of the recess, whereby the nut is held against rotation.

rotation. The lever 5 is provided at its engaging end with a laterally-extending arm 12, which is preferably rounded and on which is arranged a sleeve 13, of rubber or other suitable material, for frictionally engaging the broom- 70 handle 4, whereby the latter will be effectually prevented from slipping. The arm 12 of the lever extends from the inner or front end of the same at right angles thereto, and the lever is guided and supported by the in- 75 termediate cross-bar 7 and a keeper 14. The keeper 14, which is spaced from the guidebar 7 and extended beyond the plane of the same, has angularly-disposed terminals 15, which are rigidly connected with the sides of 80 the frame in any suitable manner. The engaging arm of the clamping-lever is spaced from the jaw or portion 3 of the frame when those parts are not in engagement with a broom-handle and when the lever is in sub- 85 stantially a horizontal position. The broomhandle is adapted to be readily introduced into the device by placing it beneath the clamping-lever and moving it upward. The lever will drop into engagement with the 90 handle and when subjected to the weight of the broom the latter will be securely held in the device. The lever is arranged at an inclination when in engagement with a broomhandle, and the weight of the broom tends to 95 swing the lever downward, and thereby retains the same firmly in engagement with the said handle. The broom may be readily removed from the device by moving it upward and outward.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by

Letters Patent, is—

1. A broom-holder comprising a frame having a vertical jaw at one end and pro- 105 vided at an intermediate point with a guidebar, a lever fulcrumed on the frame at the other end thereof and provided with means coöperating with the said jaw for engaging the handle of a broom, and a keeper extending across the frame at a point between the ends thereof and arranged in spaced relation

with the guide-bar and coöperating with the

same to form a guide for the lever.

2. A broom-holder, comprising a frame having spaced sides and provided with an intermediate connecting-bar, a rigid jaw arranged at one end of the frame, a lever fulcrumed on the frame at the other end thereof, and provided with means coöperating with the said jaw for engaging the handle of a broom, and a keeper also connecting the sides of the frame and spaced from the inter-

mediate cross-bar and located beyond the plane of the same to form a guide for the lever.

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

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