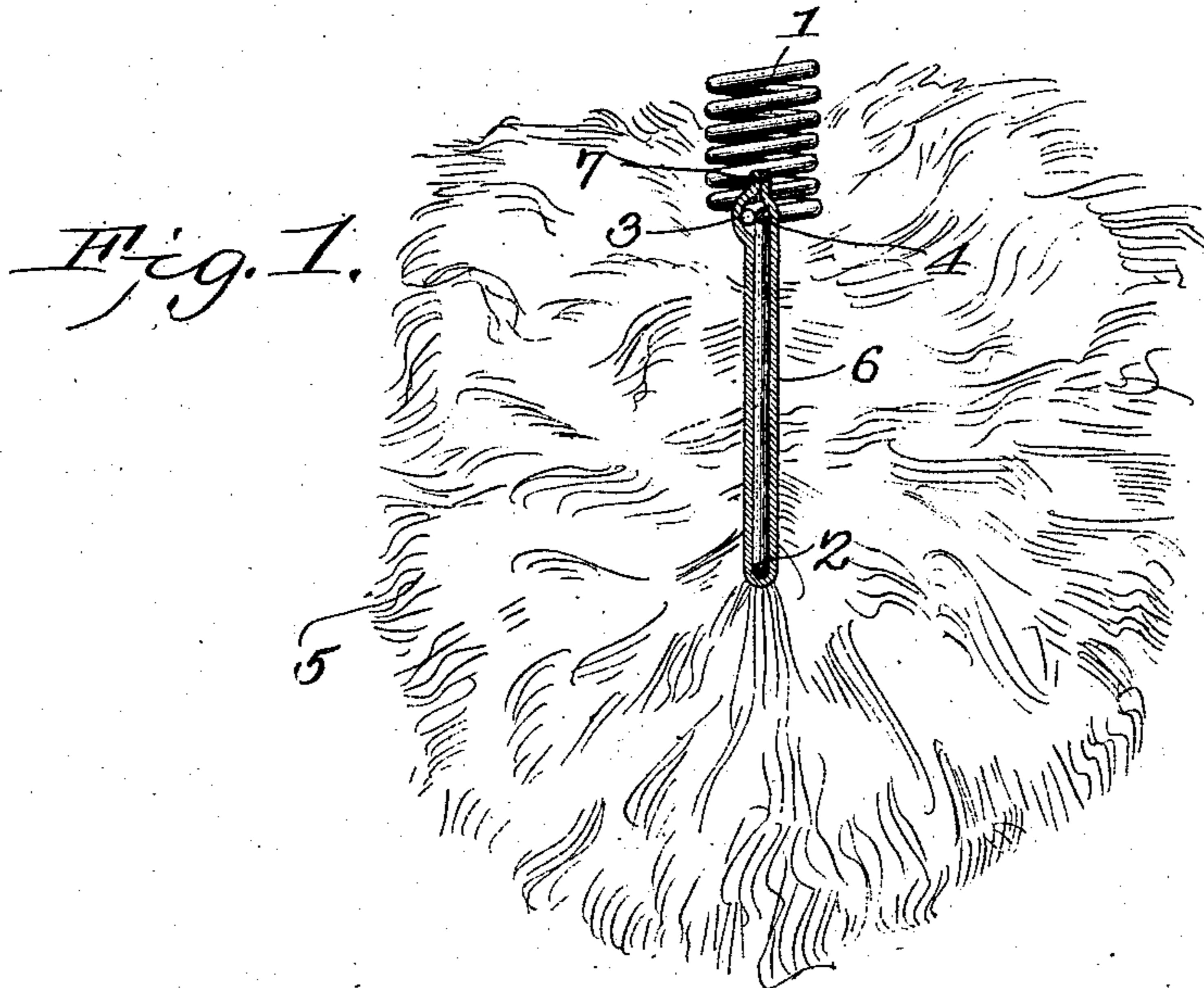


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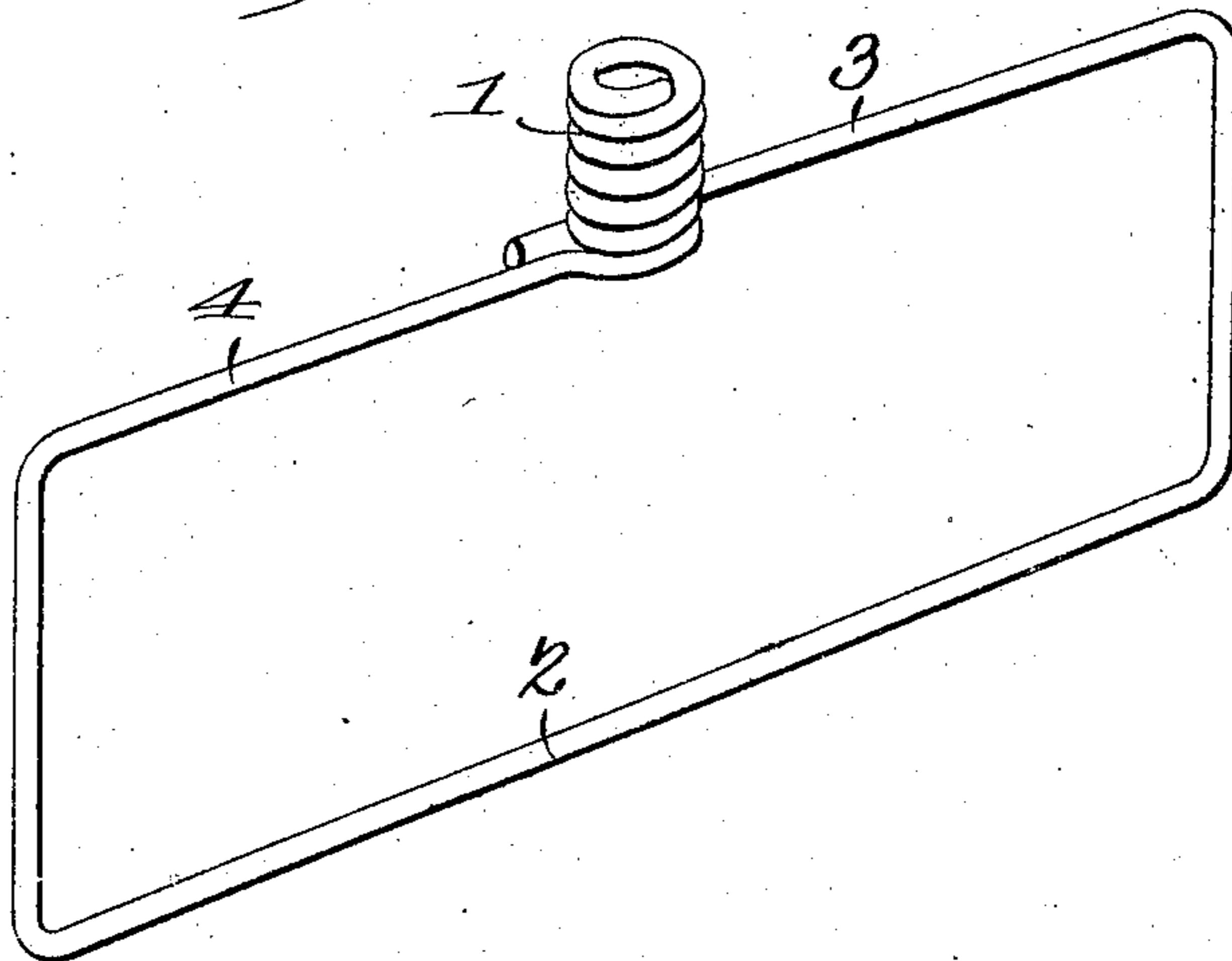
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*Fig. 2.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM LAYCOCK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Libertyville, in the county of Lake and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Duster, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates generally to dusters, and more particularly to one adapted for dusting walls.

The object of the invention is to improve the construction of the head or frame of the duster in such manner as to permit of it being readily yet firmly secured to or detached from a handle, and, further to adapt the handle-socket to be disposed at any desired angle relatively to the head; thereby to extend the range of usefulness of the duster; furthermore, to simplify the construction of the head by reducing the number of its parts to a minimum and disposing these in such manner as to secure the highest and most effective results.

With the above and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction and combination of parts of a duster, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts, Figure 1 is a view in transverse section through a duster constructed in accordance with the present invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective detail view of the head or frame.

The head or frame, which constitutes one of the essential features of the present invention, is constructed of a single piece of resilient wire, one terminal of which is formed into a plurality of whirls 1 to present a socket member and thence bent to form a rectangular duster carrying a member 2. As shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the socket is disposed in a plane coincident with the members of the duster-carrier 2; but, if preferred, it may be disposed at any angle relatively thereto,

which may be effected by twisting the member carrying the socket for this purpose. One member 3 of the carrier is of a length to bridge and project past the socket and lies parallel with the similar member 4 of the carrier and when thus disposed does not present an obstruction that would interfere with the assembling of the duster with the head.

The duster 5 may be made of any suitable material, preferably of lamb's or sheep's wool, the skin 6 of which is secured around the head by stitches connecting the edges of the duster exteriorly of the head.

The peculiar advantage resulting from the employment of the head shown is that it is exceedingly simple of construction and will be strong and durable and by reason of the threads presented by the whirls of the socket will be positive in holding a handle combined with it. The advantage in employing sheep's or lamb's skin for a duster is that it is more compact and softer than feathers or cloth and will readily remove dust from walls, picture-frames, and the like without marring or in any way injuring them.

I claim—

A duster-head consisting of a unitary construction formed of one piece of wire bent in rectangular form, the ends of said wire overlapping each other on one side of said rectangle, one of the ends of said wire being bent or coiled to form a socket adapted to be placed at any angle to the rectangular portion of said duster-head while the other end of the wire lies close against the adjacent portion of the frame, and a covering of lamb's or sheep's wool surrounding the rectangular frame and secured thereon by stitching.

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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