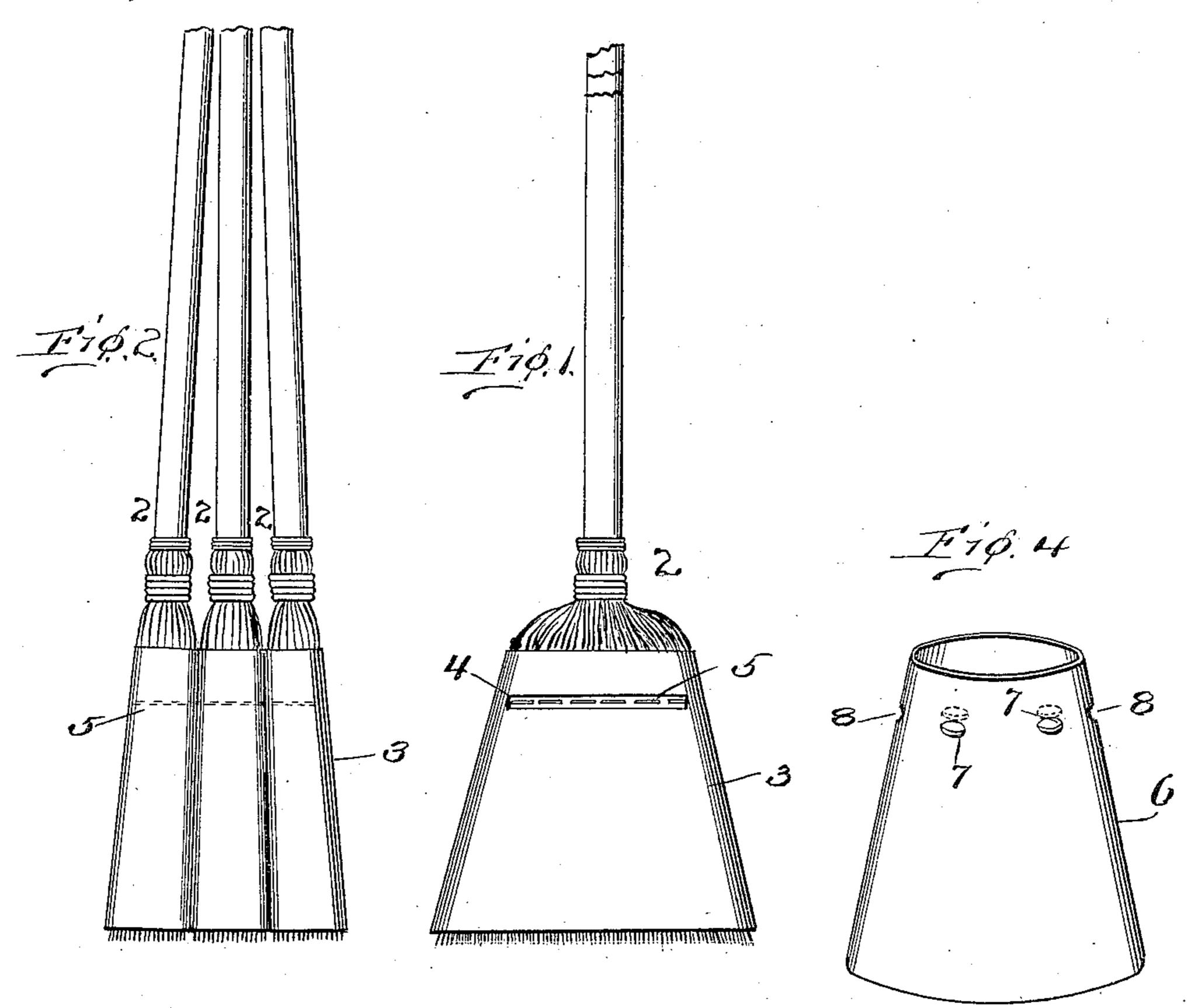
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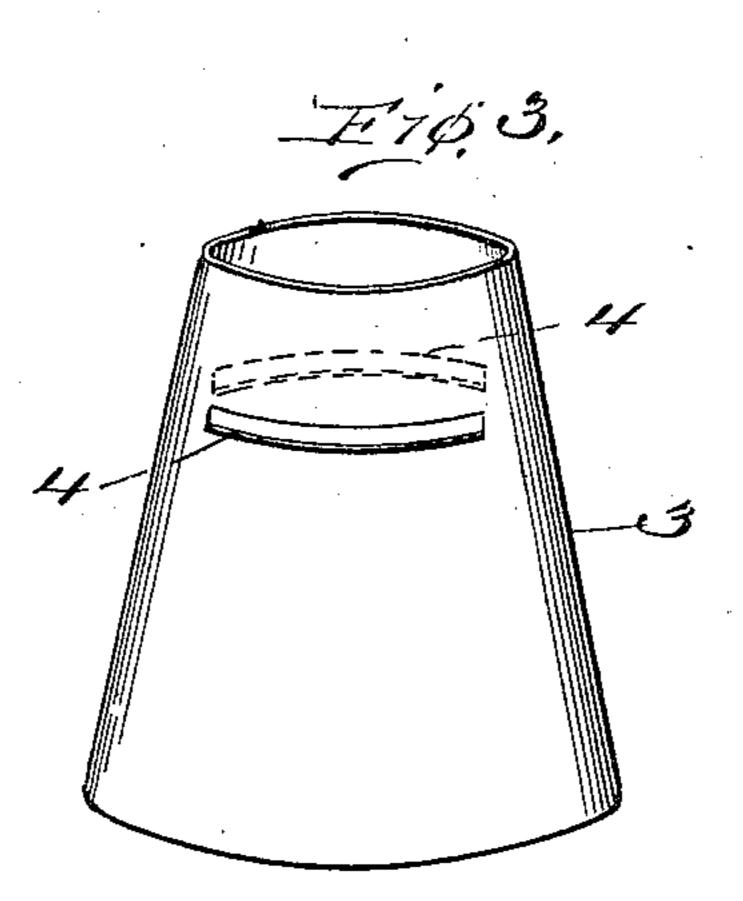
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Charles Plunkett, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State 5 of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Broom-Covers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to 10 which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to broom covers and has for an object to provide a substantial and inexpensive cover for the protection of 15 brooms in transit and otherwise.

A further object of the invention is to provide a broom cover with means whereby a number of brooms may be placed together for convenience in shipping with covers ap-20 plied which will enable the brooms to be sewed or otherwise secured together without molesting or interfering in any way with the covers thereon.

With these and other objects in view, the 25 invention comprises certain novel constructions, combinations and arrangements of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a view in 30 elevation of a plurality of ordinary brooms secured together with my improved cover applied. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of my improved cover; and Fig. 4 is a modified 35 view also in perspective.

Like characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

As will be seen from the drawings the 40 broom covers 3 and 6 are both tapered in | brooms one from the other, and said covers 90 construction and open at each end in order that the broom may be inserted within the cover from the larger end of the same. The cover is also made small enough to bind the 45 body of the broom sufficiently to retain the cover in the desired position.

In its preferred embodiment as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, the invention consists in the cover 3 with transverse registering openings 50 as 4. At 5 is shown means whereby the

brooms 2—2—2 may be secured together through the registering openings 4 of the covers 3 after the same have been applied. 6 represents a cover with modified registering openings 7 in the face of the cover and other 55 registering openings 8 in the side of the cover. While I have shown this cover applied to an ordinary broom I desire to have the invention protected for whisk brooms, paint brushes, and other brooms and brushes. 60 The cover 6 will allow the brooms to be secured together either flatwise or edgewise through the medium of registering openings 7 and registering openings 8 after the covers have been applied to the brooms. When a 65 shipment of brooms has reached its destination the cords 5 can be cut and the brooms separated with the covers remaining intact and protecting the brooms until sold to the consumer and can be used by the consumer 70 as a protection to the brooms throughout the life of the same.

It is understood that I may use a cover such as is shown in Fig. 4 with the registering openings 8 alone without the employ- 75 ment of the additional registering openings 7.

What I claim is:—

The combination with a plurality of brooms, each being provided with a cover which approximately incloses the same, 80 said covers having transverse rows of openings near their upper surfaces, said brooms being arranged together with their covers thereon and adapted to contact with each other, and secured together by a cord insert- 85 ed through said openings of the covers and through the brooms to permit of transportation of the brooms in a bulk, and said cords adapted to be cut so as to separate the remaining intact on the brooms when said brooms are separated from each other, substantially as specified.

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

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