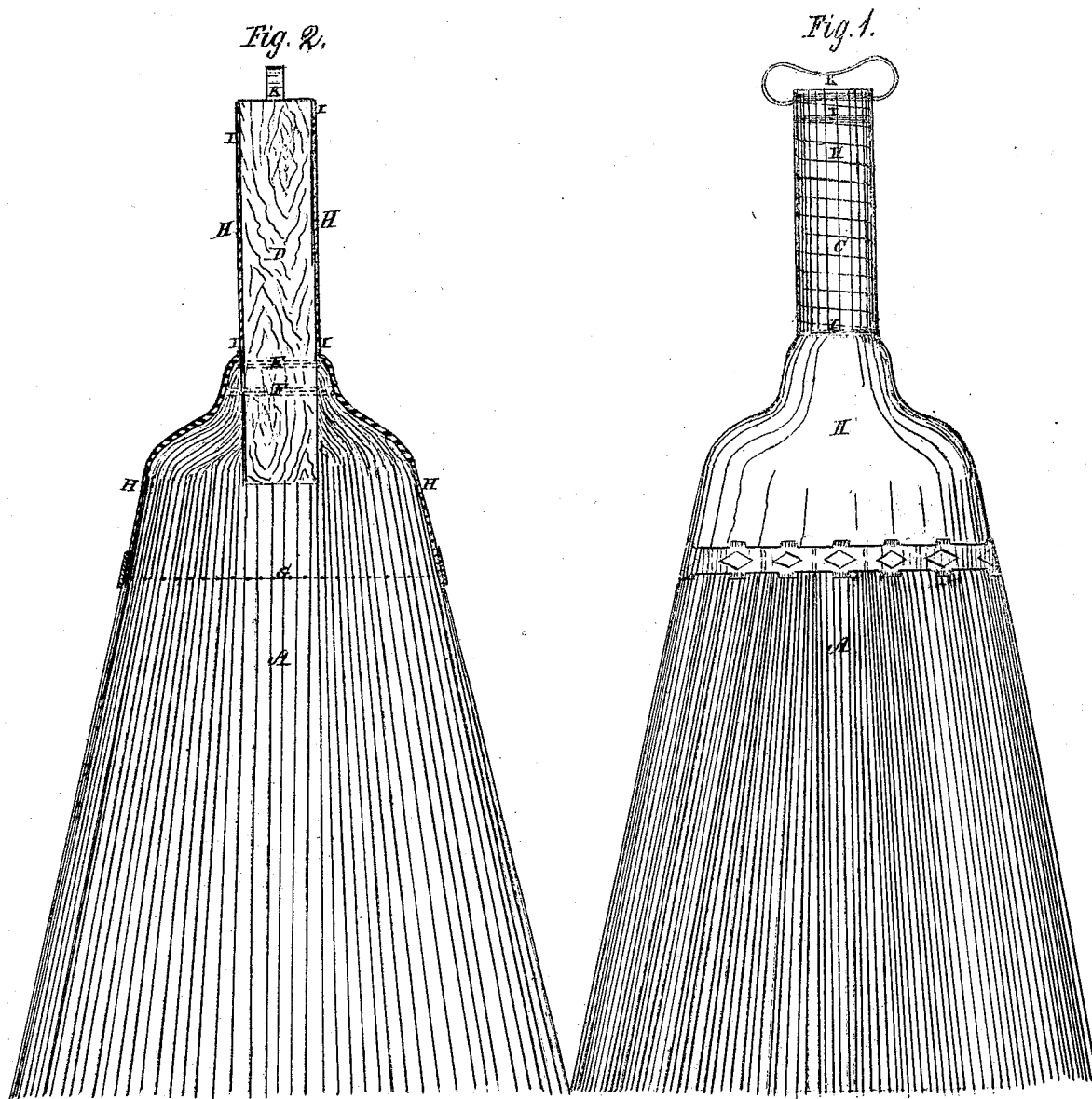


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT Y. MARTIN, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Whisk Brooms or Brushes; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a side view, and Fig. 2 a vertical section, of my invention.

Before my invention small brooms or brushes had been made with varnished or painted handles, and also with a layer of broom-corn around the handle, or else a sheet of flexible material, such as leather or cloth, around the handle, formed of wood or by a bunch of broom-corn.

My invention is a modification of or improvement upon the device last named, and consists in a small broom or brush with a wrapping of flexible material inclosing the butt-ends of the broom-corn or fibers where they are connected to the handle, said wrapping also extending along the handle itself, and being retained by a winding of wire outside of such flexible wrapping, the whole forming a new article of manufacture that is ornamental in appearance, and the wrapping of flexible fabric protects the hands from contact with the butt-ends of such fibers.

The bunch of broom-corn or fiber is secured to the handle D by a winding of wire at the head thereof, as usual. The wrapping H, of flexible material, incloses the head of the broom and extends along the handle. An ornamental band may be used as the termination of the wrapping H contiguous to the line of stitching or binding that holds the bunch of fibers together, and the wrapping itself is secured around the handle by the winding of wire I, producing an ornamental appearance, and at the same time the wrapping covers the ends or butts of the bunch of fibers to protect the hand from contact with them when in use. The broom or brush made in this manner is a new article of manufacture.

I claim as my invention—

Abroom or brush made with a wrapping of flexible material inclosing the head of the broom and extending along the wooden handle, and secured in place by means of a winding of wire, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my signature.

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