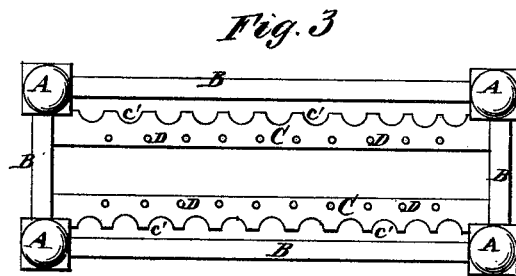
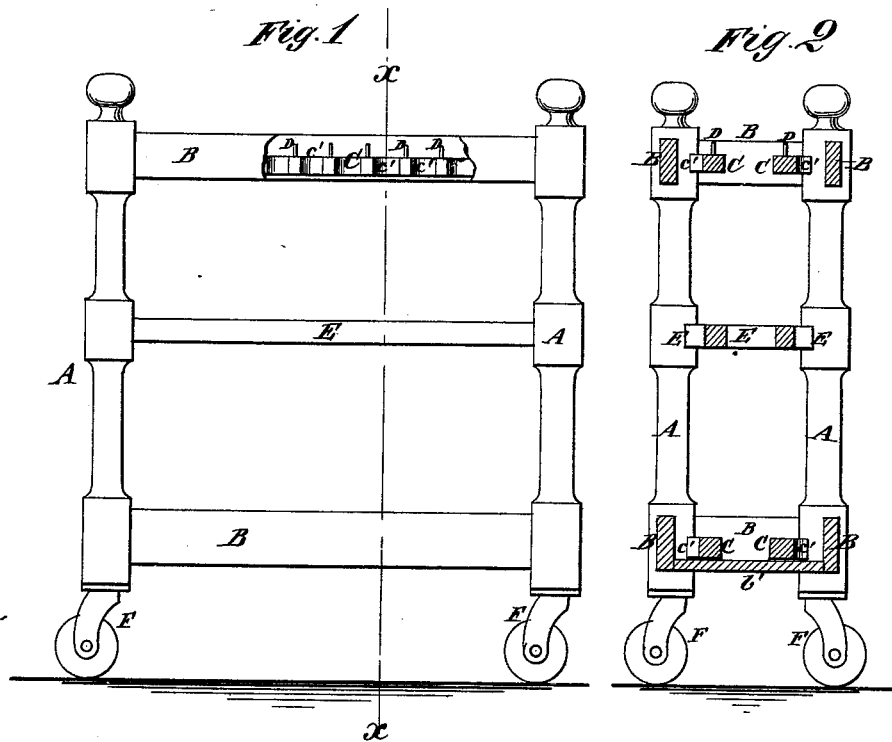


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BROOM AND BRUSH RACK.

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IMPROVEMENT IN BROOM AND BRUSH RACKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES BRYCE CLARK, Jr., of Vineland, in the county of Cumberland, and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Broom and Brush Rack, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved rack, part being broken away to show the construction. Fig. 2 is a vertical cross-section of the same taken through the line *xx*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a top view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish a simple and convenient rack for holding and displaying brooms, dust-brushes, scrub-brushes, whisk-brooms, &c., and which shall be especially useful where space must be economized.

The invention will first be described in connection with the drawing, and then pointed out in the claim.

A are four posts which are connected at their upper and lower ends by side and end bars, B. To the inner parts of the upper and lower ends of the posts A, at the inner sides of and parallel with the side bars, B, are attached bars C, in the edges of which, next the said side bars B, are formed half-round or square notches *c'*, to receive the broom-handles and keep them erect and separate. The ends of broom-handles, when in place, rest upon a board, *b'*, attached to the bottom bars B. To the upper sides of the upper notched bars C are attached pins or nails D, upon

which the small brushes and brooms are to be hung. To the middle parts of the posts A are attached bars E, to keep the small brushes and brooms from becoming intermingled with the handles of the large brooms.

The rack may be made of any desired size, but for ordinary purposes, I prefer to make it two and a half feet long, two and a half feet high, and one and a half feet wide. This size will hold two dozen large brooms, and as many small brooms and brushes, and may be stood upon the head of a barrel, the end of a counter, the floor, or in any other convenient place.

For convenience in moving the rack from one place to another, caster-wheels F may be attached to the lower ends of the posts A.

If desired, the bars C, instead of being notched, may have holes bored through them to receive the broom-handles.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A rack consisting of corner-posts A, bars B, having the bottom rest-board *b'*, parallel notched bars C, having top pins D, and the bars or fenders E, all constructed and arranged as shown and described, whereby all the brooms are displayed brush upward, while the intermediate space is utilized by the aid of the fenders for handled brushes.

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