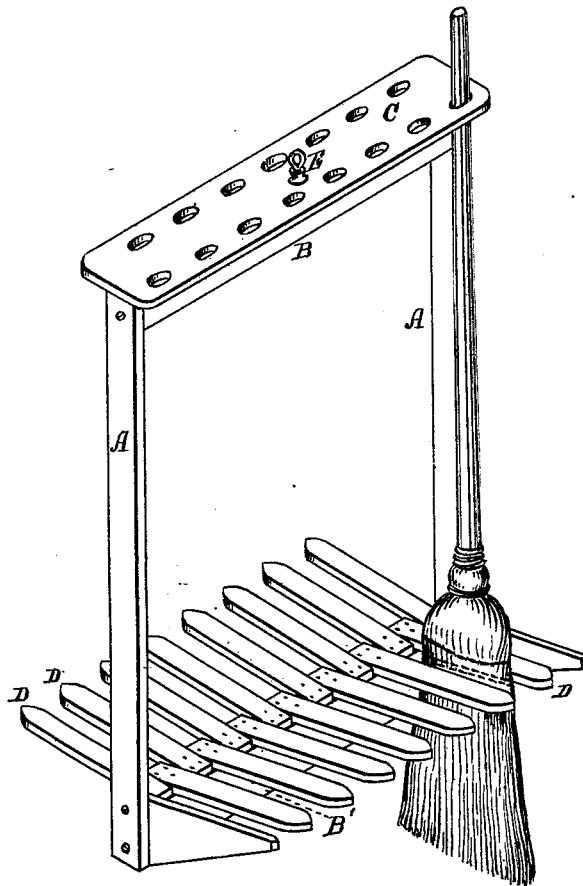


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IMPROVEMENT IN BROOM-RACKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN TERRASS, of Akron, in the county of Summit and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Broom-Racks, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to that class of broom-racks used in stores to display the brooms and hold a small supply for retail trade.

Heretofore, as far as I have ascertained, such racks have been constructed to hold the brooms with the brush upward by having the handles thereof inserted in holes or sockets or an inclosed frame.

The objection to such racks is that not only does the brush tend by its own weight to spread apart and lose its compact shape, but the projecting brush is constantly liable to be injured by being rubbed or struck by different objects.

The object of my invention is to provide a rack which shall hold the brooms compactly in position to be thoroughly inspected without handling, and with the brush end downward; and to that end it consists of a series of parallel fingers or bars projecting from a horizontal bar, between which the brush of the brooms shall be placed at their stitched line, with a board above having a series of orifices, through which the handles of the brooms shall be thrust to hold them in position.

The accompanying drawing exhibits my improved broom-rack as ordinarily constructed.

A light frame is constructed of the uprights A A and cross-bars B B'. From each side of the cross-bar B' project a series of parallel bars or fingers, D D, with a space between

them of such width as to permit the brush of the broom at its thinnest part—*i. e.*, at the stitched line—to freely slide between them and rest upon the swell of the brush above the line of the stitching. Upon the cross-bar B is a thin board, C, in which are a series of perforations corresponding in number and position with the spaces between the fingers D D, and the whole is suspended by a swivel and ring, E. The brooms are placed therein by thrusting the sticks through the orifices in the board C and sliding the brush between the bars D D, as shown. These bars may terminate at the center, as shown, and alternate in position on opposite sides of the cross-bar B', or may be single sticks, attached at their centers to the cross-bar and extending in each direction.

If desired, hooks may be inserted in the bar B, upon which to suspend small hand-brooms.

It is apparent that, if it is desired to attach the rack to the wall, half of the above device should be used, the fingers D D projecting in one direction, with a corresponding number of holes above them.

I claim—

A broom-rack consisting of a series of parallel bars or fingers, between which the brooms are placed at or near the stitched line, with a series of holes above to support the handles, substantially as shown.

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