

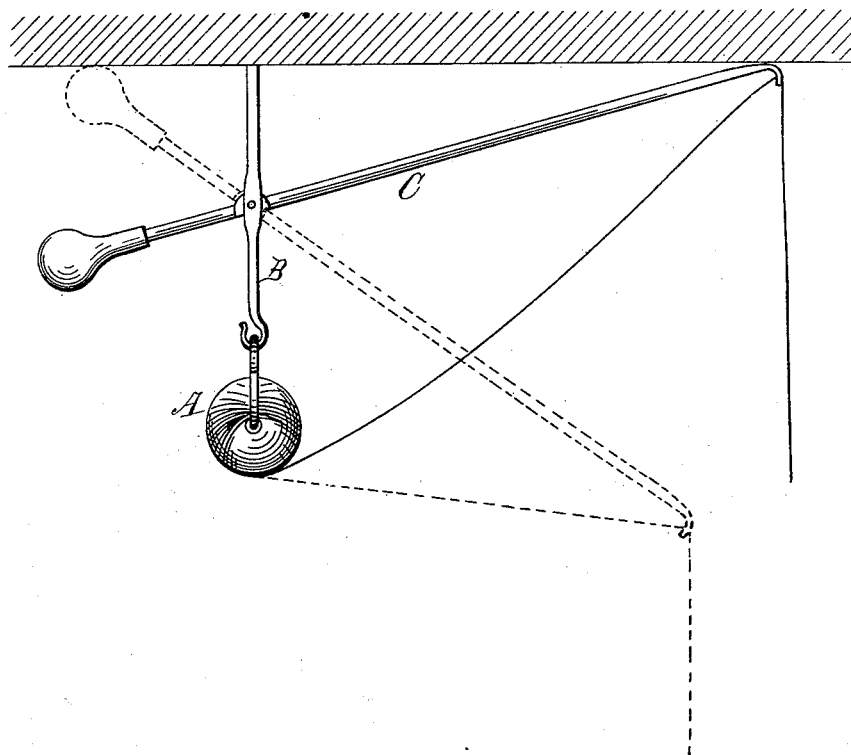
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TWINE HOLDER.

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TWINE-HOLDER.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 264,682, dated September 19, 1882.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANKLIN F. FRENCH, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Humboldt, in the county of Humboldt and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Twine-Holders; 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 which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which forms a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in an attachment for twine-holders; and it consists in a device for keeping the loose or free end of the twine out of the way and in a position where it can be readily reached. I attain this end by the means illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

A represents a twine-holder of ordinary construction, which twine-holder may consist of a spherical shell divided into two parts and provided with suitable tension devices. The twine-holder is usually provided on its upper part with an eye or means for suspending the same.

Attached to the ceiling over the counter or other place where the twine is usually used is a downwardly-projecting rod, B, the lower end of which is provided with a hook for suspending the twine-holder. Secured to this rod B by a pivot is a lever, C, which is provided with a long and a short arm, the short arm being

weighted so as to overbalance the long arm and raise the same. The long arm of the lever C is provided at its ends with a suitable perforation, through which the twine is passed. The lever C may be overbalanced by the short end being larger and heavier than the long end, so as to make the required weight, or by attaching a weight to the same, as shown; or, if desirable, the twine-holder may be attached to the short end. This lever may be plain or ornamental, as fancy may suggest.

By the means hereinbefore described the twine is always kept away from the counter when not in use, and is always within reach, the upper end being raised out of the way by the lever C.

This invention may be modified without departing from the spirit of my invention.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In combination with a twine-holder, an overbalanced twine-carrying lever suspended from the ceiling at a convenient point over the counter, for the purpose set forth.

2. In combination with a twine-holder, the downwardly-projecting rod B, supporting the twine-holder and provided with an overbalanced carrying-lever, C, substantially as shown.

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

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