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Abstract (en)
[origin: WO9507046A1] A mop including an integral wringing device allowing for selective wet- and dry-wringing, comprises: a handle (1; 102) terminating at one end in a head (3; 105) from which extend a plurality of absorbent mop elements (4; 104); a shroud (5; 116) rotatably mounted on the handle (1; 102) and slidable relative thereto between a withdrawn position in which the mop elements (4; 104) are exposed for mopping and an advanced position in which the mop elements (4; 104) are retracted within the shroud (5; 116), whereby the action of sliding the shroud (5; 116) relative to the handle (1; 102) from said withdrawn position into said advanced position effects a wet-wringing of said mop elements (4; 104) as they are retracted within the shroud (5; 116); and at least one wringing element (10; 130) mounted on or within the shroud (5; 116) and including a or a respective mop element-engagable portion (14; 134), the or each wringing element (10; 130) being deformable and/or movable so as to be configurable in either of a first position in which retraction of the mop elements (4; 104) into the shroud (5; 116) upon sliding of the shroud (5; 116) from said withdrawn position to said advanced position is relatively unhindered, and a second position in which, with the shroud (5; 116) in its advanced position and the mop elements (4; 104) retracted therewithin, the or the respective mop element-engagable portion (14; 134) of the wringing element or elements (10; 130) engage and grip the mop elements (4; 104) within the shroud (5; 116) upon rotation of the shroud (5; 116) relative to the handle (1; 102), whereby the action of rotating the shroud (5; 116) relative to the handle (1; 102) when the mop elements (4; 104) are retracted within the shroud (5; 116) and the wringing element or elements (10; 130) are configured in their second position, constitutes a dry-wringing of said mop elements (4; 104).

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