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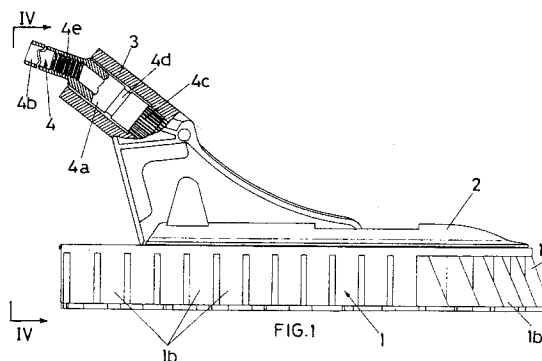
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(57) This invention concerns an improved broom having sturdy brush moulded in elastomers.

The base plate (2) of the broom has a long centre cavity (2a) and a peripheral series of spaced teeth (2b) which force the underlying brush carrier (1) to arch transversely when attached to the plate (2). Additionally, the broom features a splined, angled coupling (4) which permits a screw attachment of a broom handle to the adjustable tilting mechanism (3).

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1. Claims 1,2 : A broom where the plate (2) has teeth which force the underlying brush to arch transversely for prestressing the flexible bristle carrier into a pre-determined shape.
2. Claims 3,4 : A broom having a coupling for attaching a broom handle.