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(54) **DUSTPAN**

(57) The invention is a dustpan (P) for collecting dirt or dust, comprising a flat portion (P1) and a connection device (1) for connecting a handle (M), in turn comprising a sleeve (3) suited to carry a handle (M), a fixed seat (2) provided with connection means (291, 292) suited to directly or indirectly connect said fixed seat (2) to said flat portion (P1) of said dustpan (P) in a removable or non-removable manner, and wherein said sleeve (3) is hinged to said fixed seat (2) and can rotate with respect to said fixed seat (2) between an operating position (A) and a non-operating or folded position (C), and vice versa.

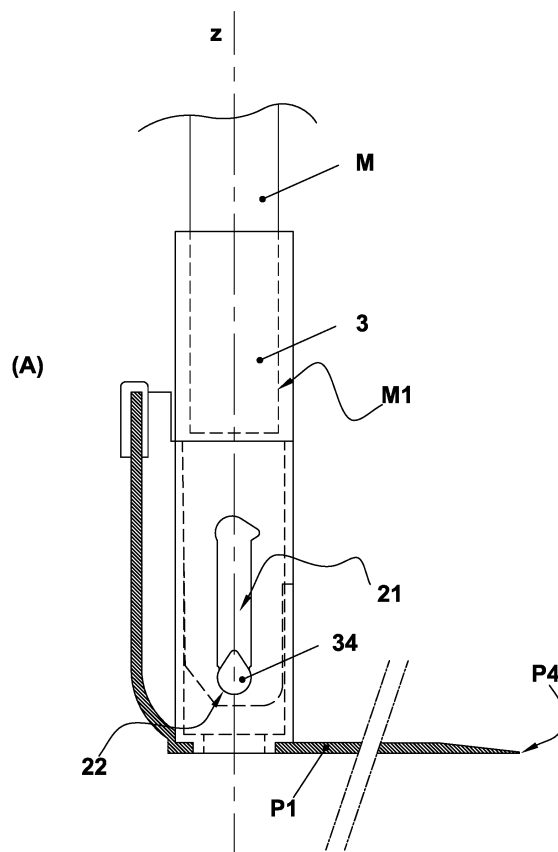


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1. claims: 1-5

Dustpan with improved engagement of the seat

2. claims: 6, 7

Dustpan with improved rotation pins

3. claims: 8-10

Dustpan with slotted holes

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