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(54) BEVELED BROOM AND STEP-ON DUSTPAN CLEANING SYSTEM

(57) A beveled broom and step-on dustpan cleaning system including a step-on dustpan having a step-on portion configured to allow a user to collect debris in a receptacle of the dustpan when a force is applied on the step-on portion. The dustpan includes a lip portion which is configured to seal against a floor surface upon a user stepping on the step-on portion to collect debris. A beveled broom having a broom head configured with a beveled or chamfered shape at a functional angle to provide an effective and efficient contact surface to a floor surface to collect debris during use.

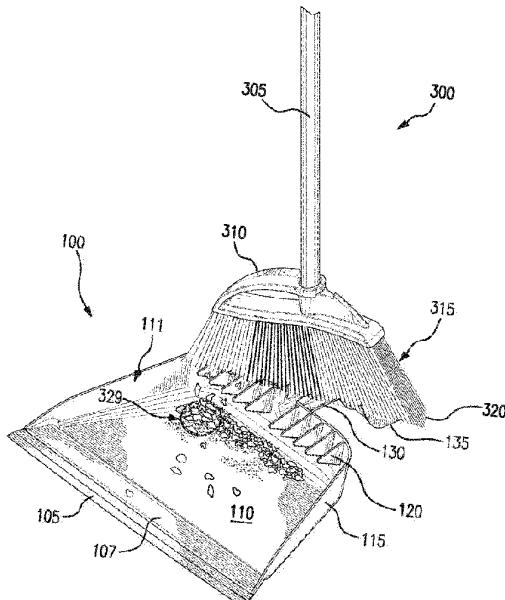


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Providing a dust pan for removing dust from a surface to be cleaned

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2. claims: 7-15

Providing a broom for collecting dust on a floor to be cleaned

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