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#### (54) HOSE HANDLING APPARATUS

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### (57) CLAIM

The ornamental design for a hose handling apparatus, as shown and described.

### DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of a new design for a hose handling apparatus comprising an angular support member, a cylindrical handle, a first gripping element, and a second gripping element, showing the configuration of the handle, the first gripping element, and the second gripping element on the angular support member.

FIGS. 2-3 are side orthogonal views thereof.

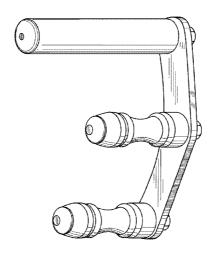
FIG. 4 is a rear orthogonal view thereof, showing the fasteners for fastening the handle, the first gripping element, and the second gripping element to the angular support member.

FIG. 5 is a front orthogonal view thereof; and,

FIGS. 6-7 are end orthogonal views thereof.

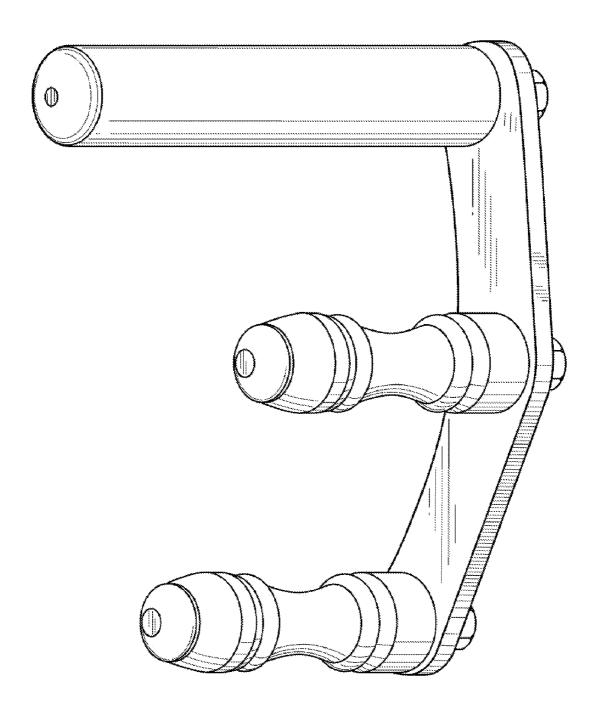
The first gripping element and the second gripping element are of a cylindrical curvilinear shape. The support member comprises a first end, a second end, and a middle section defined between the first end and the second end. The handle is detachably connected perpendicular to the support member at the first end of the support member and forms a rigid connection with the support member, as illustrated in FIGS. 1-3 and FIGS. 6-7. The handle provides a grip to a user's hand and enables the user to maneuver a hose. The first gripping element is detachably connected perpendicular to the support member at the middle section of the support member and forms a rigid connection with the support member, as illustrated in FIGS. 1-3 and FIGS. 6-7. The second gripping element is detachably connected perpendicular to the support member at the second end of the support member and forms a rigid connection with the support member, as illustrated in FIGS. 1-3 and FIGS. 6-7. The first gripping element and the second gripping element are centrally concaved to accommodate the hose. A pair of circular washers made of a flexible material is provided around the first gripping element and the second gripping element to provide a firm grip to the hose and to prevent abrasion of the hose. The circular washers are made of a non-slip rubber material. The handle, the first gripping element, and the second gripping element are rigidly connected to the support member using fasteners, as illustrated in FIGS. 1-7. The handle, the first gripping element, and the second gripping element form a parallel configuration on one planar surface of the support member. The first gripping element and the second gripping element together grip the hose. The handle provides a stable grip to a user for maneuvering and advancing the hose gripped between the first gripping element and the second gripping element.

#### 1 Claim, 7 Drawing Sheets



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**FIG.** 1

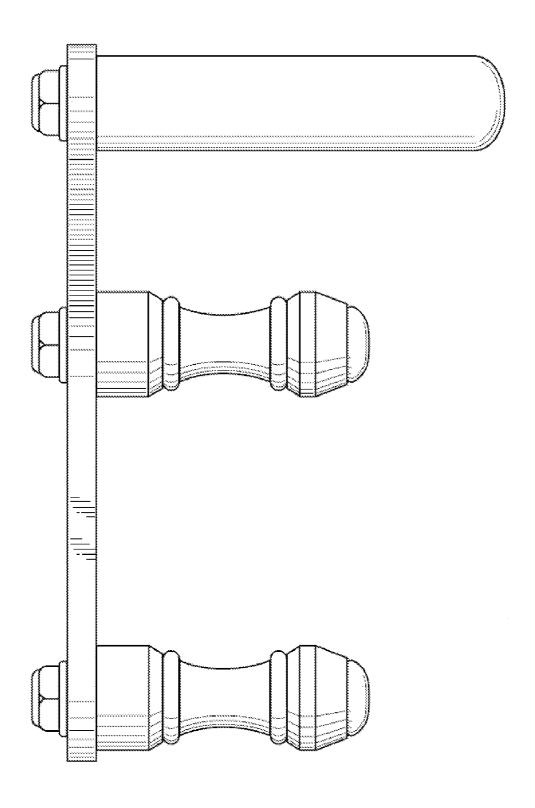


FIG. 2

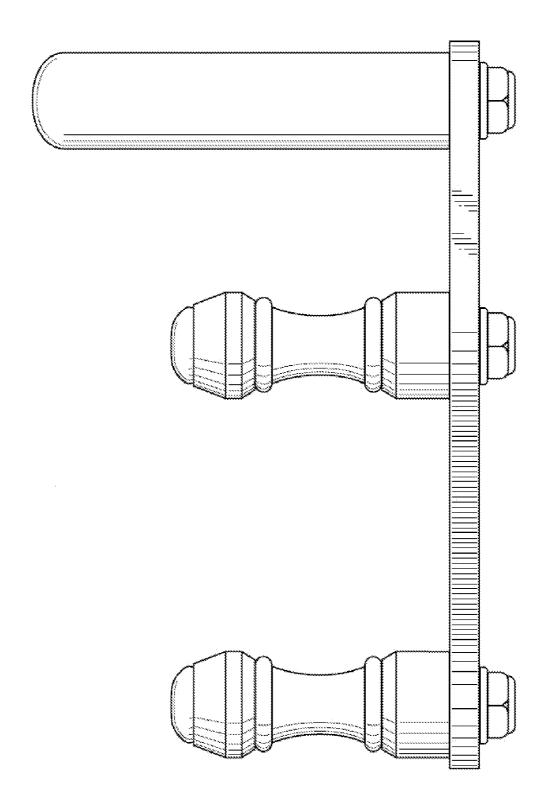
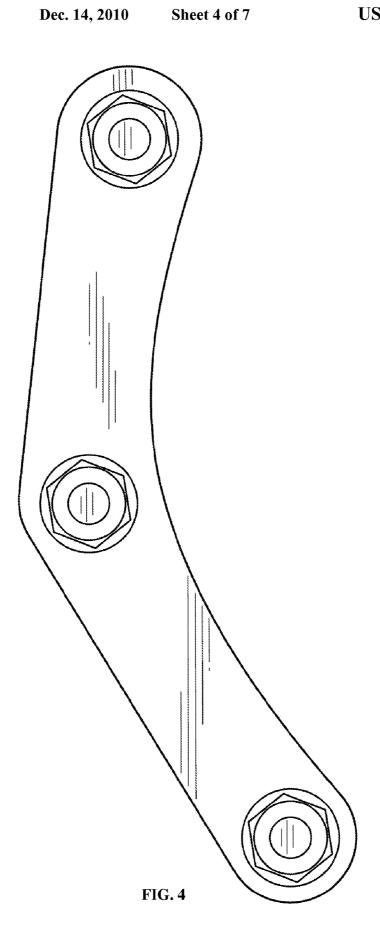
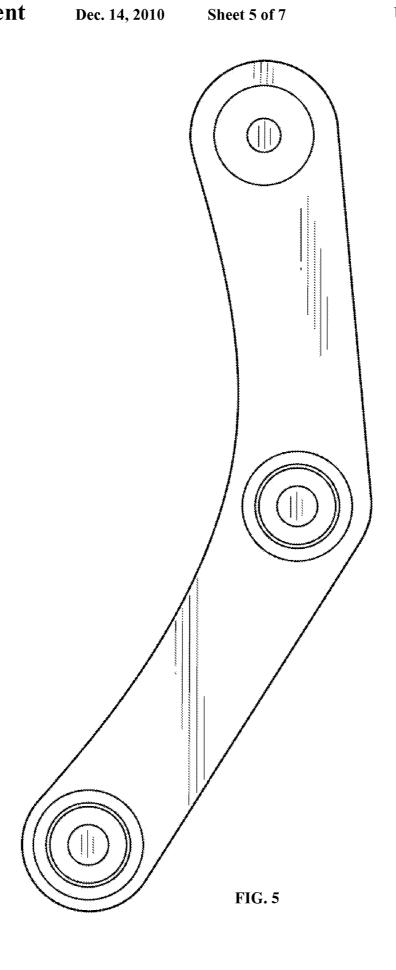


FIG. 3





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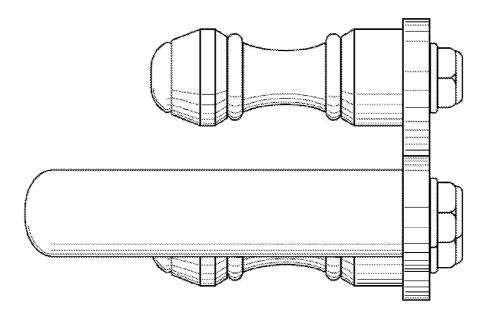
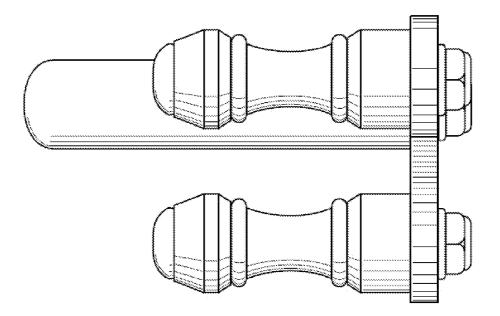


FIG. 6

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**FIG. 7**