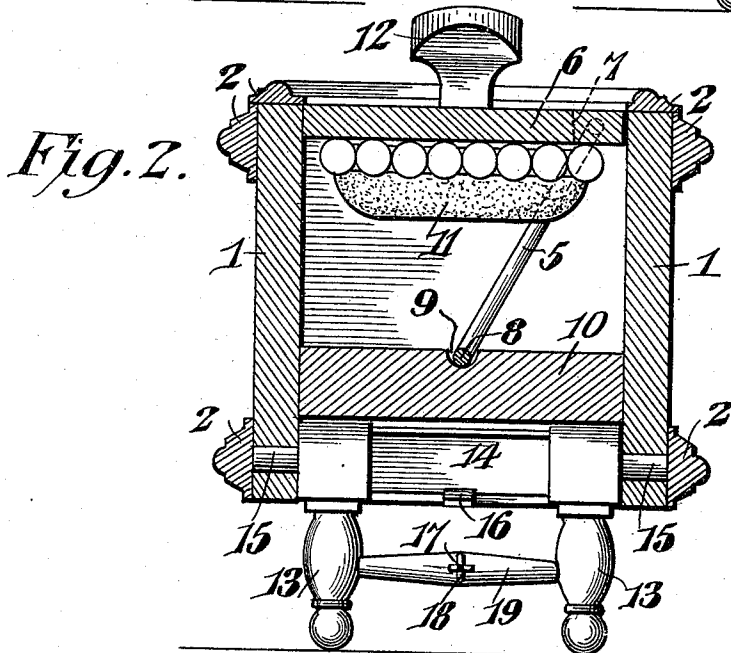
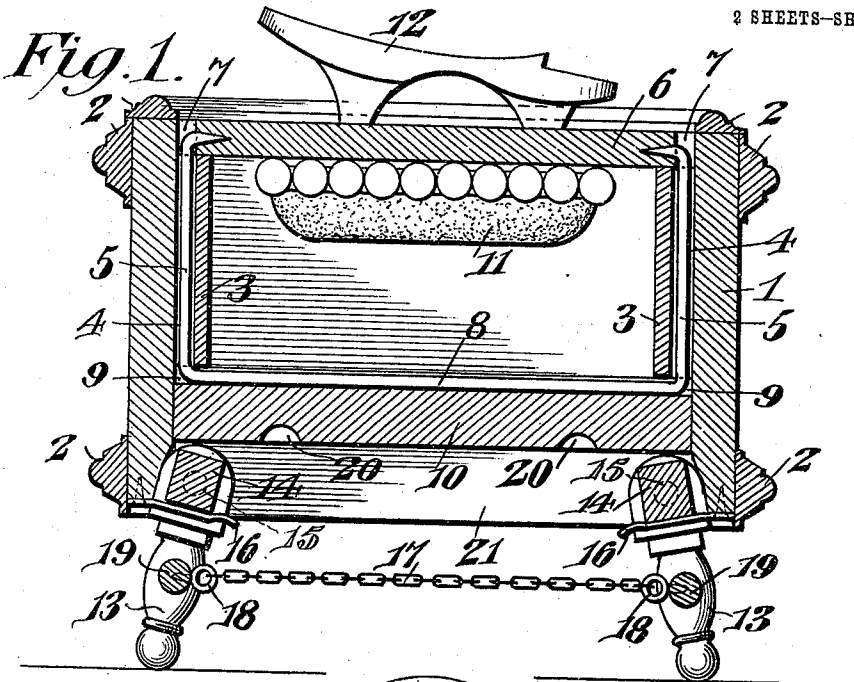


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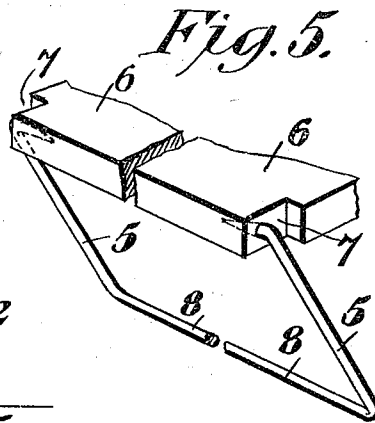
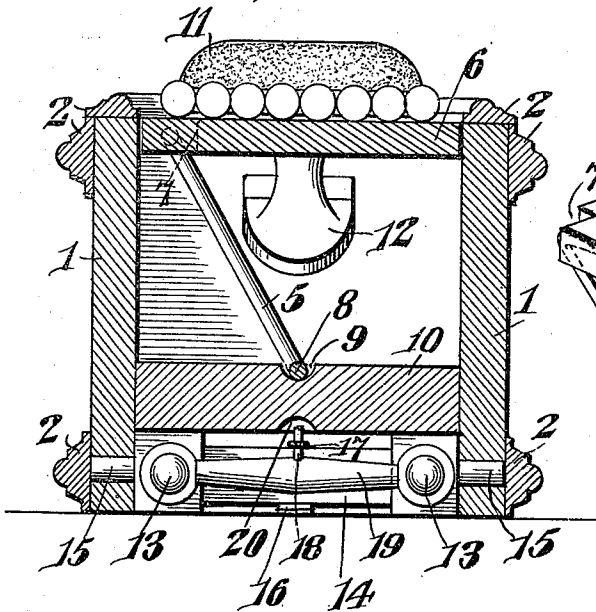
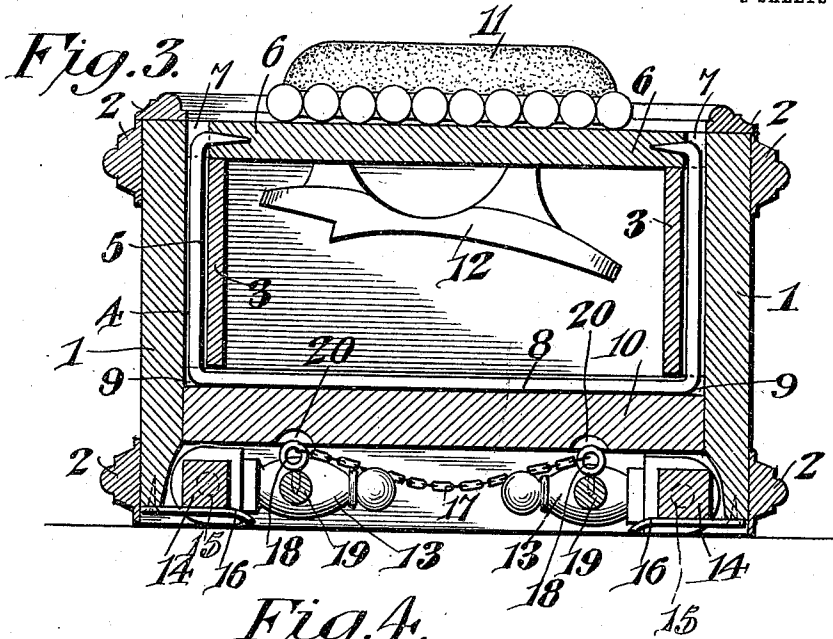
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. KLAUSMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Marys, in the county of Elk and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Combined Foot-Rest and Shoe-Cleaning Stand, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to foot rests, and the object of the invention is to provide a combined foot rest and shoe cleaning stand which may be quickly and easily adapted for either use and which will be of simple and inexpensive construction and of an ornamental appearance.

The invention embodies a cabinet or hollow body having a reversible top and provided with folding supports which may be readily extended to support the device when it is to be used for shoe-cleaning purposes, and which may be folded under the body when it is desired to use the article as a foot rest.

A device embodying my invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and the invention consists in certain novel features thereof which will be hereinafter first fully described and then pointed out in the appended claims.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of my device showing it arranged for use in cleaning shoes. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the same, the transverse partitions being removed. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section showing the device arranged for use as a foot rest. Fig. 4 is a transverse section of the same, the transverse partitions being removed. Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of a portion of the reversible top and its support.

In carrying out my invention, I employ a body 1 which is hollow and thereby adapted to contain the shoe-cleaning outfit, and this body is provided along its sides and across its ends with molding 2 whereby it is given an ornamental appearance. Within the body and adjacent the ends of the same I provide partitions 3 whereby chambers 4 are formed to receive the links 5 carrying the reversible top 6. The links 5 are pivotally mounted at their lower ends within the body on the central longitudinal line of the same and at their upper ends are pivotally secured to the opposite longitudinal corners of the reversible cover within recesses or notches 7 in said corners. In the preferred form of my

invention which is illustrated in the drawings, the lower ends of these links 5 are connected by a rock shaft 8 which is fitted in a longitudinal groove 9 in the upper surface 60 of the bottom 10 of the body so that the even simultaneous movement of the links is assured and, consequently, the swinging of the cover performed in a smooth even manner without binding against either end of 65 the body.

The transverse partitions 3 not only serve to provide chambers in which the links 5 may play, but they also serve to prevent the brushes or other articles placed within the cabinet from striking against the links in the movement of the same and thereby interfering with the successful operation of the device and they also support the cover at each end. On one side of the cover or 75 top 6, I secure a cushion 11 which may be ornamented in any desired manner and which serves as a convenient foot rest when the device is arranged as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. On the opposite side of the cover, 80 I secure a block 12 which is shaped to receive the sole and heel of a shoe, and which is intended to be used in the operation of cleaning and polishing a shoe upon the foot of the user. 85

When the device is to be used as a shoe-cleaning outfit, it is, of course, desirable to have it at a greater elevation than when it is used merely as a foot rest, and, for this purpose, I provide the feet or supports 13 90 which are secured at their upper ends to cross bars 14 and are pivotally mounted in the front and back walls of the cabinet by means of journals 15, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4. Leaf springs 16 are secured to the 95 lower edges of the ends of the cabinet and bear against the cross bars 14 so as to hold the supports in either position to which they may be adjusted, and the supports are connected by a chain or other flexible device 17 100 so that spreading of the same will be prevented. In order to accommodate the rings 18 by which the said chain is attached to the cross bars 19 between the supports, recesses 20 are formed in the lower surface 105 of the bottom of the cabinet so that the supports may be folded closely against the said surface of the bottom of the cabinet, as shown in Fig. 3. The lower edges of the side and end walls of the cabinet are extended below the bottom, as shown at 21, 110 so that when the supports 13 are folded up

against the bottom, they will be completely hidden and an unsightly appearance of the foot rest will be avoided.

When the device is intended to be used for shoe-cleaning purposes, the cover is arranged with the block 12 uppermost and the user places his shod foot upon the said block whereby the shoe will be in position to be conveniently cleaned and polished.

When it is desired to use the device as an ordinary foot rest, the cover 6 is swung upward on its pivotal connection with the upper ends of the links 5 and the said links are at the same time swung to the opposite side of the cabinet upon their pivoted lower ends, as will be readily understood, thereby bringing the cushion 11 uppermost, as shown in Fig. 3. The reversing of the cover is thus accomplished easily and quickly and without strain on any of the supporting parts, and when the cover is in either of its positions, its weight will be supported by the transverse partitions 3 so that bending of the links 5 and the consequent damaging of the device will be avoided. The cover fits between the inner faces of the side and end walls so that when it is in either position, it will be prevented from turning unless it is swung upward upon its pivotal connection with the links so that the accidental disarrangement of the device cannot occur. When the cover is swung upward on its connection with the links, the recessed corners of the cover will swing over the ends of the links and thereby avoid locking contact with the sides of the links, and when the links are swung from one side to the other of the cabinet, they will carry the cover slightly upward away from the partitions 3 so that the edges of the cover will not bind upon the said partitions in the reversing movement.

The cabinet or body of the device serves to inclose all the working parts, and when the device is arranged as an ordinary foot rest, the block 12 will be completely hidden from view and no unsightly parts will be shown to detract from the appearance of the article.

The advantages of the construction and of the method of operation will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art to which the invention appertains, and while I have described the principle of operation of the invention, together with the device which I now consider to be the best embodiment thereof, I desire to have it understood that the device shown is merely illustrative, and that such changes may be made when de-

sired as are within the scope of the claims appended hereto.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. The combination with a hollow body, of a reversible cover therefor having one side constructed to serve as a foot rest and the other side provided with a block to support a shoe, and vibratory arms pivotally mounted at their lower ends within the body and having their upper ends pivotally secured to opposite corners of the cover.

2. The combination of a hollow body, transverse partitions within the body near the ends of the same, a reversible cover the body adapted to rest upon the said partitions, said cover having one side constructed to form a foot rest and the other side provided with a block to support a shoe, and vibratory arms mounted between the said partitions and the ends of the body and having their upper ends pivotally attached to the said cover.

3. The combination of a hollow body, a reversible cover therefor having on one side a cushion to serve as a foot rest and on the opposite side a block to support a shoe, a rock shaft mounted longitudinally upon the bottom of the body, and vibratory arms at the ends of said rock shaft having their upper ends pivoted to opposite corners of the cover.

4. The combination with a hollow body having a central longitudinal groove in the upper side of its bottom, of a reversible cover for the said body having one side constructed to serve as a foot-rest and the other side provided with supporting means for a shoe, and a rock shaft seated in the said groove in the bottom of the body and having vibratory arms at its ends pivotally attached to the cover.

5. The combination with a hollow body, of a reversible cover therefor having on one side a cushion to serve as a foot rest and on the opposite side a block to support a shoe, a rock shaft supported on the bottom of the body and having arms pivotally connected to the cover, and a support for the cover in either of its adjustments.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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