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Fig. 1

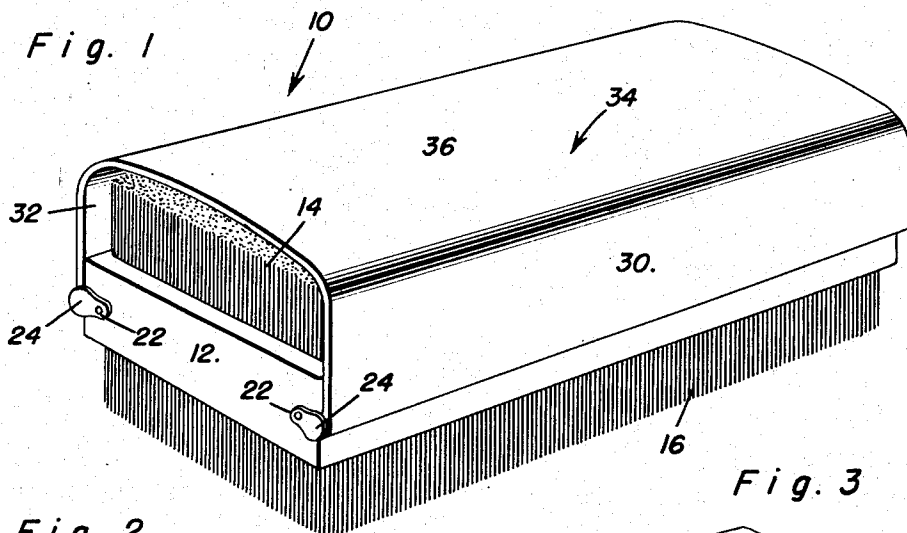


Fig. 2

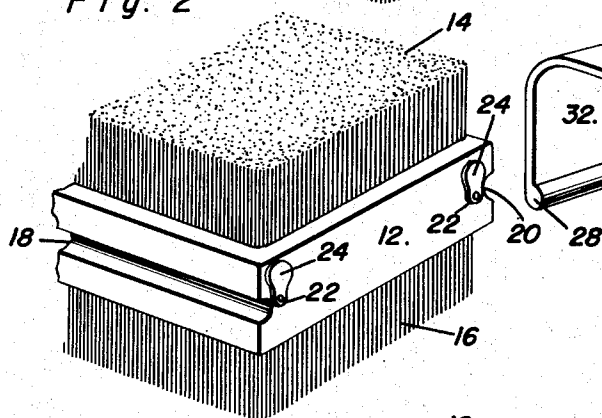


Fig. 3

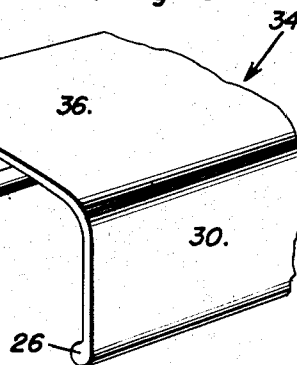
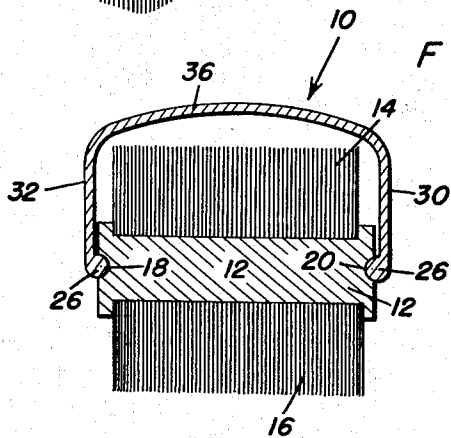


Fig. 4



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1 Claim. (Cl. 15-106)

This invention relates to a device for cleaning and polishing various articles manufactured from leather or like material and more particularly to a combination shoe brush adapted to be employed in the polishing of both brown and black shoes.

The primary object of this invention is to eliminate the necessity for separate and individual shoe brushes for use in polishing black and brown shoes by the provision of a shoe brush having separately and oppositely extending sets of bristles for use in polishing variously colored shoes.

Another object of the invention resides in the provision of a combination shoe brush that is adapted to polish both brown and black shoes while requiring a minimum space for storage, being provided with means for providing a suitable gripping surface and being adapted to shield the user's hand from stain or marking by one set of bristles while using the other set of bristles in a polishing operation.

Still further objects of the invention reside in the provision of a combination shoe brush that is strong, durable, highly efficient in operation, simple in construction and manufacture, employing a minimum number of parts, and which can be stored so as to prevent damage to the bristles.

These, together with various ancillary objects of the invention which will become apparent as the following description proceeds, are attained by this combination shoe brush, a preferred embodiment of which has been illustrated in the accompanying drawings, by way of example only, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the combination shoe brush comprising the present invention with the cover forming one element thereof in position;

Figure 2 is a broken away perspective detail view showing the brush with the cover removed;

Figure 3 is a broken away perspective view of the cover comprising one element of the present invention; and,

Figure 4 is a transverse cross-sectional view of the shoe brush.

With continuing reference to the accompany drawings wherein like reference numerals designate similar parts throughout the various views, reference numeral 10 generally designates the combination shoe brush comprising the present invention. This combination shoe brush 10 includes a base block 12 which may be formed from wood, various synthetic plastics, or any other suitable material.

The block 12 is provided with opposed equally dimensioned sets of outwardly extending bristles 14 and 16. The bristles are secured to the horizontal top and bottom faces of the block as viewed in the drawing. The bristles 14 and 16 may be made from any suitable and conventional material adapted to be used in polishing or refurbishing leather or like goods. The block 12 is provided with longitudinally extending circular grooves 18 and 20 therein. Further, there are pivotally mounted as by pins 22, cam shaped stop members 24 which are adapted to close the grooves 18 and 20 at both ends of the block.

The grooves 18 and 20 are adapted to receive cylindrical beads 26 and 28 which are secured to the leg portions 30 and 32 respectively of a cover member 34. The cover member 34 is provided with a central connecting portion 36 which joins the leg members 30 and 32 and is integrally molded or formed therewith. The cover member 34 is formed from a suitable resilient material and may be made from metal or plastics having the suitable desired characteristics. This resilient member 34 is adapted to be slidably emplaced within the grooves 18 and 20 and held in locked position by the cam stop members 24.

With the cover 34 in position within the grooves 18 and 20 covering one of the sets of bristles, the shoe brush may be readily used to polish shoes or like leather goods using the other set of bristles. The cover member 34 provides an adequate shield for the hand of the user from the bristles not being used.

The cover member, since it is being rigidly held in place by the cam stops 24, provides a good gripping surface enabling the brush to be wielded with great effect. When it is desired to refurbish shoes or shine shoes of a different color, it is merely necessary to rotate the cam stop members 24 and remove the cover 34. Then it may be reversed covering the bristles that were used previously leaving the other set free for use.

Since from the foregoing, the construction and advantages of this shoe brush are readily apparent, further description is believed to be unnecessary.

However, since numerous modifications will readily occur to those skilled in the art after a consideration of the foregoing specification and accompanying drawings, it is not intended to limit the invention to the precise embodiment shown and described, but all suitable modifications and equivalents may be readily resorted to which fall within the scope of the appended claim.

What is claimed as new is as follows:

A shoe brush comprising a substantially rectangular base block having opposite rectangular sides and ends, a pair of oppositely extending sets of bristles secured to said base block, said sets of bristles being of equal dimensions, said bristles being secured to the faces of said base block that are perpendicular to said sides and said ends of said base block, and a single centrally disposed longitudinally extending groove in each of the opposite sides of said base block, a cover received in the grooves selectively covering one of said sets of bristles, said cover comprising a substantially U-shaped elongated resilient member having substantially parallel resilient legs interconnected by a central connecting portion, beads on said legs, said beads engaging said base block and being slidably received in said grooves, and cam stop members pivotally mounted on the ends of said base block, said stop members selectively preventing said beads from becoming disengaged with said base block, said stop members being adapted to align with said grooves.

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