

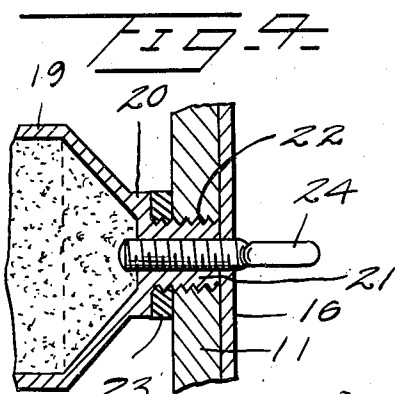
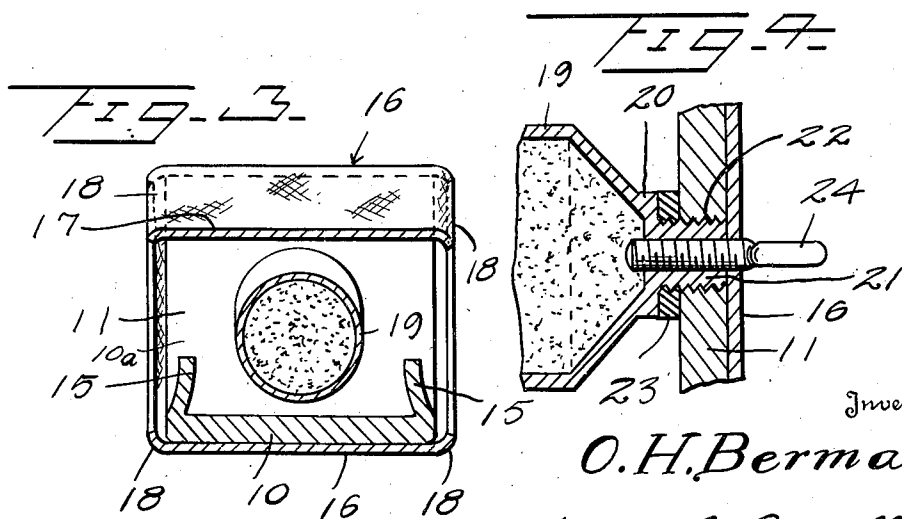
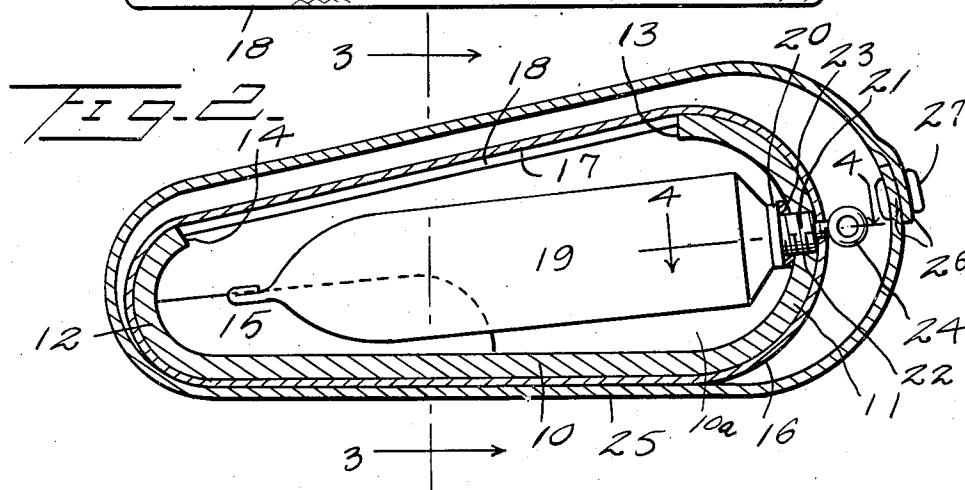
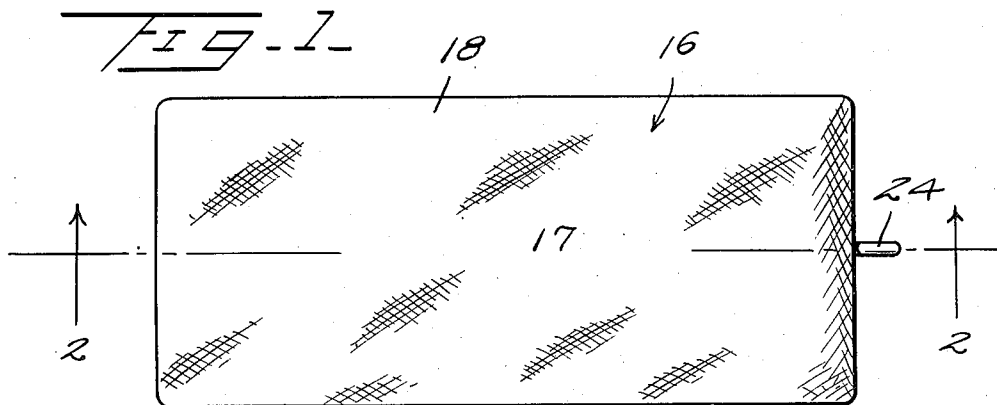
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My invention relates to a shoe shining kit or polishing device and an object thereof is to provide a simple, novel and practical device including a holder for a polishing cloth and means within the holder in the form of a compressible tube containing a supply of polish to be extruded through the cloth so that the latter may be used as a dauber for applying the polish to the shoes or other surface and the holder held in the hand for stroking the surface to which the polish has been applied to shine the same.

Another object of the invention is to provide a shoe shining kit or polishing device which includes a body or support for an elongated endless cloth web or band which serves as a polish applicator or dauber and shining or buffing means, the body being adapted to mount a replaceable and renewable compressible tube containing the polish which is extruded from the tube at one end of the holder or body onto the band to apply the polish over the shoes or other surfaces to be shined or polished by stroking the buffing band back and forth thereover.

Another object is to provide a novel and simple body forming a holder or support for the cloth band, in the form of an elongated flat plate such as plastic with curled ends and over which the band is mounted so that one lap or stretch thereof is firmly held against the flat plate at the bottom and the curled ends and extends between the curled ends at the open top of the holder to also provide a soft flexible upper lap or stretch, both laps being used for buffing and polishing to give better results depending upon the particular parts of the shoe or shape of the surface being polished including recesses or irregular surfaces.

A still further object is to provide a body for supporting the band having convexly round ends one of which is provided with a threaded hole in which the neck of the replaceable and renewable compressible polish-containing and supply tube is mounted to extrude the polish therefrom on the outside of the cloth at one of the rounded ends to eliminate the necessity of using a separate container for the polish and a dauber for applying the polish to the shoes or other surfaces to be buffed by the band, said body having side flanges forming hand hold means to facilitate gripping thereof and stroking and buffing closure being provided for the outlet neck of the tube to prevent extrusions of the polish after the same has been applied or when the device is not in use.

A still further object of the invention is to

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provide an applicator and buffer band or endless web which is wider than the body to project or overlap each side and curl over the edges of the plate forming the body to prevent the band from slipping therefrom and providing additional sharp daubing and polishing surfaces for conveniently applying the polish to recesses or irregular surfaces such as the crotch formed by the joining of the upper to the welt and sole or projections thereof and to facilitate accessibility for polishing or buffing at such points.

A further object of this invention is to provide a polisher and applicator wherein the collapsible supply tube can readily be removed for replenishing the supply or changing the color of polish used.

To the foregoing objects, and others which may hereinafter more fully appear, the invention consists of the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as will be more specifically referred to and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, but it is to be understood that changes, variations, and modifications may be resorted to which fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

In the drawings,

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the daubing and polishing member of the shoe shining kit removed from the receptacle or cloth bag for containing the same;

Figure 2 is a central longitudinal sectional view taken on line 2—2 of Figure 1 of the shoe shining kit complete;

Figures 3 and 4 are sectional views taken on the lines 3—3 and 4—4 of Figure 2.

Referring to the drawings, 10 designates the holder comprising a body or support consisting of an elongated rectangular flat plate or strip such as plastic, synthetic resin, Lucite, phenol condensation products, metal or other suitable material having convexly formed, molded, curled or turned ends 11 and 12 extending in the same direction at one side. The end 11 is preferably formed on a larger radius or curve than the end 12 so that the end 11 is higher or deeper than the end 12 and the holder tapered toward the latter so that a tapered hollow space 10a is provided between the portions 11 and 12 and within the flat plate 10. The convex ends 11 and 12 terminate in transverse end edges 13 and 14, the latter of which may be bevelled outwardly as shown. The side edges of the flat central portion of the plate may be formed with inturned flanges 15 preferably concaved at the outside and set in planes within the parallel longitudinal side edges or

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margins of the plate to form hand grips to facilitate holding the device in the hand in straddling position under the palm and between the fingers.

An elongated endless cloth web or band 16 is mounted on and around the body or support to lie or be held firmly against the outer face of the flat bottom 10 and curled ends 11 and 12 so that one lap or stretch of the band is firmly held against the flat plate at the bottom and curled ends and extends between the curled ends at the top to also provide a soft flexible upper lap or stretch 17 both of which are used for buffing or polishing to give better results depending upon the particular part of the shoe or shape of the surface being polished.

The cloth web or band 16 may consist of a section of tubular web or a strip joined at its ends and is preferably wider than the body or plate 10 and ends 11 and 12, the excessive width being such as one-half inch with a one-fourth inch overlap or projection 13 on each side edge serving to prevent the band from slipping from the holder or plate and providing an additional daubing surface for conveniently applying the polish to recesses or irregular surfaces such as the crotch formed by the joining of the upper and the welt or sole and the projection of the latter.

The tapered hollow space 19a within the holder formed by the plate as described, is designed to accommodate a compressible tube 19 designed to contain the polish and having a shoulder 20 at its neck portion 21 which is threaded to enter a threaded hole 22 through the center of the end 11, preferably with an interposed rubber or other packing washer 23 to prevent leakage and give firm attachment for the tube. The outlet end of the neck 21 is flush with the outer face of the end 11 so as to force the polish into the cloth of the band 16 or through a hole provided therein to facilitate application thereof to the surface to be polished at this point as well as along the flanged or curled edges 18. After the polish has been applied or when the device is not in use, the neck of the tube may be closed by a plug or closure shown in the form of a screw eye 24.

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The daubing and polishing device may be kept within a bag or other container 25 shown tapered in the same manner and having overlapping edges 26 at the mouth thereof adapted to be held together by a suitable fastener such as snap fasteners 27.

What I claim is:

1. A polishing device comprising a holder consisting of a flat plate having the opposite ends curled upwardly and inwardly and providing a space therebetween, a cloth polishing band around the holder and extending across said space, one end of said holder having means for maintaining a compressible polish containing tube with its neck portion extending through said holder for extruding the polish through and onto the band.

2. A polishing device comprising a holder consisting of a flat plate having the opposite ends curled inwardly and upwardly and providing a space therebetween, a cloth polishing band around the holder and extending across said space, said holder having intumed side flanges to provide means by which the holder may be gripped, a removable and renewable compressible polish containing tube extending longitudinally within the hollow space of the holder and having its neck portion mounted through one end of the holder and a closure for said neck portion.

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