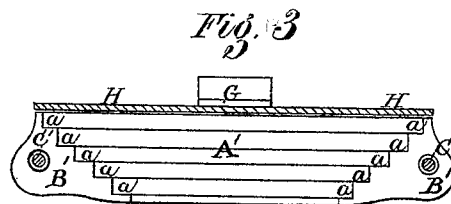
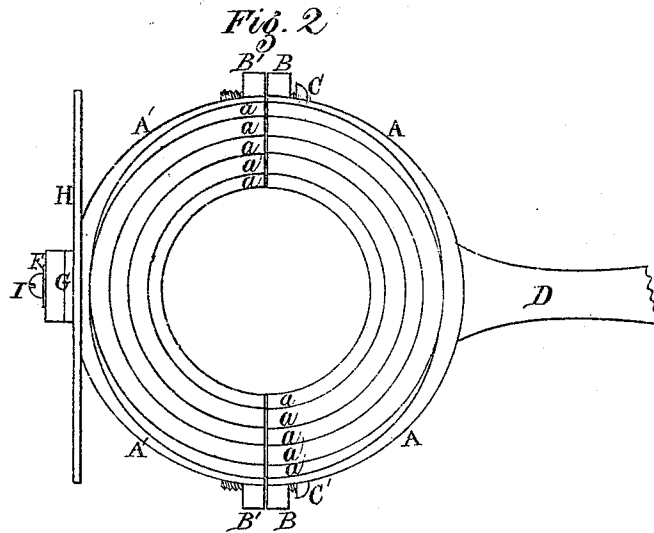
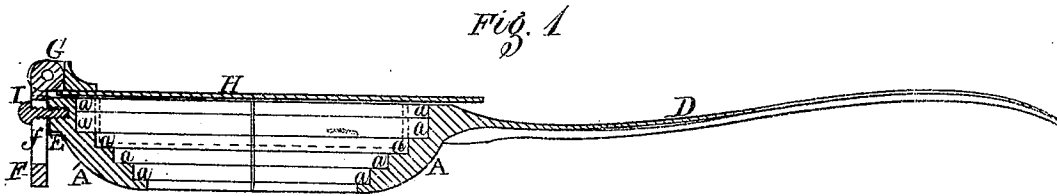


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IMPROVEMENT IN BLACKING-BOX HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL T. WYMAN, of Lynn, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain Improvements in Blacking-Box Holders, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 of the accompanying drawing is a central vertical longitudinal section, Fig. 2 is a top view with the cover raised, and Fig. 3 is a central vertical transverse section, of my improved blacking-box holder.

The object of the present invention is to provide a convenient device for holding blacking-boxes, so as not to soil the user's hands, and allow of its ready adjustment to accommodate and securely hold different-sized boxes; and to this end the invention consists of a metal or other holder formed in two semicircular sections, adjusted to or from each other, to receive and hold different-sized boxes, by screws operating in screw-ears formed on each side of the said sections, and of rabbeting or stepping down the interior of the sections to form seats and bearings for boxes of different sizes; also, of providing the holder with an adjustable cover having a slotted hinged plate, held to the rear section by a screw, to accommodate boxes of different depths in the holder, all of which I will now proceed to describe.

In the drawings, A A' represent two metal or other semicircular sections, formed on both sides with ears B B', having screw-threads, with which engage transverse screws C C', by which the sections are held and adjusted near to or farther from each other, to admit and hold a larger or smaller box, as desired. The sections A A' are curved or otherwise shaped on the exterior, and on the interior are rabbeted or stepped down, forming one or more rims, *a*, each of less diameter than the other as they near the bottom, which is open; or, if desired, the sections may be extended so as to form a closed bottom. The front section A is formed or provided with a suitable handle, D, and the rear section A' is formed at the back with a projecting plate or lug, E, recessed on the front to form side bearings for a vertical plate, F,

formed with a slot, *f*, and hinged or pivoted at the top to side bearings of a plate, G, attached to or formed on a circular cover, H, that extends over the top of the sections A A'. The plate E is formed with screw-threads to receive the ends of a screw, I, that passes through the slot *f*, and bears against the face of, so as to hold it in any desired position, the plate F, which thus allows the cover H to be raised or lowered to the height desired, to accommodate in the holder boxes of different depths.

If preferred, the sections A A' may be hinged together on one side and held and adjusted on the other side by a screw.

The blacking-box is placed within the sections A A', and rests, according to its size, either on one of the higher or lower seats *a* of the holder, whose sections A A' being brought together by the tightening of the screws C C', the face of the rim or seat *a* bears against and securely holds the box.

If the box is of a large size and located on one of the upper seats, in order to allow the operation of the cover and permit it to lie flat on the box, the screw I is loosened, and the plate F raised to the desired height, and then fastened by the tightening of the said screw; and when a small box is inserted on one of the lower seats *a*, the cover H is lowered to the desired position by the adjustment of the plate F by means of the screw I.

By the above description, reference being had to the drawings, it will readily be seen that by my improvements a convenient holder is produced that may readily be adjusted to hold blacking-boxes of different sizes; that the blacking is kept covered when not in use, and is at all times easily accessible without soiling the hands of the person using it.

Having thus described my improvements, what I claim as my invention, and desire to have secured to me by Letters Patent, is—

1. A blacking-box holder formed in two sections, A A', having ears B B', and held together and adjusted to or from each other by screws C C', to receive and hold boxes of different sizes, substantially as specified.

2. A blacking-box holder formed in two sections, A A', held and adjusted as above described, and rabbeted on the interior to form seats and bearings *a* of diminishing diameters, substantially as and for the purposes described.

3. In combination with a blacking-box holder, arranged as herein described, an adjustable hinged cover, H, having a slotted hinged plate, F, held or released from the rear section A' by

a screw, I, substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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