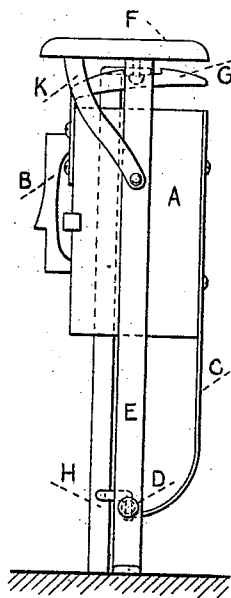
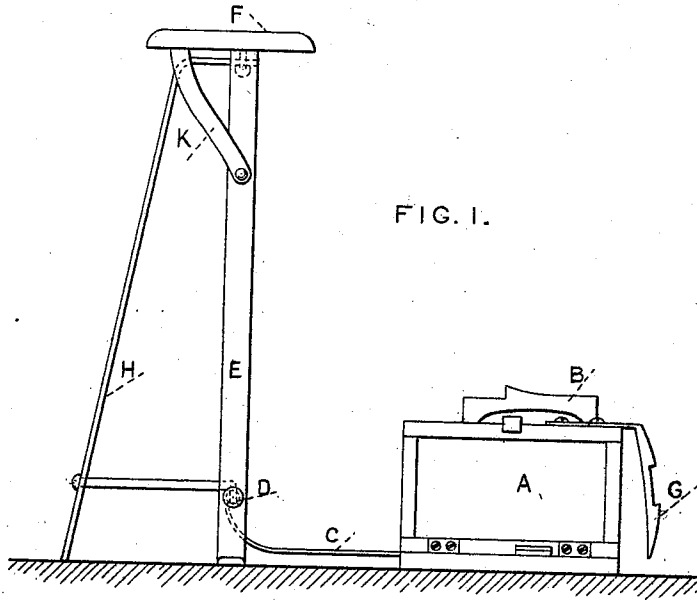


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IMPROVEMENT IN PORTABLE SEATS AND STANDS FOR BLACKING BOOTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD M. SAMMIS, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a certain Improved Portable Seat and Stand for Blacking Boots, &c., of which the following is a specification:

This invention has for its object the providing a portable seat and stand or box combined in such a manner as to be easily carried from place to place, and as readily arranged for use, so that a party wishing his boots or shoes blacked may at all times be furnished with a seat during the operation; and the invention consists in combining the ordinary blacking-box or pedestal with a folding and portable seat, as will hereinafter appear.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the seat and stand or foot-box in proper position for use. Fig. 2 represents the same parts folded together, ready to be carried from place to place, as desired.

At A is shown the ordinary foot-box or apparatus which the boot-blacks in the streets use for holding their brushes, &c., and which also serves as a support for the foot during the operation of blacking, the sole resting upon the pedestal, as at B, which is attached to one side of said box. Upon the opposite side of the box is attached a strap or stay, either of metal or wood, as at C, which extends back a proper distance, around a rung, as at D, which extends across between two feet, as at E, that form the main support to a seat, as at F, which is mounted upon the top of said feet E, and is firmly attached thereto, and in this manner the said box is connected with the seat to keep them in proper relative position during the time of being used; but when they are to be carried the box A is lifted up, the stay at C turning upon the rung or bar at D until the box is tilted on end under the seat, as shown at Fig. 2, and is there held by a spring-catch, as at G, which engages with a stop on the under side of the seat, and thereby the box is held in a fixed position under the seat and between its legs E.

In order to give greater stability to the seat

a third leg or foot, as at H, is provided, which is formed of metal, and is bent at its upper end to such an angle as to rest under the seat, and extend back and downward to the rear, to serve as a support against being tilted backward. Said leg is attached to the under side of the seat, near its center, by a pivot projecting downward, so as to permit the leg to swing around to the side of one of the other legs or feet, as shown at Fig. 2, and so that they may be folded together, as there represented, for compactness and convenience of handling or carrying. At or near the lower end of said folding leg H is a stay-rod, which is attached firmly to the leg, and is pivoted to the rung or bar D between the feet, for the purpose of holding the lower end of said foot in a fixed position relatively to the others, and at the same time permit the foot to be folded upon the others, as already mentioned.

A bracket, as at K, is attached on each side of the seat, near its rear edge, and extends down to a point on the leg E, and they serve as braces to the seat.

It is evident that the leg H may be left off the apparatus without destroying the functions of a seat, and it is also evident that the box need not be closed with a lid, as is shown, but may be simply a pedestal for the foot.

I therefore claim—

1. The combination of a stand or pedestal with a seat for a blacking apparatus, whereby the two may be folded together for portability, substantially as described.

2. In combination with a blacking apparatus, as described, the folding leg H under the seat, as and for the purposes set forth.

3. In combination with the blacking-box and the seat, the self-acting locking device or spring-catch, as and for the purposes set forth.

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