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DISPOSABLE SHOE DRESSING DEVICE

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FIG. 1

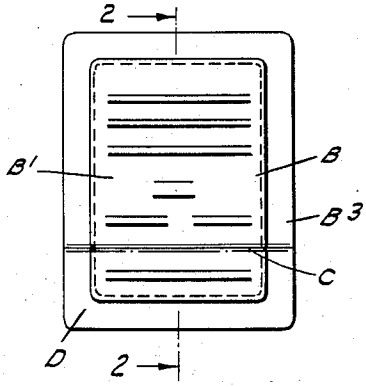


FIG. 2

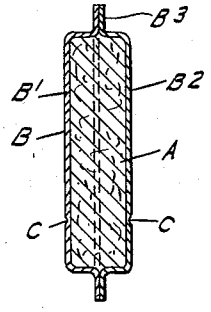
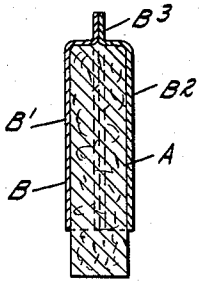


FIG. 3



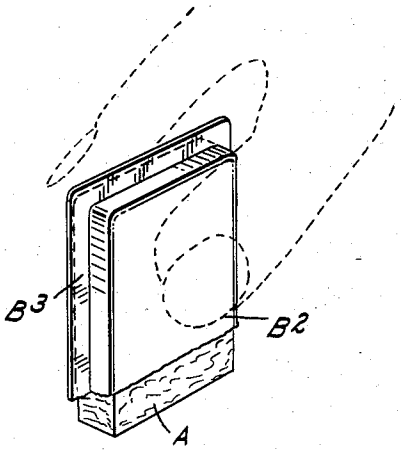


FIG. 4

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It is the object of the invention to obtain a simple construction of disposable shoe dressing device which may be carried by the user without injury to the clothing or soiling of the fingers or hand when used. To this end the invention consists in the construction as hereinafter set forth.

In the accompanying drawings:

Fig. 1 is an elevation of the device.

Fig. 2 is a cross section on line 2—2, Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 with a portion of the cover removed.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view illustrating the device as in use.

It is the purpose of the invention to provide means for quickly polishing or dressing one's shoes at any time or in any place. This I have accomplished by providing a small absorbent pad impregnated with a shoe polish or dressing and completely covered so that it may be safely carried in a pocket without injury to the clothing. The pad is formed of material which is sufficiently rigid to permit of manipulation in polishing the surface of the shoe. It is also small in size but of sufficient extent for holding a portion between the thumb and finger when in use. The pad is impregnated with a dressing material of selected color and is protected by a cover which is impervious to such dressing. While this cover completely incloses the pad a portion is adapted for removal to expose the surface which contacts with the shoe.

More in detail and as illustrated A is the absorbent pad formed of any suitable material such as felt having a degree of rigidity and which is impregnated with the selected dressing. B is a cover formed of some suitable material such for instance as a metallic foil which is impervious to the dressing and completely incloses the pad. As shown in Fig. 2 the cover may be formed of separate sections B', B^2 on opposite faces of the pad with marginal

portions B^3 on all sides which are secured to each other. This may be accomplished by an adhesive surface on the inner face of the foil. Also to permit of easily removing a portion of the cover to expose a surface of the pad for contact with the shoe this cover may be formed with a weakened line C so that the portion on one side thereof may be readily torn off.

The construction as described may be stored or carried with complete protection from escape of the liquid dressing. However at any time the portion D of the cover on one side of the weakened line may be torn off, while the portion on the opposite side may be grasped between the thumb and finger of the hand and without danger of soiling either, it may then be used for polishing or dressing the shoe after which it may be thrown away.

The outer surface of the cover is adapted to receive advertising matter.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A disposable shoe dressing device comprising an absorbent pad, a shoe dressing material in said pad, and a cover enclosing said pad impervious to said dressing material, said cover having a weakened line extending around the same dividing the package into two zones of unequal size, one zone being separable at said line and removable to expose a projecting portion of said pad, the other zone being adapted to securely retain said pad therein while permitting manual grasping thereof and manipulation of the exposed pad to apply the dressing material to the shoe, said pad being composed of a material sufficiently rigid to permit manipulation of said exposed projecting portion, and said pad being sufficiently compacted and integrated to be non-removably retained within said unseparated cover zone during said shoe dressing manipulation.

2. A device in accordance with claim 1 in which said pad and package are both in elongated form and the weakened line in said package extends around the same between the more distant ends thereof forming a smaller removable portion and a larger retaining portion.

3. A device in accordance with claim 1 in which the absorbent is felt and the package material is metal foil.

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