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SHOE BLACKING STAND

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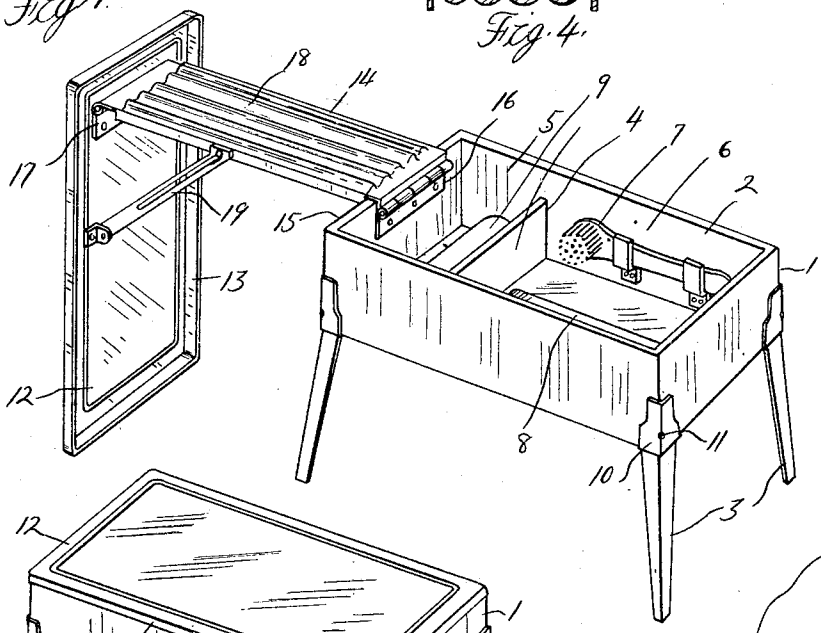


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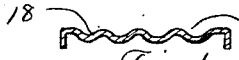


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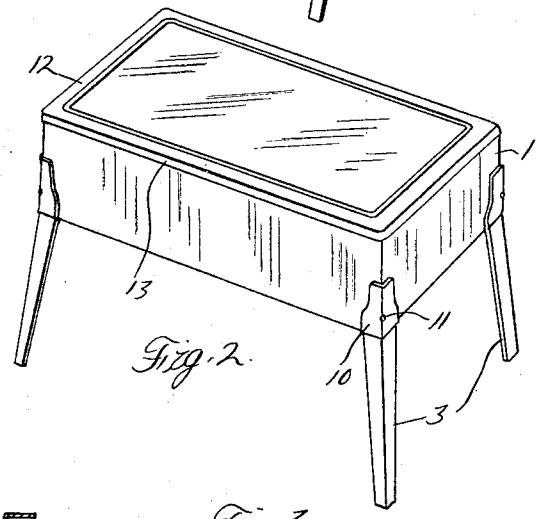


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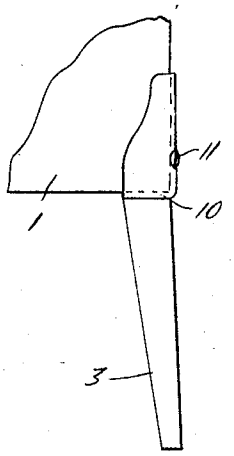


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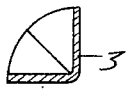
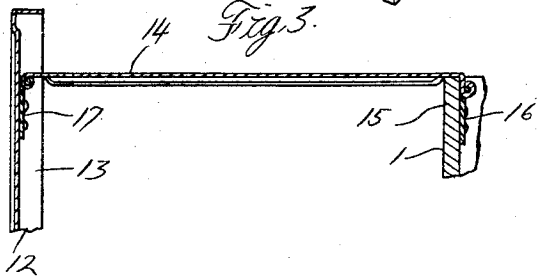


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This invention relates generally to portable shoe blacking stands and consists of certain novel features of construction, combinations and arrangements of parts as will be more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a stand embodying my invention and showing the cover in open position.

Figure 2 is a similar view but showing the cover in closed position.

Figure 3 is a longitudinal vertical sectional view through the stand.

Figure 4 is a cross sectional view through the link.

Figure 5 is a fragmentary side elevation of a corner portion of the stand.

Figure 6 is a fragmentary cross sectional view through one of the legs.

Referring now to the drawing, the numeral 1 designates a stand embodying my invention having an open top box 2 that is preferably supported at the corners thereof upon suitable legs 3. As shown, the box 2 is substantially rectangular in shape and is divided by a partition 4 into compartments 5 and 6 respectively for receiving suitable cleaning and polishing articles such as the dauber 7, brush 8, and tubes 9 of clean cream.

To provide a strong and durable construction which is neat in appearance, the legs 3 of the stand are preferably formed of sheet metal. In detail, each leg 3 is preferably V-shaped in cross section and is provided adjacent to its upper end with a transversely extending shoulder 10 which forms a suitable seat for the bottom edges of the box 2. Any suitable means such as the screws 11 may be used to secure the legs 3 to the box 2. As shown, these screws 11 are preferably driven through the legs 3 at the apex of each V, hence the number of such securing elements have been reduced to a minimum.

In order that means may be employed alternately for the closing the box and for supporting shoes and the like while being cleaned, I preferably provide the box 2 with a swingingly mounted cover 12. As shown, this cover is preferably formed of metal and is provided with the marginal flanges 13 that stiffen and reinforce the same and that are adapted to overlap the upper edges of the box 2 when the cover is in closed position. For mounting the cover 12 upon the box 2, I preferably provide a link 14 that is hingedly connected at one end to an end wall 15 of the box and is hingedly connected at its opposite end to cover 12. As shown, one of the hinge parts 16 is preferably formed integral with the link 14 and extends at right angles thereto so that when the cover 12 is moved to open position, the link 14 will rest upon the upper edge of the end wall 15 of the box, while the hinge part 17 is secured to the inner face of the cover 12, preferably adjacent to one end thereof so that the cover will support the outer end of the link 14 when in extended position. Thus, with this construction, the cover 12 may be swung upwardly and outwardly from closed position shown in Figure 2 to open position shown in Figure 1, whereupon a shoe (not shown) may be placed upon the link 14 to be cleaned and polished. In this connection it will be noted that the link 14 is relatively narrow, in fact substantially equal in width to the width of a shoe, hence the link will afford a sufficient bearing for a shoe but will not interfere with the downward movement of hands while a shoe is being cleaned, for instance with a brush or strip of cloth.

If desired, the link 14 may be provided with longitudinally extending corrugations 18 which may be engaged by the side of a shoe to prevent the latter from slipping transversely of the link while being cleaned or polished. A slotted brace 19 may also be provided to strengthen the cover 12 and link 14 when in extended position.

Thus, from the foregoing description, it will be readily apparent that the cover 12 is connected directly to the link 14 which in turn is connected directly to the box 2, hence the cover 12 may be readily moved from closed position to extended position to support the link 14 upon which the shoe is adapted to rest. In view of this arrangement it will also be apparent that the desired results may be obtained with the use of relatively fewer parts. Moreover, the metal cover 12 and legs 3 add materially to the general appearance of the stand.

While it is believed that from the foregoing description, the nature and advantages of the invention will be readily appar-

ent, I desire to have it understood that I do not limit myself to what is herein shown and described, and that such changes may be resorted to when desired as fall within the scope of what is claimed.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. In a stand of the class described, the combination with an open top box, of a corrugated sheet metal shoe rest hingedly connected at one end to a wall of said box, said connection being at the upper edges of said wall whereby the shoe rest may rest on said wall when in open position, and a cover for said box carried by the outer end of said shoe rest and adapted when in open position to engage a suitable support outside of said box for supporting the outer end of said shoe rest when the latter rests on the wall aforesaid of said box.

2. In a stand of the class described, the combination with an open top box, of a shoe rest having one end thereof hingedly connected to a wall of said box, and a cover for said box carried by the free end of said shoe rest and having marginal flanges for embracing the upper edges of said box.

3. In a stand of the class described, the combination with an open top box, of a cover for said box entirely separate therefrom and comprising a sheet metal stamping, hinge sections secured respectively to said stamping and to a wall of said box, and an intermediate shoe rest having hinge sections at its opposite ends connected directly to the hinge sections respectively aforesaid.

4. A stand of the class described, the combination with an open top box, of a shoe rest comprising an elongated sheet metal stamping carried by the box and normally within the same, and a cover for the box entirely separate therefrom comprising a sheet metal stamping connected to said shoe rest and adapted when in one position to support the latter.

5. In a stand of the class described, the combination with an open top box, a shoe rest normally within said box being hingedly connected at one end to a wall of said box so that one end of said shoe rest may be swung laterally outside of said box, and a cover for said box entirely separate therefrom comprising a sheet metal stamping hingedly connected directly to said shoe rest.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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