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Fig. 1.

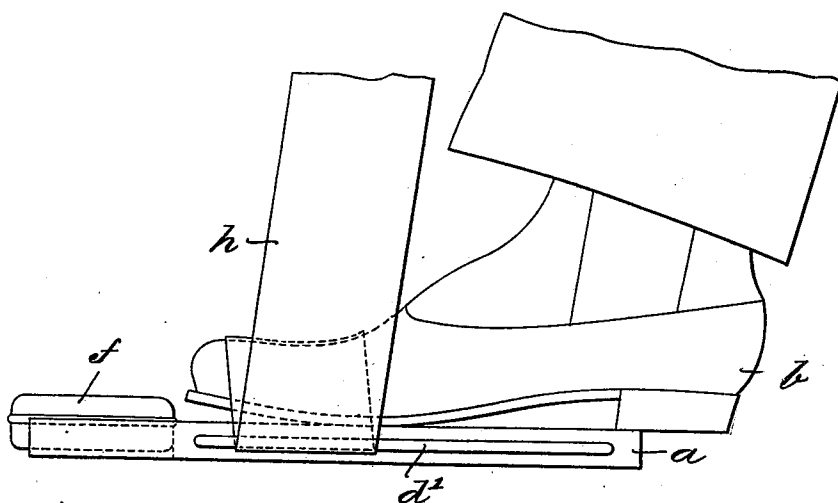


Fig. 2.

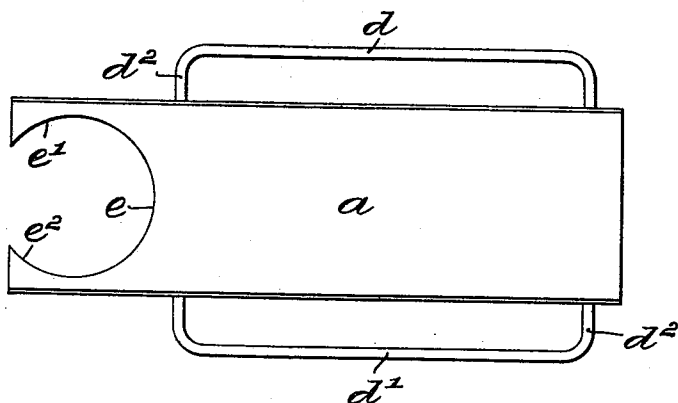
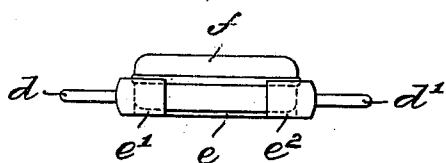


Fig. 3.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK P. SMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at No. 308 Washington street, in the city of Camden, in the county of Camden and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Devices for Polishing Boots or Shoes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a device by means of which boots or shoes may be polished with a cloth or rag; and in such connection the invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts constituting such a device, substantially as hereinafter described and claimed.

The nature and scope of my invention will be more fully understood from the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, forming part hereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevational view of a device embodying main features of my invention with a boot or shoe shown in position thereon and polishing-cloth arranged in connection therewith for effecting the polishing operation of the boot or shoe. Fig. 2 is a top or plan view of the device of my said invention, and Fig. 3 is a front end view of the same.

Referring to the drawings, *a* represents a block or footboard, of wood or the like, upon which the sole and heel of the shoe *b* are adapted to rest when the shoe is to be polished. The sides of this block *a* are provided

with the wires *d* and *d'*, each of which projects parallel with the sides of the block and have turned-in ends *d*<sup>2</sup>, adapted to enter the block to secure the wires to the sides of the said block. The front end of the block *a* is provided with a recess or throat *e*, with overlapping ends *e'* and *e*<sup>2</sup>, into which opening or throat the box *f*, containing the polishing substance or material, is adapted to be inserted and detachably held. A flat strip of cloth or suitable fabric *h* is passed under the wires *d* and *d'* and over the boot or shoe and when in position is drawn rapidly back and forth upon the wires and boot or shoe to polish the same.

Having thus described the nature and object of my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A boot and shoe polishing device, comprising a foot block or board having its forward end cut away to form a recess to detachably hold a box adapted to contain a polishing substance and wires secured to both sides of said block or board and projecting beyond said sides so as to permit of a strip of cloth or other suitable fabric being passed under said wires and over the boot or shoe, substantially as and for the purposes described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my signature in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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