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Fig. 1.

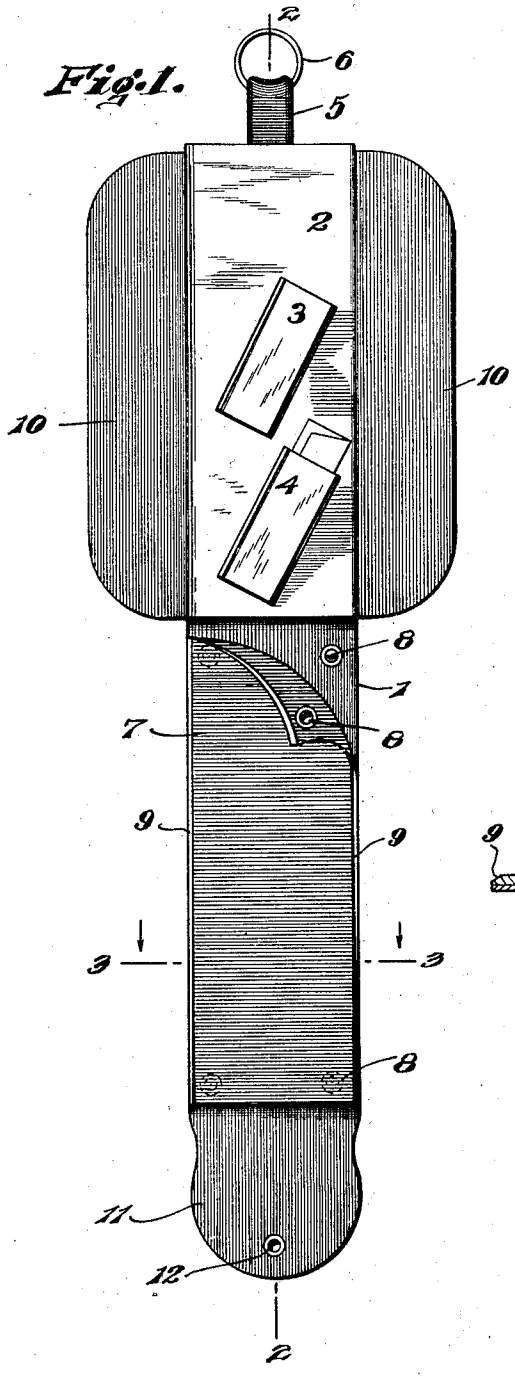
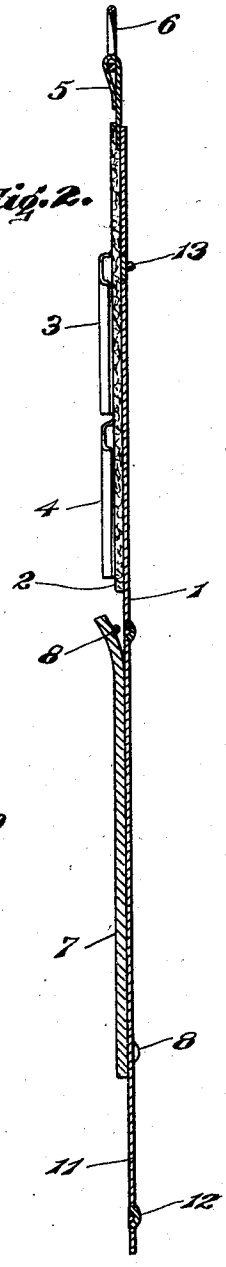


Fig. 2.



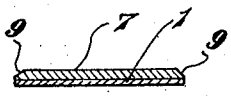


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STANLEY M. KATTELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Razor Strops and Cases; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The objects of this invention are to provide an improved strop and case which will securely enclose the razor when the case is closed and which will permit convenient stropping of the razor when the case is open; to provide a device in which the stropping surface is at a distance from the supporting end so as to give free action in stropping the razor; to avoid flaps adjacent the stropping surface; to permit the device to occupy a small space when folded, but at the same time to securely enclose the razor so the same may not become lost or gather dirt; to permit the replacement of the strop; to reduce the likelihood of cutting the edge of the strop; to secure simplicity of construction and operation, and to obtain other advantages and results as may be brought out in the following description.

Referring to the accompanying drawing in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts throughout the several views,

Figure 1 is a plan of the combined razor case and strop showing same open and showing one corner of the strop unfastened for greater clearness;

Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional view on line 2—2 of Figure 1, and

Figure 3 is a transverse sectional view on line 3—3 of Figure 1.

In the specific embodiment of the invention illustrated in said drawing, the reference numeral 1 indicates the body portion or backing of the case which preferably is a single or integral piece of material extending from end to end of the same and of sufficiently flexible material so that it may be bent where necessary in folding the case. Near one end of the device, which for convenience may be termed the upper end, is suitably mounted as by glue, stitching or the like, a plush or other lining 2 with suitable pockets 3, 4 for receiving the razor and razor blades. This lining enables the pockets 3, 4 to be sewn thereto without having the stitches of the pocket show through on the outside of the body or back 1, thus maintaining a neat and pleasing appearance of the device. It is to be understood, however, that if found more desirable, the lining may be omitted. Furthermore, it is to be understood that the lining may include a stiff material such as cardboard, and the cardboard may be covered with any suitable fabric or other means for enhancing the appearance of the interior of the case. Secured at the extreme end of the back and lining is a tab 5 with suitable means such as ring 6 by which the device may be securely maintained on a hook or other support. This tab is of flexible material so the same may be folded into the case out of the way when the case is folded up.

At the lower part of the back 1 I provide a strop 7, of a length sufficient to conveniently strop a razor, and shown as substantially as long as the lining 2 above referred to. The strop 7 and lining 2 are spaced slightly apart as indicated so as to permit folding the backing on a transverse line between the said strop and backing. Preferably the strop 7 is removably attached to the back 1, although it is to be understood that the specific means of attachment is subject to variation. In the present disclosure I have shown a plurality of snap fasteners 8, one member of each of which is secured to the backing 1 and the other member secured to the strop 7. These snap fastener members may be so attached to the strop as to permit the same to be reversed either longitudinally or turned over so as to use the other side of the strop. Furthermore, the strop may be provided with a surface on one side for normal use in sharpening the razor, and a surface of different character on the other side for use in what is generally known as honing the razor. However, I do not restrict myself to this particular construction in that with the removable strop, another strop having a different character of surface may be readily substituted. In order to assist in preventing the longitudinal edges of the strop from being cut, I preferably bevel the same as indicated at 9 for the entire length of the strop.

For the purposes of making a closed case from which the razor or blades cannot be

readily lost or which will not be likely to gather dust and dirt, I provide flaps 10, 10 opposite each other at the end of the backing 1 along the longitudinal edges thereof adjacent the portion of the backing carrying the lining 2. It is to be noted that these flaps 10, 10 do not extend along the backing for the part thereof which carries the strop 7, and therefore will not in anyway interfere in the convenient stropping of the razor. It may also be here noted that the strop 7 is at a distance from the support 6 of the device thus also adding to the convenience and assuring the ready stropping of the razor.

The lower end of the backing 1 extends beyond the strop 7 forming a tab 11 which, when the strop is folded upwardly, will in turn fold over the upper edge of the backing. A suitable securing means is provided to hold the tab 11 folded over said upper edge, such means being herein shown as a member 12 on the tab and a corresponding member 13 on the backing for engagement therewith when the tab is folded over. The member 12 of this fastening device also forms a projection on the tab which will enable the user to obtain a more secure grip on the tab and hold the backing while the razor is being stropped. It will be understood that in folding the device that the flaps 10, 10 are first turned inwardly as well as the supporting tab or device 5. The lower or strop end of the device is then folded upwardly so the strop 7 lies against the outside of flaps 10, 10 and closes the crevice between the same. The end tab 11 is then folded over the upper edge and fastened and completes the package.

Obviously detail changes and modifications may be made in the construction and use of my invention, and I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself except as required by the following claim when construed in the light of the prior art.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:—

A device of the character described comprising a backing and flaps of less length than the backing secured to opposite edges thereof adjacent one end, pockets secured to the backing intermediate the flaps, a strop, and means for removably securing the strop to the backing adjacent the other end, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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