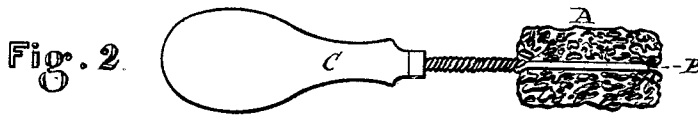
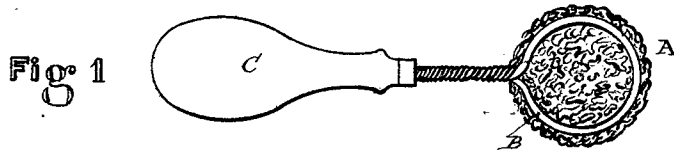


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Specification describing an Improvement in "Blacking-Spreaders," invented by HUGH S. KERR, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My invention relates to the mode of securing a sponge to a handle for the purpose of spreading blacking on the boot preparatory to the polishing process. It consists in securing the sponge to the handle by a wire loop, which is twisted into a shank and inserted in a wooden handle.

Referring to the drawing, Figure 1 is a section through the sponge just above the ring. Fig. 2 is a side view of the blacking-spreader.

A is the sponge, first cut around the center with a sharp knife to form a groove, in which the wire loop is inserted. B is the sponge-holder, made by bending a stout piece of wire and twisting the ends into a shank, which is inserted securely in the wooden handle C.

This blacking-spreader is well suited for applying liquid blacking. Either side of the sponge can be used, and when hard or worn out it can be removed by the thumb and finger and replaced by another sponge, with rarely any expense to the owner.

I claim—

As a new article of manufacture, a blacking-spreader made by the combination of the sponge A, encircled centrally by the wire loop B, which is twisted into a shank and inserted in the handle C, as herein described.

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