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SHOE POLISHING BOX.

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FIG. 1.

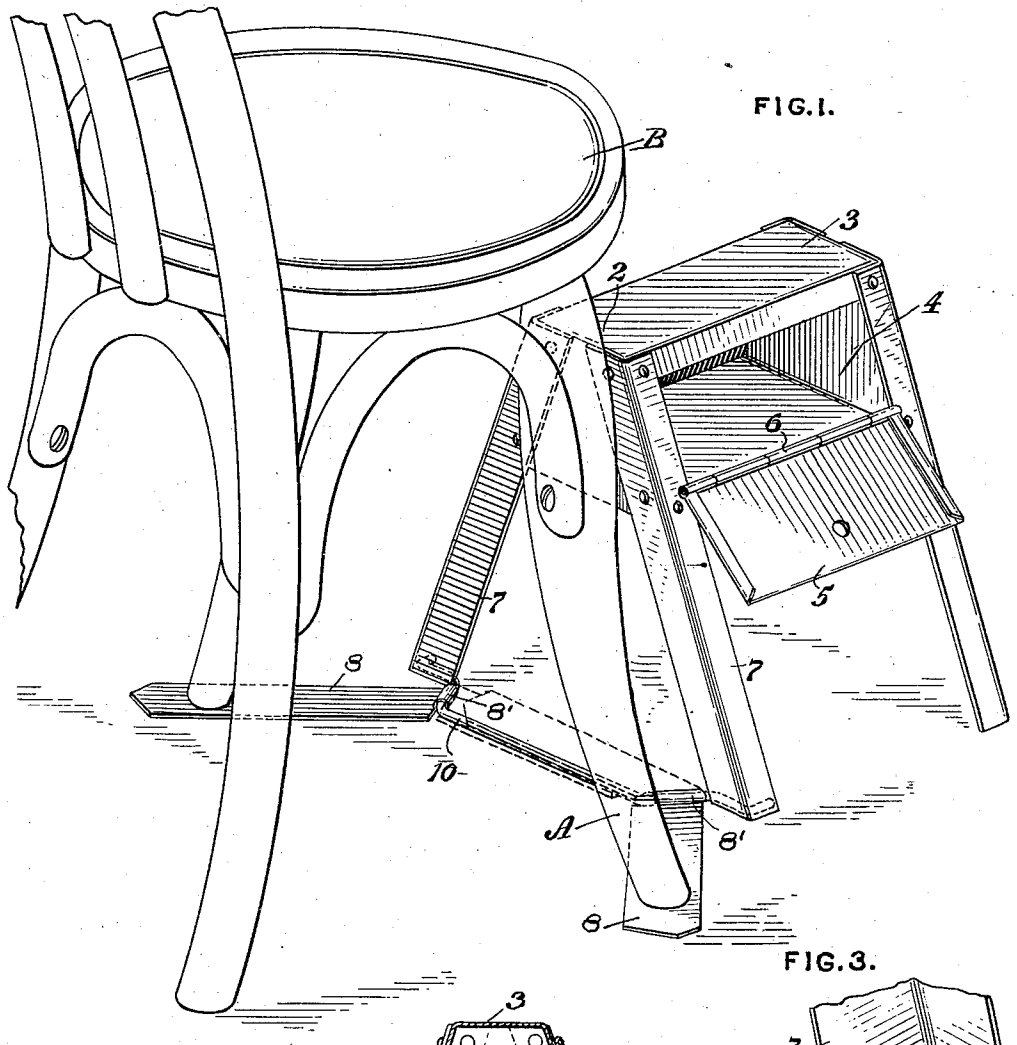


FIG. 3.

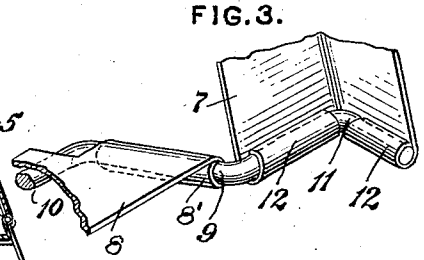
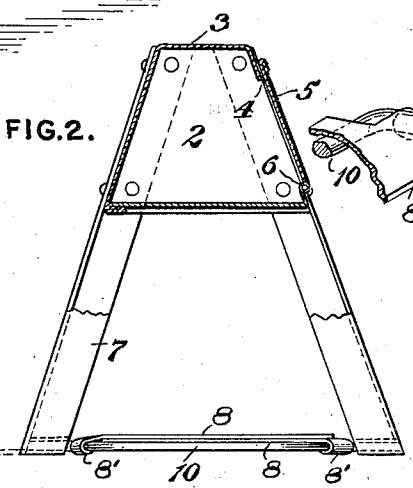


FIG. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AMELIA I. ROONEY, a resident of Pittsburgh, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Polishing Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

One object of this invention is to provide a serviceable foot support of simple construction and of such shape as to so support the foot of the user that all portions of the shoe are accessible for cleaning and polishing. The support is of box-like form which provides a convenient receptacle for brushes, polish, etc.

Another object of the invention is to provide a foot support with means for holding it in position relatively to a chair occupied by the user, this feature of the invention being preferably embodied in arms which are adapted to fold into compact relation with the support when not in use, and which may be turned outward onto the floor to receive the legs of the chair, thereby holding the support fixed so that it cannot be displaced by turning or twisting the foot thereon during the shoe cleaning and polishing operations.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the improved support in operative position relative to a chair, the door of the support receptacle being shown open. Fig. 2 is a vertical cross section, the holding arms being folded inward, one of said arms being shown turned outward in dotted lines. Fig. 3 is a detail illustrating the arm hinge at the base of one of the box supporting legs.

Referring to the drawings, 2 designates the box-like body of the support having a relatively narrow foot-sustaining top surface 3, the opposite sides of the support diverging downwardly as shown so that body 2 increases in width toward its bottom. The body forms a convenient receptacle for brushes, blacking, etc., and in one of its sloping sides is opening 4, the plane of which is inclined complementary with said side.

5 is the door for said opening, with horizontal hinge 6 connecting one edge of the door with the lower edge of the opening, the door closing upwardly and held closed by gravity, as will be understood. The upward convergence of the box sides provides a relatively narrow foot supporting surface so that all portions of the shoe are readily accessible to polishing brushes, cloths, etc.

Body 2 is supported by legs 7 arranged in pairs at each end thereof with the legs of each pair diverging downwardly complementary with the increasing width of body 2. The legs are of angle form in order to embrace the corners of the body, providing a substantial and rigid construction. While the support may be formed of any suitable material, sheet metal is preferably used as it combines the qualities of strength, durability and lightness.

In order to maintain the foot support in proper position relative to a chair occupied by the user, two arms 8 are hinged to the support and adapted to turn outward into position on the floor to receive the front legs A of chair B, the weight of the chair and its occupant holding the support fixed, preventing it from tilting or moving out of position so that the user may move or twist his foot as is necessary for reaching all portions of the shoe without moving the support.

While arms 8 may be secured to the support by various means they are preferably hinged at their inner ends at 8′ to the outwardly deflected portions 9 of horizontal bar 10, the latter located at the lower ends of one of the pairs of legs 7 with the extremities of the bar bent as indicated at 11 to be embraced by the angular legs and with the extremities of the latter turned around the bent portions, as indicated at 12, for confining the bar. The angle of the hinge connection is such that arms 8 turn outwardly into diverging position and rest flatly on the floor, as shown in Fig. 1, and when not in use the arms are folded inwardly into overlapping position above bar 10, as indicated in Fig. 2, and in dotted lines in Fig. 1. When thus folded the arms are out of the way so that the support may be used if desired without making use of the holding arms.

I claim:—

1. The combination of a foot support, and means projecting therefrom adapted to receive the legs of a chair for holding the support positioned relatively to the chair.

2. The combination of a foot support, arms hinged thereto and adapted to turn down onto the floor to receive the legs of a chair.

3. The combination of a foot support, two

arms each hinged to the support and adapted to turn inward into overlapping relation, the arms adapted to turn outward onto the floor in position to receive the legs of a chair.

4. The combination of a foot support, a horizontal bar secured at opposite ends to the lower portion of the support with the bar deflected outwardly horizontally between its secured ends, and two arms each hinged to an outwardly deflected portion of the bar with the arms adapted to fold inwardly over the bar with the arms when turned outwardly adapted to rest on the floor in position to receive the legs of a chair.

5. The combination of a foot support provided with legs, a horizontal bar having its ends fitted and secured to two of the legs, and support holding arms hinged to the bar and adapted to be turned outward into holding position.

6. The combination of a foot support having angular legs, a horizontal bar having its ends bent to fit two of the legs with the extremities of the angular legs bent around and confining the bar extremities, and support holding arms hinged to the bar and adapted to turn outward into holding position.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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