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Shoe-Blacking Case.

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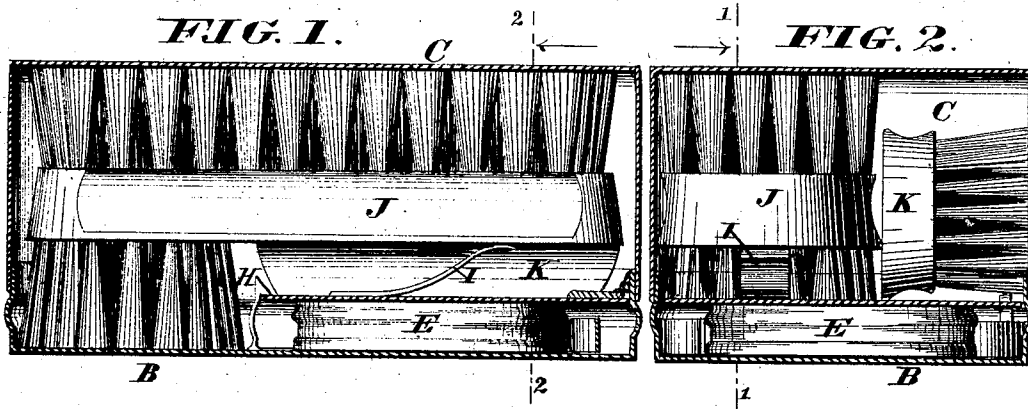


FIG. 3.

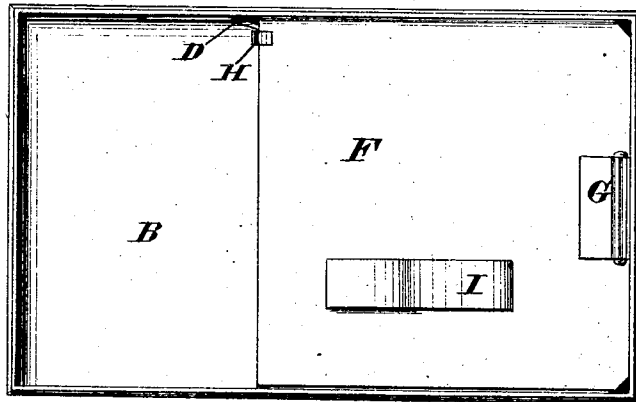
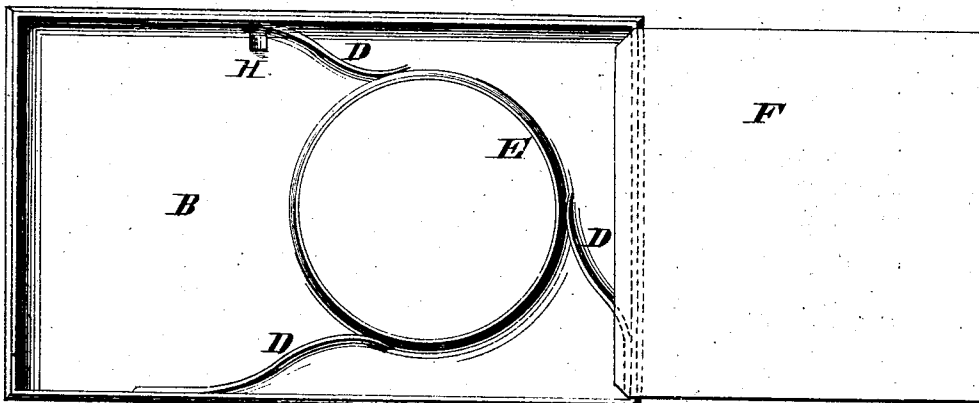


FIG. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SHOE-BLACKING CASES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES P. ELLIS, of Parker City, in the county of Armstrong and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Toilet Blacking-Case, of which the following is a specification:

My improved toilet blacking-case is constructed with a shallow base provided with springs, adapted to hold blacking-boxes of any customary size, and a hinged flap shutting over the box, so as to dispense with a separate cover therefor. The case has a cover of sufficient depth to contain a brush, which is supported therein by means of a spring projecting upward from the back of the hinged flap.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of my blacking-case on the line 1 1, Fig. 2. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the same on the line 2 2, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a plan of the base with the hinged flap closed. Fig. 4 is a plan view thereof with the flap open.

B represents the shallow base, and C the deep cover. D D D are springs within the

base, adapted to hold a blacking-box, E, between their free ends. F is a flap hinged at G, and adapted to shut down over the box E, in which position it is held by a spring-catch, H. I is a spring, attached to the back of the flap F, and supporting one end of the brush J within the deep cover C, the back bristles by which the blacking is applied resting on the bottom of the case. The cover also affords room for the dust-brush K.

The following is claimed as new:

1. The springs D D D, constructed and applied substantially as herein described, to adapt them to receive and hold boxes of various sizes, in combination with the hinged flap F and catch H, as set forth.
2. The combination of the base B, springs D D D, hinged flap F, catch H, back-spring I, and cover C, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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