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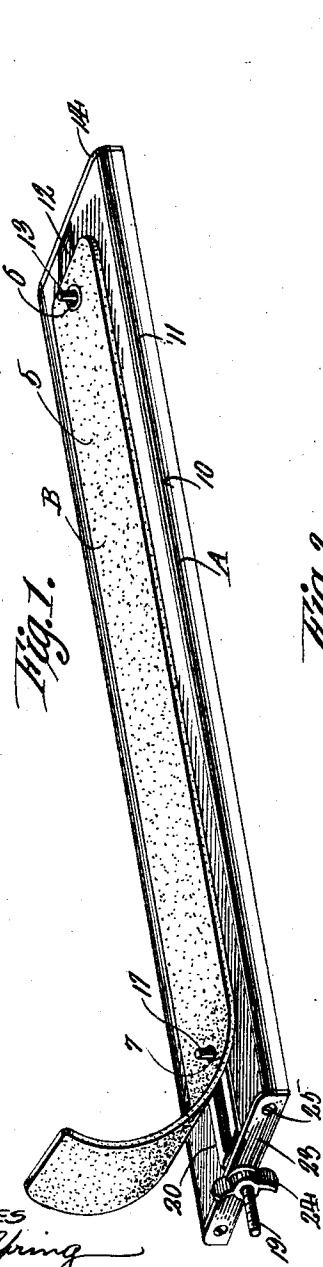


Fig. 1.

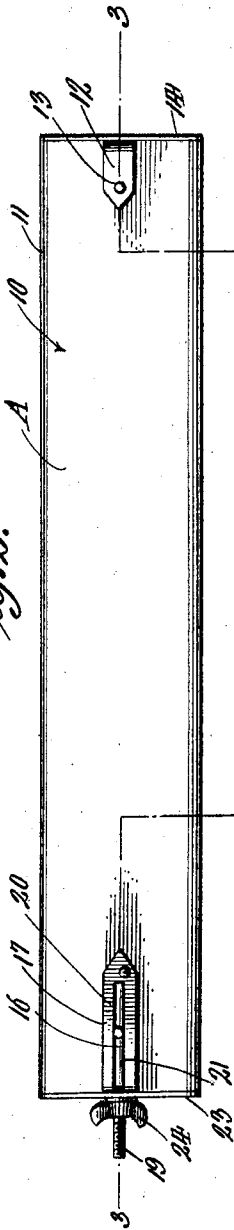


Fig. 2.

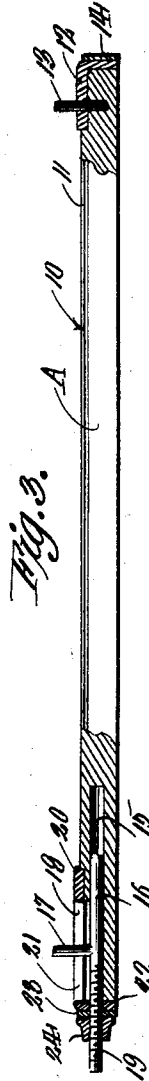


Fig. 3.

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RAZOR-STROP STRETCHER.

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This invention appertains to a novel razor strop appliance and the primary object of the invention is to provide novel means for stretching a strop to facilitate the breaking
5 in thereof and for facilitating the dressing of a used strop to keep the surface thereof in a good condition.

Another object of the invention is to provide a razor strop stretcher embodying a
10 receiving board having a plain face and of a greater width than the strop to be stretched and means arranged at the opposite ends of the board for engaging the strop to hold the same on the surface of the
15 board and to stretch the same on the board.

A further object of the invention is to provide a razor strop stretcher having a stationary pin disposed at one end of the receiving board for the strop for fitting in the usual eyelet formed in the strop and a
20 movable pin arranged at the other end of the board for fitting in an opening of the strop and novel means for adjusting said movable pin to facilitate the stretching of
25 the strop and to hold the same on the board.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a razor strop of the above character, which will be durable and efficient in use, one that will be simple and easy to
30 manufacture and one which can be placed upon the market at a small cost.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement and formation of parts, as will
35 be hereinafter more specifically described, claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved razor strop stretcher, showing the
40 same in use.

Figure 2 is a top plan view of the stretcher, and

Figure 3 is a section through the same taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 2 illustrating the construction of the stretcher and
45 the means for adjusting the movable pin.

Referring to the drawings in detail, wherein similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, the letter A generally indicates the improved stretcher and B a razor
50 strop associated therewith. The strop B can be of the usual or any preferred character and embodies an elongated body 5 hav-

ing the usual eyelet 6 formed in one end
55 thereof. In accordance with this invention, the strop B adjacent to the other end thereof is provided with an opening 7 which is in longitudinal alinement with the eyelet 6.

The improved razor strop stretcher A
60 embodies a flat board or base plate 10 which is of a greater width than the width of the strop which is to be associated therewith. While I have called the base plate 10 a board, it is to be understood that the same
65 can be made of other materials than wood, although wood is the preferred material. The upper face of the board or base plate 10 is dressed so as to provide a smooth plain surface and the longitudinal edges of the
70 board are preferably rounded as at 11 so as to eliminate the sharp projecting edges.

One transverse edge of the board or base plate 10 at its longitudinal center has
75 countersunk therein an angle plate 12 which supports an upstanding pin 13 which is adapted to be fitted through the eyelet 6 of the strop B. As shown in Figure 3 of the drawings the lower end of the pin 13 can
80 be anchored in the upper face board, so as to insure the rigidity thereof when force is applied thereto. It is preferred to provide the transverse edge of the board or
85 plate 10 which carries the angle bracket 12 with a finishing plate 14 which can also be formed of metal. This finishing plate 14 forms means for retaining the angle bracket in place and suitable screws can be extended through the plate 14 and into the board 10.

The opposite end of the board is provided
90 with a centrally disposed longitudinally extending bore 15 in which is slidably fitted an adjusting rod 16. This adjusting rod 16 at a point intermediate its ends has formed thereon or secured thereto an upstanding
95 pin 17 which extends through a guide slot 18 in the said board or base plate 10. As clearly shown in Figure 3 of the drawings the slot 18 communicates with the bore 15. The outer end of the rod 16 is provided with
100 threads 19 for a purpose, which will be hereinafter more fully described. A base plate 20 is provided for covering the slot 18 and has formed therein a longitudinally extending slot 21 through which the pin 17
105 is adapted to extend. This base plate 20 is provided with a depending foot 22 which is preferably countersunk in the adjacent

transverse edge of the base plate or board. A finishing plate 23 covers the last mentioned edge of the board and serves to hold the plate 20 in position. The foot 22 as well as the finishing plate 23, which can be held in place by suitable screws 24 are provided with openings through which extend the threaded end of the rod 16 and a winged nut 24 is threaded on said threaded end of the rod to facilitate the adjusting thereof so as to change the position of the pin 17 relative to the position of the pin 13. In use of the razor strop stretcher, the thumb or winged nut 24 is adjusted so as to move the pin 17 toward the inner end of the slot 18, after which the eyelet 6 is placed over the pin 13 and the pin 17 in the opening 7. The wing nut 24 is then rotated in the opposite direction so as to move the pin 17 toward the plate 23. It is obvious that this moving of the pin will bring about the stretching of the strop and permit the desired work to be done thereon.

Changes in details may be made without

departing from the spirit or scope of the invention, but:

What I claim as new is:

In a structure of the character set forth an elongated base having a bore formed in one end upon the longitudinal center thereof and further having a slot of less length than said bore opening from the bore upwardly through the top of the base, a plate member overlying the bored end of the base, an adjusting rod slidably extended through said plate into said bore and having screw threads formed upon the outer end thereof, an upstanding pin formed integral with and projecting at right angles to said rod through said slot, means threaded upon said outer end of the rod for shifting the same longitudinally of the face, and an upstanding pin formed upon the longitudinal center of said base at the other end thereof and coacting with the first pin to maintain the strop flat upon the surface of said base.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature

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