My invention relates to an improvement in shoe shining kit, wherein it is desired to provide a container for a stick of shoe polishing wax which also serves as a polish cloth.

Shoe polish is usually provided either in paste or liquid form, and is ordinarily applied by means of brushes or daubers. Clothes are also used from time to time in order to increase the luster of the polish and to impart a shiny finish to the surface of the leather. I have found it preferable, however, to prepare shoe polish in stick form and have found that when applied in this manner no brushes or daubers are required in order to provide a lustrous finish on the leather.

It is the object of the present invention to provide a kit for polishing shoes which includes a stick of polish or wax and a cloth mitt or sack into which the stick will fit. This mitt or sack when opened up can serve as a polish cloth and may be used to rub the wax evenly upon the surface of the leather.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my shoe polish kit in readiness for operation. Figure 2 is a perspective view of the kit in folded form. Figure 3 is a cross-sectional view through the kit in folded form. Figure 4 is a longitudinal section through the kit in unfolded position. Figure 5 is a perspective view of the kit with the self-containing pocket thereof reversed. Figure 6 is a sectional view longitudinally through the kit with the pocket thereof reversed. Figure 7 is a cross-sectional view through the foldable kit with the pocket reversed as in Figures 5 and 6.

The kit A comprises an elongated strip 10 of suitable flexible fabric material preferably having a soft fleecy surface 11 and a hard finished surface 12. The strip 14 is folded at 13 to form a bag or sack and is also folded at 14 to form the self-containing pocket which will be later described in detail.

The tape 15 preferably extends about the entire periphery of the strip 10, extending across the ends 16 and 17 respectively thereof, and along the opposite edges 18 and 20 thereof. The fold line 13 is so arranged that the end 16 of the strip terminates at a point spaced from the fold line 14, as best illustrated in Figures 1 and 4 of the drawing. Thus the self-containing pocket which will now be described projects beyond the pocket 21 formed by folding the strip 13 along the fold line 13.

The strip 10 is of proper width to accommodate the stick of polish B which may be placed adjacent to and parallel the folded edge 13 of the pocket 21. As best seen in Figures 2 and 3 of the drawing the body of the strip may be wrapped about the polish stick B and this wrapped body...
may then be inserted in the pocket 22, this pocket thereby self-containing the remainder of the strip body and the polish stick. When thus self-contained, the polish stick is held securely enclosed and the surface of the cloth which is usually soiled by the polishing operation is concealed.

When the mitt A is assembled, the polish stick B is inserted into the pocket 21 extending across the bottom of the pocket adjacent to and parallel with the fold line 13, as illustrated in dotted outline in Figure 4 of the drawing. The material forming the mitt or sack is then wrapped about the stick B until it assumes the position best illustrated in Figure 3 of the drawing. The body is wrapped until it comes adjacent the end 11 of the pocket 22 and then is forced into this pocket as best illustrated in Figures 2 and 3 of the drawing.

When in use the hand C may be inserted into the pocket 21 after the polish stick B has been removed therefrom so that the mitt may be used for polishing the surface of the leather after the wax has been applied thereon from the stick B. It will be noted that the outer surface of the strip 10 will undoubtedly be soiled by this polishing operation, but the soiled portion of the mitt will be concealed in wrapped relation of the kit.

The mitt or sack A can likewise be used by grasping the two ends 13 and 14 in the two hands and reciprocating the body of the mitt or sack across the leather surface to be polished. When using the sack in this manner it is preferable to replace the polish stick B in the lower end of the sack adjacent to the fold line 13, and by this means a better finish may be maintained upon the polish cloth. The self-containing pocket 22 may be gripped by the fingers of the other hand if desired.

If preferred, the pocket 22 may be inverted so that both the pocket 21 and the pocket 22 are on the same side of the body of the sack. The construction of the sack is not changed in any way whatsoever, the pocket 22 merely being inverted or turned inside out to form the pocket 22.

When in this condition, as seen in Figure 5 of the drawing, all of the soft or flaccid surface of the strip 10 is exposed and all of the harder finished surface of the strip 10 is concealed.

This form of construction is somewhat to be preferred from that illustrated in Figures 1 through 4 of the drawing because of the fact that the soft flaccid surface of the strip 10 provides an attractive outer covering for the kit when it is in wrapped relation. The disadvantage of this structure, however, lies in the fact that the soft flaccid surface is more readily soiled than the harder surface on the opposite side of the strip. Therefore, it is often desirable to fold the kit as best illustrated in Figures 5, 6, and 7 of the drawing when the kit is first used and then when the outer surface of the strip 10 becomes soiled the pocket may be turned as illustrated in Figures 1 through 4.

I have found that the kit is extremely useful in maintaining a glossy finish on shoes and the like, may be carried in a small space, and may be readily used whenever convenient.

The shape of the mitt or sack is such that the surface of the leather may be thoroughly polished with ease, thus simplifying the task of maintaining the shoe in good condition.

I have further found that the stick wax is preferable to a paste product because of the fact that the paste contains solvents which when dried have a deleterious effect on leather. Furthermore, the finish provided by the stick wax is much harder than that ordinarily provided by paste wax and will maintain the shiny appearance of the shoes for a much greater length of time than the usual paste.

In accordance with the patent statutes, I have described the principles of construction and operation of my shoe shining kit, and while I have endeavored to set forth the best embodiment thereof, I desire to have it understood that obvious changes may be made within the scope of the following claims without departing from the spirit of my invention.

1. A shoe shining kit comprising an elongated strip of fabric having a relatively soft flaccid surface and a relatively hard surface, said strip being folded between its ends and one end laid to overlie a portion of the remainder of the strip with the soft flaccid side outermost, the overlying portion of the strip being secured to the remainder of the body of the strip along opposed edges to provide a pocket open at the end thereof, the opposing portion of the strip, the soft flaccid side of the strip being folded intermediate its ends with the hard surfaced side of the material outermost, the strip being secured together along opposed edges to provide a pocket having the hard surface of the fabric outermost and with the pocket opening in substantially opposed relation on the opposite side of the strip from the opening of said first named pocket, said second pocket providing a hand hold at one end of said body, a shoe polish stick of a length to fit transversely of the strip adjacent the fold line of the first pocket, said shoe polish stick forming an enlargement at the base of the pocket to provide a means of grasping the folded end of said first pocket.

2. A shoe shining kit comprising an elongated strip of fabric having a soft flaccid surface and a hard finished surface, a binding tape enclosing said strip to enclose the edges thereof, said strip including an intermediate portion, one end portion being foldably connected to the intermediate portion and overlying the greater portion of the length of said intermediate portion, terminating at a point spaced from the other end of said intermediate portion, said one end portion being secured along opposite edges to the intermediate portion to provide a pocket accessible at the extremity of said one end of said strip, said one end being foldably connected to said intermediate portion in such a manner that the soft flaccid surface of the material is outermost, the other end of said strip being foldably connected to the other end of said intermediate portion and terminated along a line substantially opposite the extremity of said one end of said strip, said strip being folded so that the hard surface of said material is outermost and the flaccid surface thereof is innermost, said other end of said strip being secured along longitudinal edges to said intermediate portion to provide a pocket adapted to receive the folded portion of said intermediate portion of said strip, said other end of said strip forming a hand hold whereby said other end of said strip may be engaged by one hand, a shoe polish stick extending transversely of said strip adjacent the fold line connecting said one end of said strip to said intermediate portion, said shoe polish stick forming an enlargement by means of which the corresponding end of said intermediate portion of said strip may be engaged by the other hand.

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