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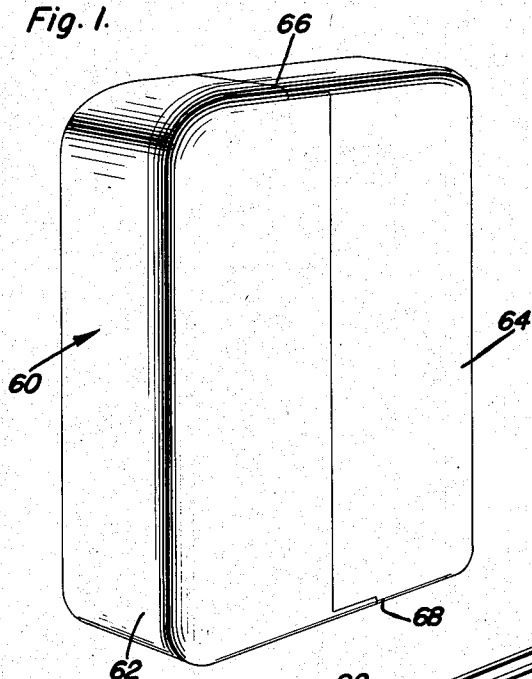


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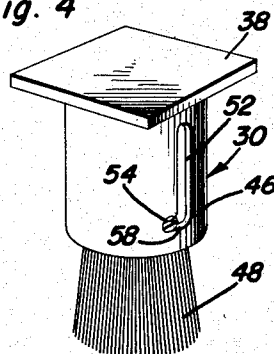


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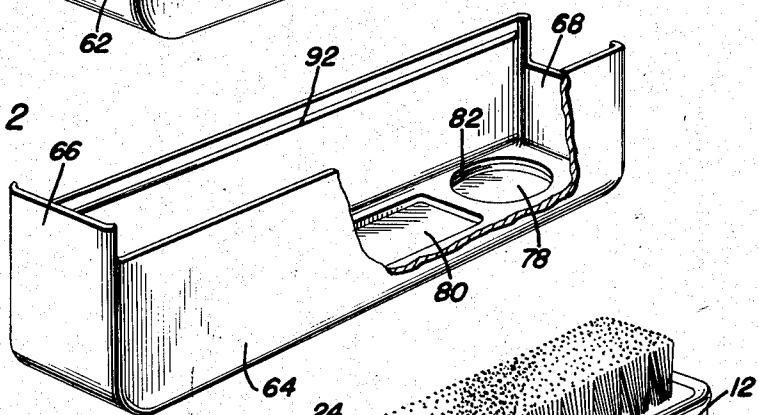
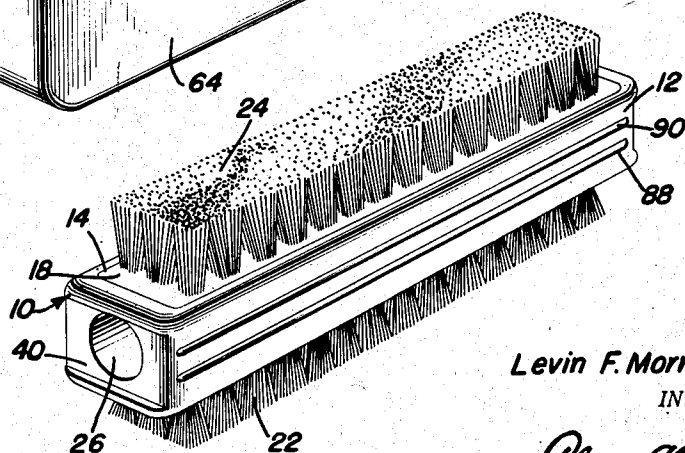


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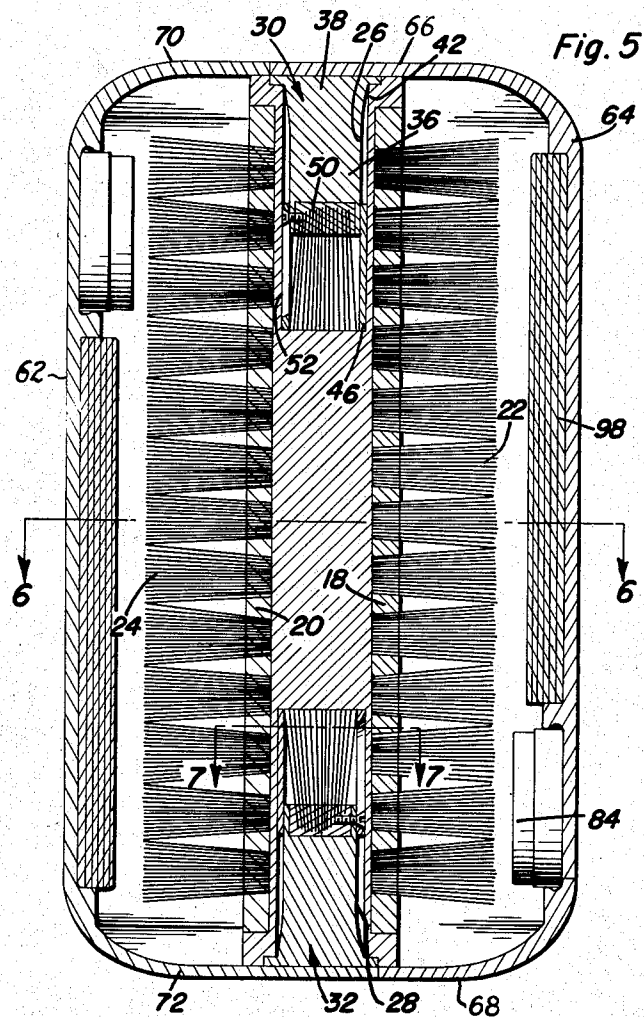


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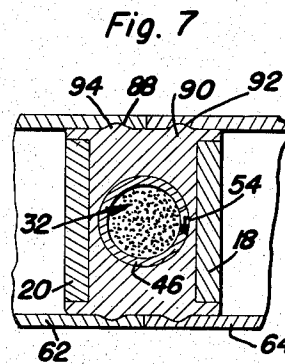


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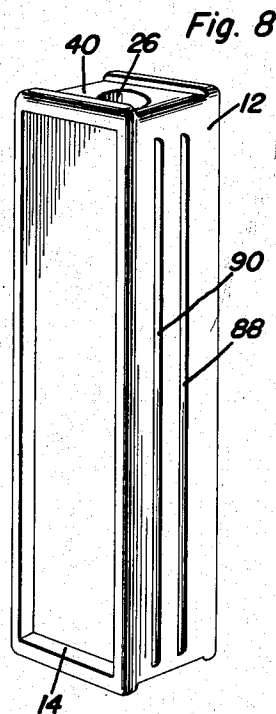


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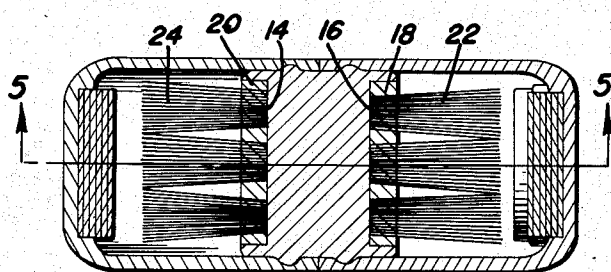


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This invention relates to improvements in kits and the primary purpose of the invention is to assemble a number of articles employed in shining shoes, cleaning rifles, or performing other operations in an orderly and neat, compact fashion so that the assembly may be easily transported or easily stored.

Another object of this invention is to provide an improved case which is made of two sections, whereby one section may be employed as a hand holding portion while the other section is removed from the body of the brush.

Another object of this invention is to retain a dauber in the brush body or more than one dauber if found desirable, by having a part of one of the sections pass over the dauber to thereby hold it in place.

Other objects and features will become evident in following the description of the illustrated form of the invention.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the assembled device in the closed condition;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of one of the case sections, portions being broken away to illustrate interior structure;

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the brush;

Figure 4 is a perspective view of one dauber;

Figure 5 is a longitudinal sectional view of the device and taken on the line 5—5 of Figure 6 and in the direction of the arrows;

Figure 6 is a transverse view taken substantially on the line 6—6 of Figure 5 and in the direction of the arrows;

Figure 7 is an enlarged fragmentary view taken substantially on the line 7—7 of Figure 5 and in the direction of the arrows; and

Figure 8 is a perspective view of the brush center section with the bristles removed.

In my invention, I have provided for the retaining of a number of elements in compact relation such that the elements may be assembled in a travelling kit or may be used to advantage in other respect, as in a home, where all of the elements will always be present in a single collection.

The brush 10 is used as the base of the assembly. This brush consists of a longitudinal body member 12 which has recesses 14 and 16 in the sides thereof in order to accommodate the plugs 18 and 20. The plugs 18 and 20 are frictionally retained in place and they support the bristles 22 and 24 forming the work surface for the brush and are replaceable if worn or dirty.

The body member 12 is provided with a bore

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26 at one end and a similar bore 28 at the other end. These bores form compartments to retain the daubers 30 and 32, each being identical, but one adapted to be used with brown polish and the other with black polish, or other colors, depending upon the prerogatives of the user of the device. In military service, certain branches use only one color of polish. Then, the other dauber could be put to use for cleaning firearms or for whatever purpose the individual so desires. Moreover, the other brush could be used as a clothes brush, inasmuch as the cover maintains it free from accumulation of dust and dirt. The daubers may be designated, as by color or indicia, to indicate the color of polish on the dauber or to differentiate the daubers from each other.

Each dauber is the same in structure. The dauber consists of a central body 36 with a cap 38 at the top thereof. This cap seats in a recess 40 at the end of a bore 26 so that it may be removed by the fingers of an individual. The upper end of the shank or main body 36 of the dauber 30 is tapered as at 42 so that it may be retained by friction in the bore 26. Threads may be provided at this junction if found desirable.

A sleeve 46 is disposed on the body 36 and is slidable over the bristles 48, said bristles being retained in a plug 50 which is disposed in a recess at the lower end of the body 36 of the dauber. By this expedient the bristles are removable when they wear out so that they may be replaced.

The sleeve 46 slides over the bristles, as shown in Figure 5, so that the dauber may be inserted easily in the bore 26 and so that the polish therein will not dry out and harden when the device is inoperative.

A longitudinal slot 52 is provided in the sleeve, and a pin, preferably in the form of a screw 54, or some other suitable expedient is disposed in the slot, being carried by the main body 36. A bayonet latch extension 58 of the slot 52 is provided at the lower part thereof to retain the sleeve upwardly as disclosed in Figure 4, when the dauber is being used to apply polish on a pair of shoes or the like.

The case 60 consists of two sections 62 and 64, respectively. The sections are in the form of rectangular open-top boxes. However, the ends 66 and 68 of the section 64 are long and short respectively with respect to the width of the sides of this section. The end 66 projects considerably farther and the end 68 considerably shorter than the upper edge of the sides of said section 64. The section 62 is provided

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with ends 72 and 70 similar to the ends 66 and 68, respectively. The longer end 66 of section 64 is adapted to overlie the top 38 of the dauber 30 to assist in retaining it in place within the brush body 12. The longer end 72 of the other section, 62, is adapted to overlie the top of the dauber 32. By this construction, it is necessary only to remove one of the sections to lend access to the proper dauber, proper shoe polish and cleaning brush, together with any other appurtenances which may be maintained in the section. It is contemplated to indicate which section should be removed to expose and lend access to components of and relating to one color polish and the other color polish. This may be done by indicia on the sections or by actually coloring the sections either in whole or in part with a color corresponding to the color of the polish.

On the inside surface of each section there is a polish compartment 78 and a polish cloth compartment 80. The polish compartment is provided with a small lip 82 therein to frictionally engage a conventional box or can 84 of shoe polish.

Longitudinal ribs 88 and 90 are provided on each side of the body 12 to engage in the grooves 92 and 94 of the sides of the sections 62 and 64. This releasably retains the sections of the case together on the brush.

In operation, one of the sections is pulled from the brush. It is assumed that the section 64 is removed. This exposes the bristles of one side of the brush and allows one of the daubers to be removed. However, the other section may be used as a handle for the brush, and inasmuch as the section 64 is removed, the polish cloth 98 is exposed for use and so is the can of polish. After the shoes are shined, the section 64 is simply replaced after the dauber is inserted in its appropriate bore and after the other shoe shining equipment, as the polish cloth, can of shoe polish, if removed from its

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recess 78, and the like are replaced, to thereby close and form the assembled kit.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

- 5 In a shoeshine kit, a brush having bristles on one side thereof and including a body portion, a flanged cover for the brush and constituting a hand holder for the brush, said cover and said body portion being provided with means for releasably fastening said cover to said body portion, said body portion having a recess at one end provided with an enlarged entrance, a dauber received in said recess and including a handle having a flange seated in said entrance and flush with the end of said body portion in which the recess is provided, said cover including an end portion completely overlying the dauber to thereby retain the dauber in the recess and whereby removal of the cover from the body portion will permit removal of the dauber from the recess.

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