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BOOT OR SHOE POLISHING DEVICE.

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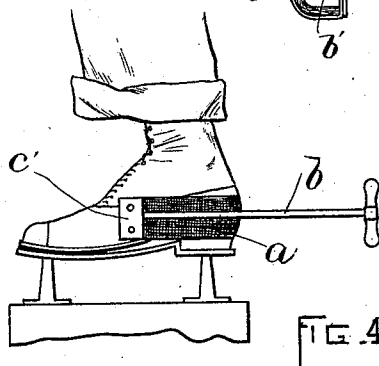
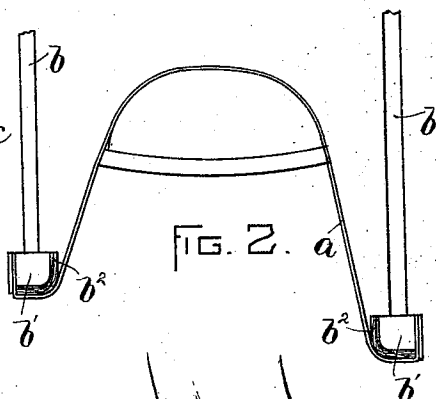
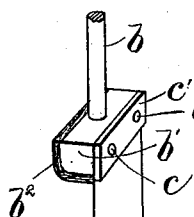
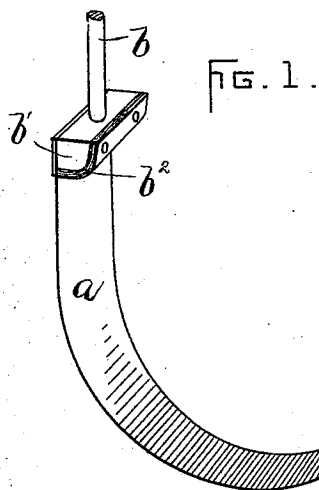
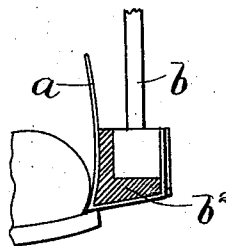
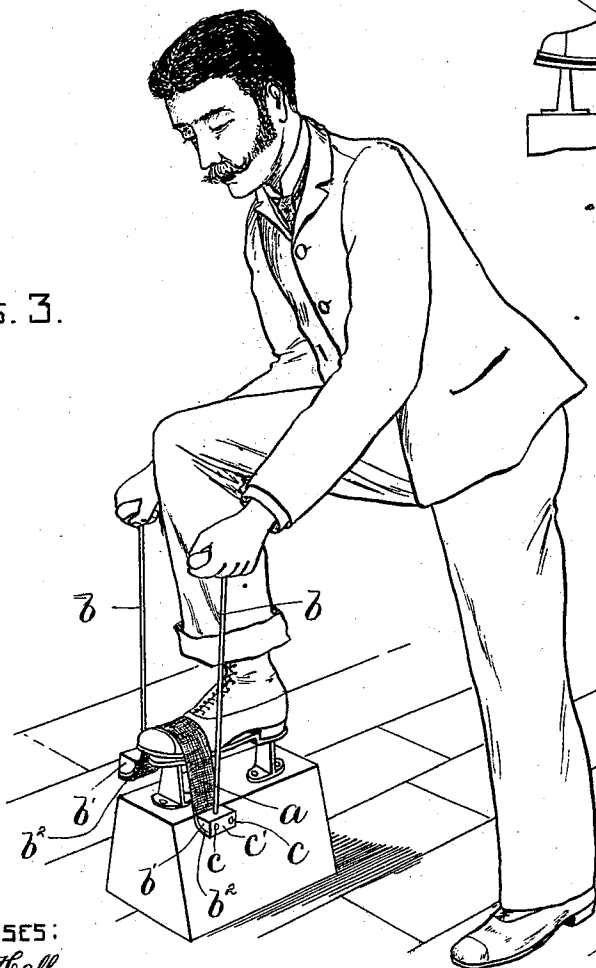


FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD STANWOOD, of Brookline, in the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Boot or Shoe Polishing Devices, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide a device adapted particularly for polishing boots and shoes, whereby a boot or shoe may be polished by the wearer thereof without the discomfort and inconvenience usually attending the operation, and in a thoroughly satisfactory manner.

The invention consists in a flexible band polishing device substantially as hereinafter described and claimed.

Of the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved device. Fig. 2 represents an edge view of the same, showing it in use on a boot. Fig. 3 represents a perspective view of the brush, on a reduced scale, showing one way of using it. Fig. 4 represents a perspective view, showing another manner of using the device. Fig. 5 represents a different form of cushion.

The same letters of reference indicate the same parts in all the figures.

In the drawings, *a* represents a flexible band, which is preferably a strip composed of one or more layers of textile fabric, such as woolen cloth or canvas, although it may be of any other suitable material or combination of materials, my object being to produce a brush which will conform readily to the curvatures of the external surface of a boot or shoe, and will develop suitable polishing friction when rubbed on said surface.

b b represent elongated handles affixed to the ends of the strip or band and adapted to be grasped by the hands of the operator. Said handles are made of such length that the operator can apply the band to his boot without stooping or bending his body uncomfortably, and without raising his foot uncomfortably high, as indicated in Fig. 3. The handles may be attached to the ends of the band in any suitable way. I have here shown the lower ends of the handles provided with heads *b'* to which the ends of the band may

be secured by any suitable means, such as screws *c c* and a washer plate *c'* held against the band by said screws, the band being preferably detachable from the handles, so that a worn-out band may be readily replaced by a new one.

The inner sides of the heads *b'* are provided with cushions or pads *b²*, which yieldingly support the end portions of the band when the latter are rubbed upon the boot. Said cushions may be acute-angled, to facilitate the entrance of the brush into the crease between the boot-upper and sole, as shown in Fig. 5. The cushions may be of any suitable material, such as felt or rubber, the latter being the preferred material for the form of cushion shown in Fig. 5.

In using the band on the fore part of a boot, the operator, placing the band across the boot, reciprocates the handles vertically, depressing one while raising the other, and thus gives the band a back-and-forth motion across the surface of the boot. The use of both hands enables the operator to apply a strong polishing pressure, while the elongation of the handles enables him to assume a comfortable position.

In polishing the heel, the band may occupy the position shown in Fig. 4, the handles being moved horizontally. The improved band may be used for cleaning as well as for polishing, and may have one side adapted for cleaning and the other for polishing. I find that this device operates very effectively in raising a polish from wet blacking. When not in use, it may be readily hung upon a hook, or packed in small compass. For travelers' use, the handles may be made in sections, connected like the joints of a fishing rod, or otherwise, so that the device may be compactly folded.

I claim—

1. A boot polishing device consisting of a flexible band and elongated handles connected thereto, said handles having cushions supporting the end portions of the band which is adapted to be backed by said cushions.

2. A boot polishing device comprising a pair of handles each having a head or block at one end, each head having a cushion or

pad extending over one side and the bottom
thereof, and a flexible strip or band having
its ends removably secured to said heads and
adapted to extend over and be yieldingly
5 supported by said cushions or pads, substan-
tially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my

name to this specification, in the presence of
two subscribing witnesses, this 30th day of
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