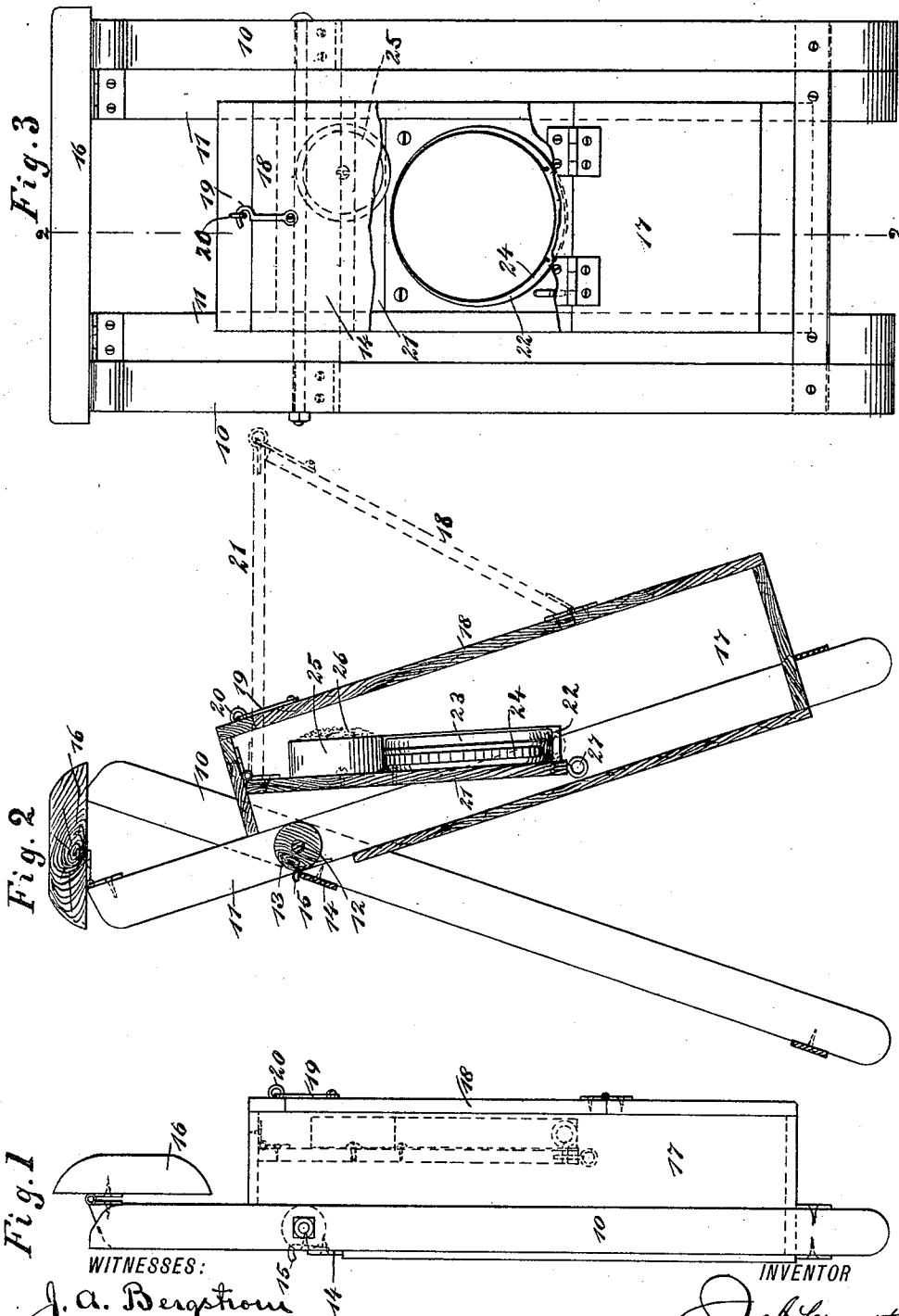


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. CRANSTON, of Newport, in the county of New Castle and State of Delaware, have invented a new and Improved Folding Blacking-Stand, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to improvements in blacking-stands such as are adapted to support the foot of a person while his shoe is being blacked; and the object of my invention is to produce a simple, cheap, and convenient blacking-stand which may be made very light, and yet be strong and durable, which may be folded into a very small compass, and which is adapted to carry all the necessary articles used in blacking shoes.

To this end my invention consists in certain features of construction and combinations of parts, which will be hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the stand, showing it in a folded position. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the stand when in position for use, the section being taken on the line 2 2 in Fig. 3; and Fig. 3 is a broken front elevation of the stand.

The main frame of the stand consists of two half-frames 10 and 11, which also form the legs of the stand, and these frames 10 and 11 are pivoted together near the top by a rod 12, on which is a sleeve 13, which serves as a brace, the ends of the sleeve bearing against the opposite inner sides of the frame 11. The frame 10 is provided with a cross-strip 14, which is firmly secured thereto and which is arranged nearly opposite the pivot-rod 12, and the frame 11 has secured to it on opposite sides outwardly-projecting hooks 15, which when the legs or half-frames are spread rest upon the upper edge of the cross-strip 14, and thus form a secure brace, and this method of bracing the frames or legs may be applied to any cross-legged article as well as to a blacking-stand. The frame 11 has at the top a swinging foot-rest 16, and when the frames are spread the free side of the foot-rest is adapted to rest upon the top of the frame 10, and the foot-rest

will thus be held in a horizontal position, so that the foot may be placed conveniently thereon. The frame 11 has a box 17 secured to it, which box is provided with a swinging lid 18, held closed by a hook 19 and eye 20, or by any suitable fastening device, and the box is adapted to contain a brush and dauber and, if necessary, a bottle of shoe-polish. A swinging shelf 21 is hinged to the upper portion of the box, so as to be confined therein, and this shelf supports a circular box 22, which is adapted to hold an ordinary box of blacking 23, and within the box 22 is a spring 24, which is confined at the center and has its ends free, and the spring is adapted to clamp a blacking-box, so as to prevent it from rattling around in the box 22. The shelf 21 carries also a smaller box 25, in which is a sponge 26, which may be moistened, so as to form a convenient means of moistening the dauber.

When the stand is used, it is spread as shown in Fig. 2, the lid 18 of the box 17 is opened, the shelf 21 is swung upward and outward into a nearly horizontal position, and the lid is placed beneath the outer end of the shelf, thus serving as a brace for the same, and the lid and shelf are held together by causing the hook 19 on the lid to engage an eye 27 on the free end of the shelf. The stand is extremely convenient when opened in this manner, and as it may be folded into a very small compass, as shown in Fig. 1, it may be very easily carried in a trunk or grip and can be instantly arranged for use.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A folding blacking-stand comprising folding cross-legs having a hinged foot-rest at the top and a box carried by the stand and provided with a swinging lid and an outwardly-swinging shelf, substantially as described.

2. A folding blacking-stand comprising folding cross-legs, a hinged foot-rest, and a box having a hinged lid, substantially as described.

3. In a blacking-stand, the combination, with a frame, of a box secured to the frame and having an outwardly-swinging lid and a shelf hinged in the box and adapted to be swung upwardly out of the box and support-

ed by the lid thereof, substantially as described.

4. In a blacking-stand, the combination, with a box having an outwardly-swinging lid
5 provided with a hook for engaging an eye on the box to lock the lid closed, of a shelf hinged in the box and provided with an eye, said box being adapted to be swung upwardly out of
10 the lid of the box, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

5. In a blacking-stand, the combination, with pivoted cross-frames, one of which is provided with a cross-bar and the other with
15 a hook for engaging said bar, of a foot-rest pivoted to one frame and adapted to rest on the other, a box secured to one frame and

having a hinged lid, and a hinged shelf in the said box, substantially as herein shown and described.

6. A blacking-box stand comprising a folding frame, a hinged foot-rest carried by the frame, a box secured to the frame and having a hinged lid, and a shelf hinged in the box
25 and adapted to be supported by the lid of the box when swung out of the same, said shelf carrying a blacking-box holder and a sponge-holder, substantially as herein shown and described.

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