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## POCKET SHOE BLACKING OUTFIT.

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Fig. 1.

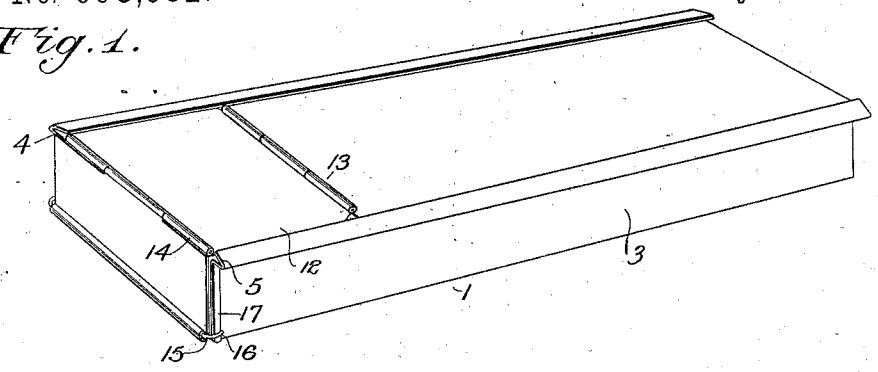



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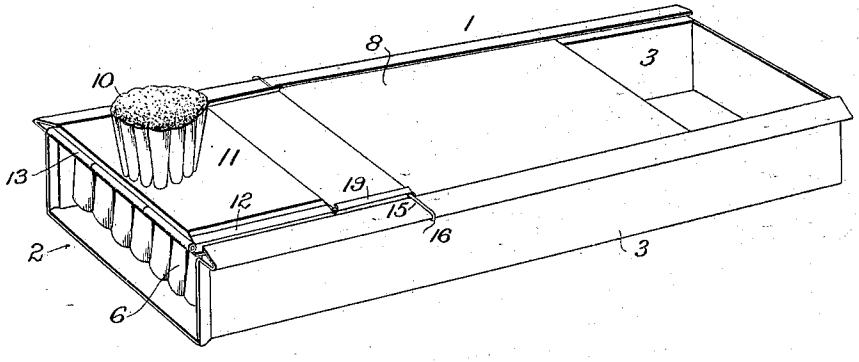



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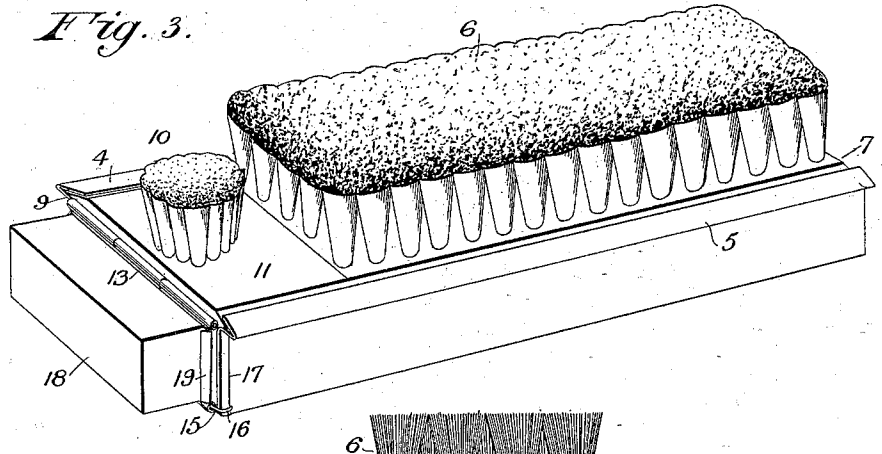
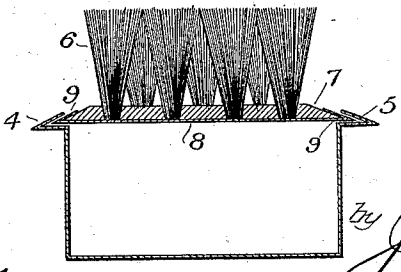



Fig. 4.




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## POCKET SHOE-BLACKING OUTFIT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LEVI W. WEAVER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Elnora, in the county of Daviess and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket Shoe-Blacking Outfits; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to pocket shoe-blacking outfits, my object being to provide a light metallic casing with blacking-brushes carried thereby in a manner to entirely inclose the brush within the box when it is desired to carry the device in the pocket and to facilitate the rearrangement of the brushes to present them for use and to constitute the box a handle or back by means of which the brushes may be manipulated.

The invention further comprehends the carrying of a blacking-box within the casing when designed to be shielded from contact with the apparel.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device complete as organized for transportation. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view showing the blacking-brush thrown back and supported by the cover. Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the brush-plates slid into the casing in a reverse position in order to present the shining-brush for use. Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view.

Referring to the numerals on the drawings, 1 indicates a sheet-metal or other suitable casing having an open end 2 and provided along the upper end and edges of its sides 3 with longitudinal and transverse grooves 4 and 5.

6 indicates a shining-brush provided with a wooden back 7 and a sheet-metal plate 8, secured upon the back 7 by bending its side edges over the longitudinal edges of the brush-back, which are preferably beveled to form longitudinal flanges 9, designed to be received within the longitudinal groove in the sides of the casing.

10 indicates a blacking-brush provided with a wooden back 11 and a sheet-metal plate 12, covering the back and secured thereto to form longitudinal flanges in the manner referred to in connection with the shining-brush, the metal covering-plates of said brushes being hinged together, as by a hinge 13, and a sheet-metal cover being preferably hinged to the opposite edge of the blacking-brush back by a transverse hinge 14.

15 indicates a bar rotatably secured within a small tube or upturned portion of the cover and provided upon its opposite ends with hooks 16, designed to engage the projection 17, formed by the transverse grooves in the end edges of the side plates of the casing.

18 indicates a blacking-box designed to be inserted into the open end of the casing and provided with flanges designed to spring into the transverse grooves 19, formed by turning or folding the side edges of the cover, for the purpose of holding the blacking-box in place.

When not in use, my device constitutes a compact light metal box containing the blacking outfit. When it is desired to employ the same, the blacking-brush is drawn endwise of the casing until it is removed from the grooves and is then turned back and is supported by the cover, the hooks carried by which are turned down to engage the projections formed by the longitudinal grooves of the casing. When the operation of blacking has been completed, the brushes are slid from the casing and are inserted therein in a reversed position, which will present the shining-brush for use. The bristles of the shining-brush are preferably longer than the bristles of the blacking-brush in order to permit the former to be in contact with the shoe without bringing the blacking-brush sufficiently near the surface to be shined to interfere with the operation. When the operation is completed, the brushes are withdrawn and are inserted in their original position and the cover is turned down and secured by the hooks in the manner which will be obvious.

While the present embodiment of my invention appears at this time to be preferable, I do not desire to limit myself to the details of construction herein shown and described, but reserve the right to change, modify, or vary the same at will within the scope of my invention.

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

1. In a device of the character described, the combination with a casing, of a shining-brush, a blacking-brush hinged to the shining-brush, and means for reversibly securing the brushes to the casing, substantially as specified.

2. The combination with a casing provided with longitudinal grooves along the upper edges of its side walls and with transverse grooves along the end edges of said side walls, of a shining-brush, a blacking-brush hinged thereto, flanges extending along the longitudinal edges of the said brushes and designed to engage the longitudinal grooves in the casing, a hinged cover carried by the blacking-brush, a box detachably carried by the cover, and securing mechanism designed to secure the cover over the end of the casing or to secure the same in position to retain the blacking-brush, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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