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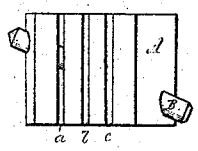
Fig. 1.



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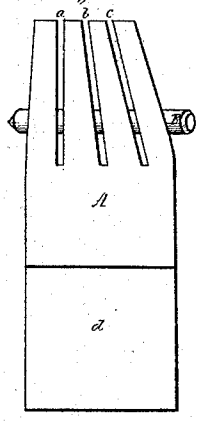

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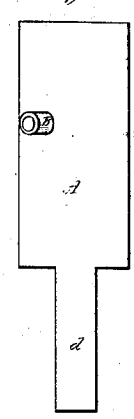

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IMPROVEMENT IN IMPLEMENT FOR TURNING THE EDGE OF A SHOEMAKER'S BUFFING-KNIFE.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all persons to whom these presents may come:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN B. WEBSTER, of East Haverhill, of the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Implement for turning the edge of a Shoemaker's Buffing-Knife or that of a Currier's Scraper; and I do hereby declare the same to be fully described as follows, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, of which —

Figure 1 is a top view, and

Figures 2 and 3, side elevations of it.

It consists, first, of a piece of wood, A, provided with three or any other suitable number of slots or kerfs, *a b c*, formed in it from one end of it, the first of such slots being at right angles with such end; the second making a slightly obtuse angle with the end; and the third making a greater obtuse angle with it, the whole being as represented in the drawings.

The part A may be provided with a tenon, *d*, extending from it, such being to enable the part A to be held to a bench by inserting the tenon in a mortise made therein.

The implement further consists of a steel roller or pin, B, set obliquely in the piece A, and with respect to its series of slots or kerfs, in manner as represented in the drawings.

In using the implement the knife whose edge is to be turned is first to be laid on the last or most oblique slot or kerf and drawn lengthwise through it with the cutting-edge of the knife against and pressed firmly down upon the pin, after which the knife in the same manner should be introduced into and drawn through each of the other slits or kerfs. The cutting-edge will then be found to have been bent down into or about at a right angle with the rest of the blade, or will be "turned" in a manner well known to curriers or shoemakers.

With this little implement a workman can effect the turning of the edge of his buffing-knife or scraper, not only in very much less time, but in a far better manner than he can by the common method of accomplishing such by a burnisher or tool, as usually heretofore employed.

I claim as my invention—

The knife-edge-turning implement as composed of the slitted block A and the steel roller or pin B, constructed and arranged substantially in manner and to operate as hereinbefore explained.

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