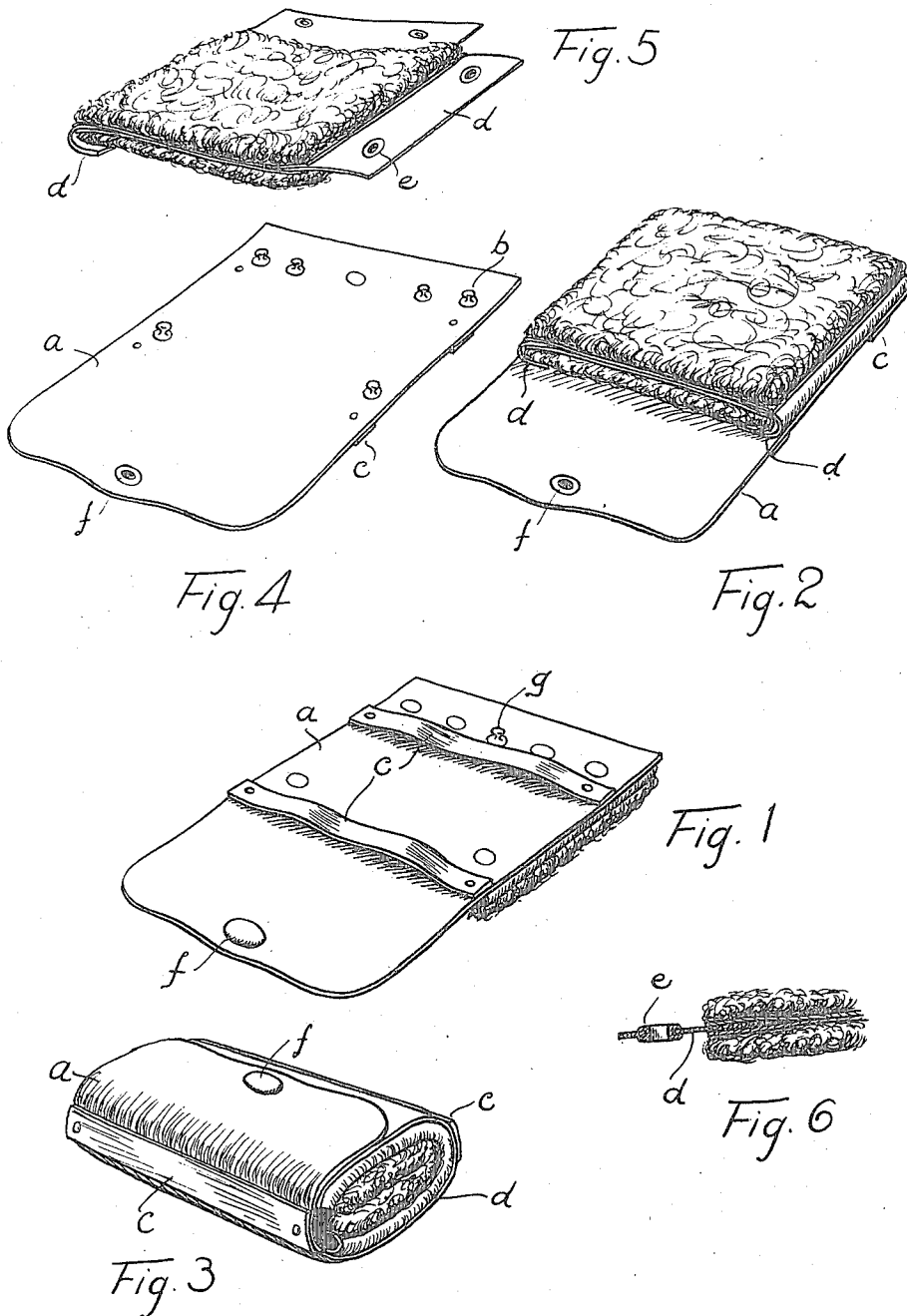


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR C. COGSWELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, county of Wayne, State of Michigan, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Shoe-Polishers, and declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to shoe polishers and has for its object a shoe polisher which can be made into a package to be carried in the pocket, and which is provided with a reversible and removable polishing surface.

In the drawings,—Figure 1 is a perspective of the article laid out in position for use. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the article inverted. Fig. 3 is a perspective showing the article folded up to form a pocket-book so that it may be easily carried about in the pocket. Fig. 4 is a perspective of the cover or backing. Fig. 5 is a perspective of the detachable and reversible polishing unit. Fig. 6 is a detail of a part of the detachable and reversible polishing unit.

The article comprises a backing or cover *a* preferably of flexible leather, but of course other similar material might appropriately be used. This is provided with a plurality of studs *b* which are parts of snap fasteners.

These studs are arranged along three edges on the inside of the cover or backing *a*. On the outside of the cover or backing I preferably employ a pair of straps *c* which run crosswise of the cover and are attached only at their ends. These allow the insertion of the hand underneath the straps to manipulate the polisher.

The polishing unit is shown in the drawings as comprising a pair of lamb's wool skins with the lamb's wool thereon forming two pads. Of course I do not limit myself to lamb's wool as other polishing material might be used to afford the polishing surface. These two lamb's wool pads are laid back to back and along three edges the hinging tape *d* is sewed or pasted in. This hinging tape is provided with a plurality of spring eyelets *e* adapted to fit over the studs *b* to form the snap fasteners. I call this tape a hinging tape for it is weakened along the zone at the edge of the pad so that it

can easily hinge. The object in having it hinge is to allow it to be turned either way back onto the pads so as to make the polishing unit reversible. For instance, in Fig. 2 the hinging tape is shown turned under the under pad and the spring eyelets are snapped over the studs *b* so that the one face of the polishing unit is exposed for use. Now when this becomes soiled and it is desired to reverse the polishing unit, the tape is detached from the studs and that edge of the polishing unit shown to the right of Fig. 2 becomes the left hand edge when the polishing unit is reversed. Consequently the tape instead of being folded against the pad shown as the under one in Fig. 2, is folded over the pad shown as the upper one in Fig. 2 when that pad is reversed and becomes the under one.

When the under pad is clean, the polisher may be manipulated by inserting the hand between the under pad and the cover or backing. Of course even after the pad has been reversed because of the soiling of one surface, the hand could be inserted between the polishing unit and the backing, but it is preferable when the soiled pad becomes the under pad to manipulate the polisher by inserting the hand between the strap *c* and the back of the backing.

When the pad is not in use, the same may be rolled up as shown in Fig. 3 and the spring socket *f* snapped over the projection *g* on the back of the backing, and the article then becomes the pocket-book shown in Fig. 3. In this shape the polisher may be conveniently carried around in the pocket without soiling the clothes.

From the above description it will be seen that not only is the polishing unit renewable, but the polishing unit by reason of the two-pad construction is reversible. The polishing unit may, therefore, be used twice as long as would be ordinarily the case with a polishing implement, and after the polishing unit has become soiled on both sides, the unit itself may be detached from the backing and another unit inserted. Inasmuch as it is desirable to make the backing of a good material, which is quite expensive, such as morocco leather or any high grade leather, it is very desirable to have the polishing unit both capable of reversal and capable of renewal.

What I claim is:

1. A shoe polisher, comprising a backing

provided with parts of snap fasteners along its edge, and a detachable and reversible pad having along some of its edges a hinging tape provided with parts of detachable fasteners capable of use from either side of the tape, the said hinging tape adapted to be turned under the pad whichever side is exposed for use and engage with the backing by means of the detachable fasteners.

10 2. A shoe polisher, comprising a flexible web backing provided with parts of fasteners, a two-sided detachable and reversible pad having along three of its edges a hinging tape provided with complementary

parts of the said fasteners, and one or more straps on the outside of the flexible backing. 15

3. A shoe polisher, comprising a flexible web backing provided with fasteners along three of its edges and a two-sided pad both detachable and reversible, having along three of its edges a tape provided with parts of fastener devices complementary to the aforementioned parts, and means on the back of the flexible web under which the hand may be inserted to hold the polisher. 25

In testimony whereof, I sign this specification.

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