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Fig. 1

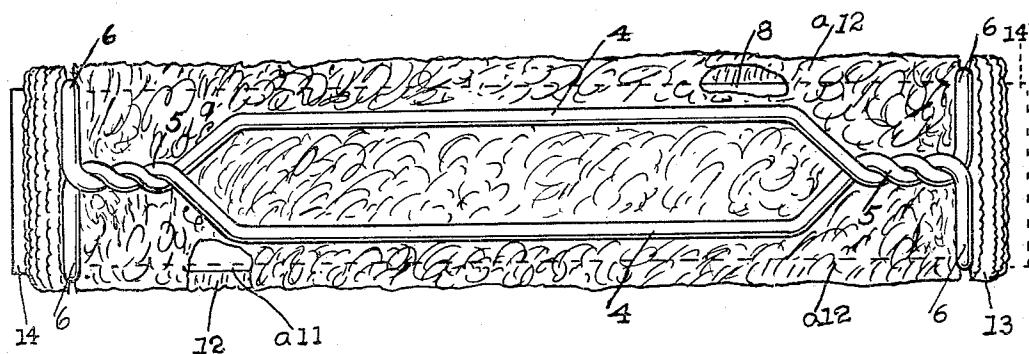


Fig. 2

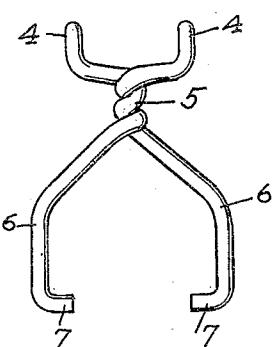
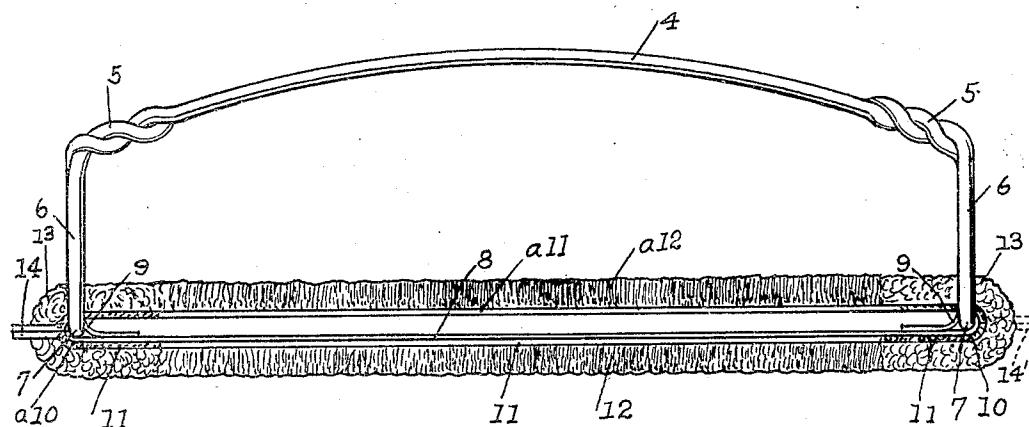


Fig. 3

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My invention relates to improvements in shoe polishers and has for an object to provide a lighter and more convenient polisher than the wooden back device commonly used and one having the advantages thereof and costing less to make.

Another object of my improvement is to provide a shoe polisher adapted to closely conform to the shape of the shoe over which it is drawn.

Other objects and advantages will appear as the description proceeds.

I attain these and other advantages and objects of my improvement with the device illustrated in the accompanying sheet of drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which Figure 1 is a plan view of my shoe polisher, Fig. 2 is a side elevation of Fig. 1 and Fig. 3 is an end elevation of the wire handle and shank of my device.

Similar characters refer to similar parts throughout. Certain parts are broken away to show other parts hidden thereby.

With more particular reference to the designated parts: A wire is shaped to form handle 4, 4 consisting of two parallel wires twisted together at the ends of the handle at 5, 5 and again spread apart to form the shanks 6, 6 the ends of which are bent toward each other at right angles to form nibs 7, 7 on each shank. Steel strap 8 has an eye 9 formed on each end with which nibs 7 are engaged to fasten the strap to the handle.

A strip of lamb's skin with the wool thereon is folded over the right-hand end of the strap at 10 and joined over the left-hand end of the strap at 11 where the ends of the skin are stripped of wool and fastened together at 14 to provide a flap. As illus-

trated, the lower fold of the lambskin which bears on strap 8 is shown at 11 and the wool thereon at 12, while the upper fold thereof is shown at 13 and the wool thereon at 12, and the wool at the ends is shown at 13, 13. By preference the lambskin strip is snugly fastened over the strap 8 to make a close-fitting and neat appearance.

To use my device it is grasped by handle 4 and the wool surface 12 is caused to bear on the shoe to be polished and drawn forth

and back thereover in the usual way. It will be found that strap 8 will yield under pressure and to a degree conform to the shape of the shoe which considerably facilitates the polishing process. Also ends 13 may be used to enter narrow recesses which may be easily polished thereby.

When desired the relative location of wool surfaces 12 and $a12$ may be interchanged by pulling on flap 14 to pull it across to the other end of the polisher to 14' when surface $a12$ will be exposed to use on the bottom of the polisher.

This interchanging of polishing surfaces 12 and $a12$ may be done easily and is useful to replace a worn surface; or surface 12, say, may be reserved for polishing shoes treated with black polish and surface $a12$ may be reserved for shoes which have been treated with a tan polish. In this way one of my shoe polishers renders the service hitherto requiring two thereof.

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

A shoe polisher including a handle, a bifurcated shank on each end of the handle, a metal strap with its ends fastened to the handle shanks between the bifurcations thereof, and a fold of lambskin with the wool thereof outermost enveloping said strap having the ends thereof denuded of said wool and fastened flatwise together for a finger-hold flap.

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