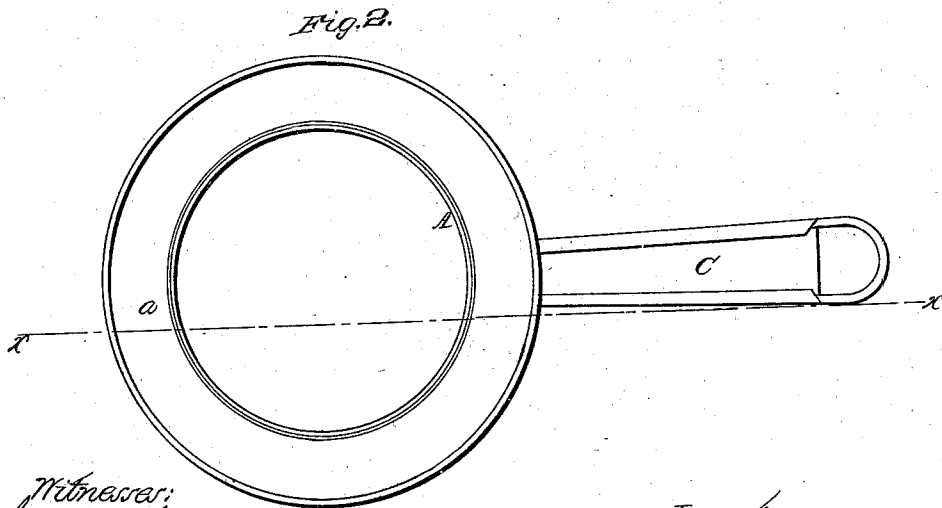
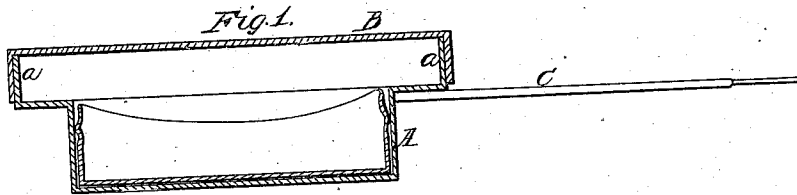


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## IMPROVED BLACKING-BOX AND HOLDER.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 43,221, dated June 21, 1864.

*To all whom it may concern :*

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. MONROE, of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented a new and Improved Blacking-Box; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a vertical section of my invention, the line *xx*, Fig. 2, indicating the plane of section. Fig. 2 is a plan or top view of the same, the cover having been removed to expose the interior of my box.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

This invention consists of a blacking-box provided with an L-shaped cylindrical rim in such a manner that the blacking contained in the interior of the box, on being taken out with the brush, is not liable to soil the edges of the box, and the outside of the same can always be kept clean without difficulty.

The invention consists also in the application of a handle to a blacking-box, so that said box can be easily handled without soiling the fingers.

A represents my box, which is made of tin or other suitable material, in the usual shape and manner. It is provided with an L-shaped cylindrical rim, *a*, which rim in fact forms an additional box, which is attached to the top edge of the body of the box A and made somewhat larger in diameter than the same, and which has that portion of its bottom directly

over said box cut out, so that the two boxes are merged into one. In practice, the L-shaped rim and the body of the box are or can be made out of one and the same piece of sheet metal, or said rim may be made separate and soldered to the edge of the box A.

B is the cover, which is fitted over the rim *a*, and a handle, C, is secured to the box or to the under side of the rim, whereby the box can be conveniently handled without soiling the fingers, and this handle will be of particular advantage when applied to a blacking-box of the ordinary construction.

In using the box for blacking, care must be taken not to fill it up beyond the top edge of the box A, leaving the rim perfectly free. In dipping the brush into the box that portion of the blacking which in ordinary boxes is forced over the edge of the box so that it soils the outside of the same, is retained by the L-shaped rim *a* of my box, and the outside of the box is always perfectly clean.

If desired, my box may also be used in combination with an ordinary box by dropping the same into the body of my box, as indicated in Fig. 1, and in that case the L-shaped rim will retain that portion of the blacking which is forced out over the edge of the common box.

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A blacking box or blacking-box holder constructed substantially as herein described.

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