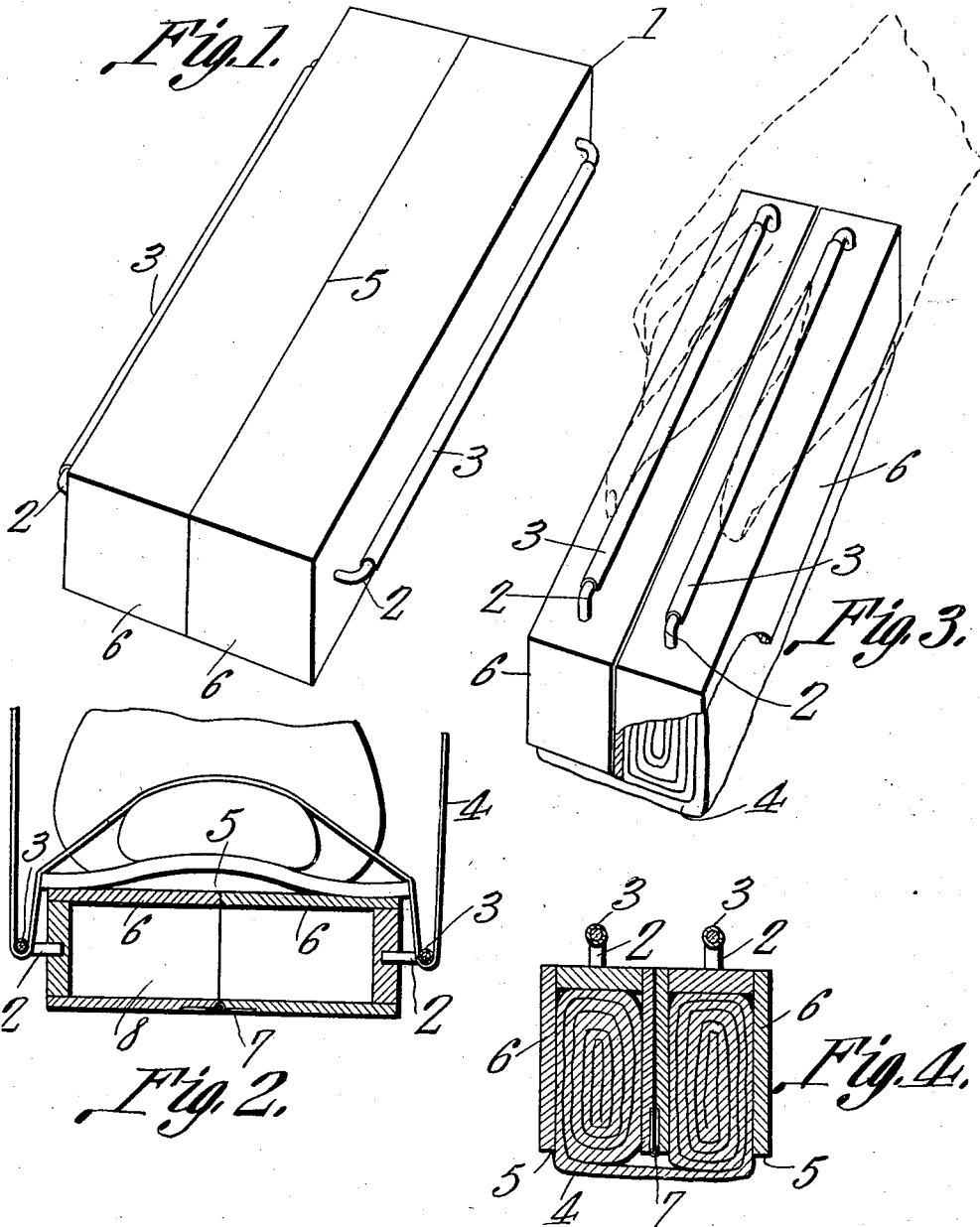


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES F. POWELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Utica, in the county of Licking and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Shoe-Shiner, of which the following is a specification.

It is the object of this invention to provide in a simple, merchantable and inexpensive form, a platform upon which the foot of the operator may be rested, said platform having elements along its remote edges, adapted to receive a polishing strip, which, being passed across the shoe of the operator, may be reciprocated thereon to polish the same.

Another object of the invention is to provide a shoe shining device, adapted, at once, to be employed in the manner above specified, and to be folded together to serve as a holder in which polishing material may be mounted, whereby the device may be employed as a shoe brush.

In the drawings, Figure 1 shows the device in perspective, positioned as a platform upon which the foot of the operator may be mounted for polishing the shoe; Fig. 2 is a transverse section, the view illustrating the manner in which the device may be operated to polish the shoe; Fig. 3 is a perspective showing the component parts of the platform folded together, so that the device may be used as a shoe brush, parts being broken away; and Fig. 4 is a transverse section of the device when the same is disposed as shown in Fig. 3.

In carrying out the invention a platform 1 is provided, the same being a box like structure. This platform 1 is provided along its remote, longitudinal sides, with guides 2, straight in their intermediate portions and spaced apart from the platform 1 to receive rollers 3.

As shown in Fig. 2, the foot of the operator may be rested upon the platform 1 and a polishing strip 4 may be threaded through the guides 2, and extended across the shoe of the operator. Obviously, when the polishing strip 4 is reciprocated, the shoe of the operator will be rubbed by the strip, the rollers 3 permitting the strip to move anti-frictionally upon the guides 2.

The platform 1 is longitudinally divided, as indicated at 5, into two similar parts 6, these parts being hingedly connected as shown at 7. When desired, the parts 6 may be swung transversely together, as shown in Fig. 3, to position the guides 2 in close proximity to each other, so that they may be grasped simultaneously by the hand of the operator. Into the open ends of the parts 6, when disposed as shown in Fig. 3 polishing material of any desired form may be thrust. This polishing material, preferably, although not necessarily, may be the strip 4. When the device is disposed as shown in Figs. 3 and 4 it may be employed as a shoe brush for cleaning and for polishing.

When the device is positioned as shown in Fig. 1 the parts 6 serve to define a compartment 8 in which the polishing strip 4, the blacking box, the dauber and the like may be housed.

The advantages incident to the structure herein disclosed are that when the body of the shoe alone needs to be polished, the device may be employed as shown in Fig. 2. When it is desired to polish the top, the device may be positioned as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, whereupon the top may be polished in the usual manner, thus, a person wearing high shoes or boots, may, by disposing the device as shown in Fig. 2, give the body portion of the foot wear occasional touches, and, upon occasions, likewise polish and clean the tops of the shoes or the legs of the boots, the entire operation being carried forward with a single implement; it being unnecessary to use the polishing platform to shine the lower portion of the foot wear, and subsequently to employ another separate brush for polishing the tops of shoes or the legs of boots.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:—

A shoe shining device consisting of a box-like platform having guides disposed upon its remote sides, through which guides a polishing strip may be passed to engage a shoe which is rested upon the platform, the platform being longitudinally divided into two similar, hingedly connected parts, adapted to be swung together, to position

the guides side by side to serve as a handle
and to position the component parts of the
platform side by side to form an open-bot-
tomed casing, to receive polishing material
5 whereby the device may be used as a shoe
brush.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing

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