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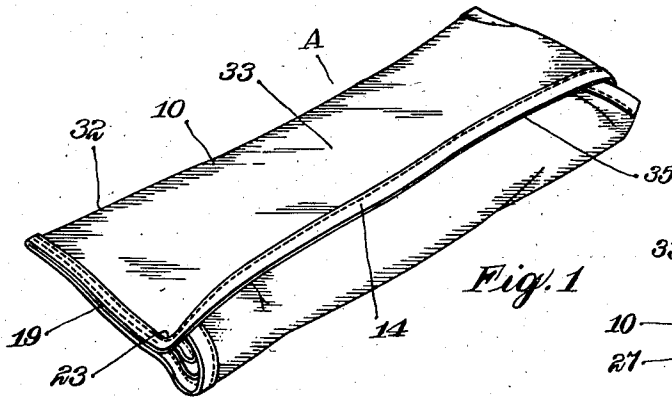


Fig. 1

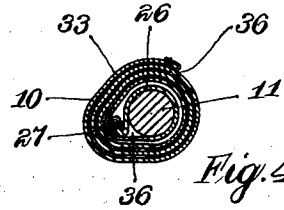


Fig. 4

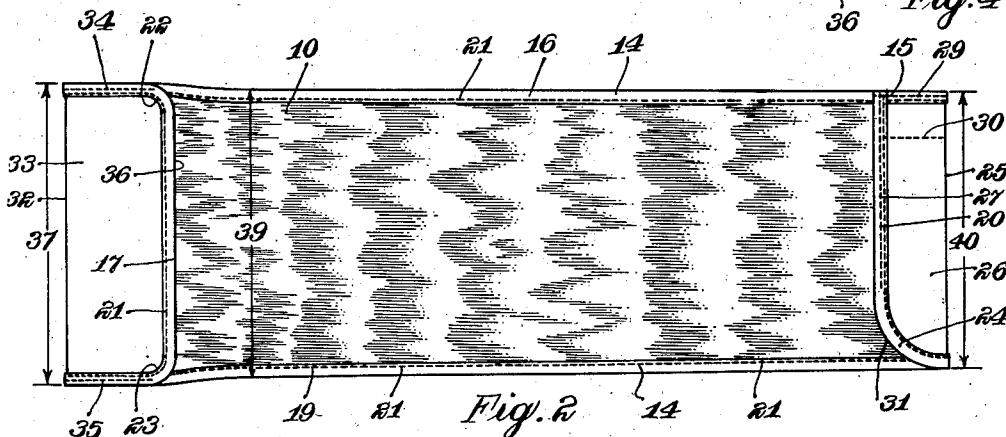


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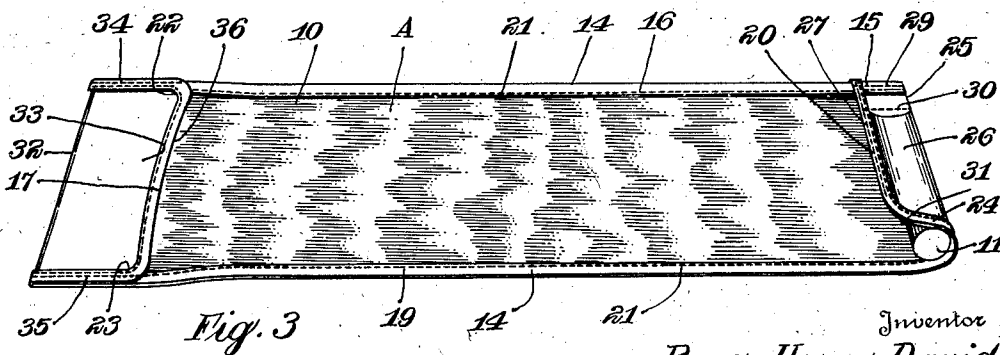


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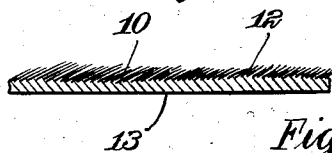


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My invention relates to an improvement in shoe shining kit, wherein it is desired to provide a self-contained kit useful in the shining of shoes and the like.

Various types of shoe shining kits have been constructed and are in common use at the present time. Most of these kits include polish contained either in a metal container or a bottle, and include means for applying the polish and means for brushing or rubbing the polish to a shiny finish. As a result such kits are usually bulky and are not particularly easy to carry from place to place.

The object of the present invention lies in the provision of a self-contained kit which is small and compact and which contains all of the materials necessary for the shining of shoes and the like. This kit may accordingly be easily carried in the pocket, in a suit case, or a hand bag, where it is instantly available for use.

A feature of the present invention lies in the provision of a shoe shining cloth which is useful for polishing the shoes, and which contains a pocket for receiving a stick of shoe polish. When not in use the cloth is wrapped about the stick of polish protecting the same and providing a soft outer surface which will not mar anything with which it comes in contact. The covering of cloth about the stick acts to protect the material forming the stick and maintains the polish stick in proper form.

A feature of the present invention lies in the provision of an elongated flexible polishing strip of cloth or other suitable material within which the stick may be wrapped, and in the provision of a pocket at one end of the cloth into which the wrapped stick body may be inserted. As a result the wrapped stick may be tucked into the pocket and may thus be retained in its wrapped formation.

A further feature of the present invention lies in the provision of an elongated polishing strip having a pocket at one end thereof into which the stick of polish may be removably inserted, and having a self-containing pocket at the opposite end thereof into which the wrapped stick body may be inserted. By providing such a structure the polish stick may be merely inserted at its proper pocket, the cloth wrapped about the same, and the body of the strip and the polish stick wound therein may be inserted into the self-containing pocket provided at the other end of the strip for this purpose.

A further feature of the present invention lies in the provision of an elongated fabric strip which

is provided with a soft fleecy polishing surface on one side and a hard fabric backing surface on the other side thereof. This strip is folded at its ends to provide a hard finished surface at both ends of the strip on the polishing side thereof so that the strip may be firmly engaged by the fingers for the polishing operation.

A further feature of the present invention lies in the tapering of the cloth so that the body of the strip together with the polish stick wrapped therein, may be inserted in the self-containing pocket. The end of the strip at which the self-containing pocket is located is wider than the remainder of the strip, the taper being greatest near the pocket and being slight through the remainder of the length of the strip. As a result, the strip body within which the polish stick is wrapped fits into the self-containing pocket without excessive crowding.

These and other objects and novel features of my invention will be more clearly and fully set forth in the following specification and claims.

In the drawing forming a part of my specification:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the shoe polishing kit in folded form.

Figure 2 is a plan view of the polishing strip in unfolded form.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the kit in unfolded position showing a polish stick in its pocket.

Figure 4 is a sectional view through the polishing kit in folded position.

Figure 5 is a greatly enlarged view illustrating the soft fleecy surface on one side of the cloth strip and the hard finished surface on the opposite side thereof, this view being diagrammatic to show the difference between the sides of the material.

The polishing kit A includes an elongated fabric strip 10 and a polish stick 11 designed to be contained thereby. The polishing strip 10 is preferably formed of flexible cloth which has a fleecy or furry surface 12 designed to provide the polishing surface and a hard finished surface 13 opposite the fleecy surface 12. In practice a cloth is used which resembles fur to some extent, the fibers of the fur being secured to the fabric backing sheet in any suitable way.

The longitudinal edges of the strip 10 are enclosed by binding tapes such as 14. In securing the binding tape 14 in place it is possible to start the tape substantially at the point 15 extending the tape entirely along one longitudinal edge 16 of the cloth strip 10, continuing the tape along

the end 17 of the strip 10, continuing the tape along the longitudinal edge 19 of the strip 10 opposite the edge 16 thereof, and extending the tape along the end 20 of the strip 10 opposite the end 17. Thus the tape is secured by stitching 21 entirely bounding the edges of the strip 10.

For convenience in attachment and for an improvement in the appearance of the product, the corners 22 and 23 between the end 17 and the side edges 16 and 19, respectively, are rounded. A rounded corner 24 is likewise provided between the longitudinal strip edge 19 and the end 20 of the strip 10 to facilitate the insertion and removal of the polish stick 11 which is to be contained adjacent this edge.

A relatively short portion of the strip 10 is folded along the fold line 25 to form an end flap 26. This end flap is secured in folded relation by a row of stitching 27 which extends along the strip end 20 from the edge 16 thereof to the rounded corner 24. A second row of stitching 29 secures the edge 16 of the end flap 26 to the edge 16 of the body of the strip 10, as best illustrated in Figure 2 of the drawing. A second line of stitching 30 is also preferably provided parallel to the stitching 29 and spaced inwardly from the edge 16, this stitching 30 extending transversely of the end flap 26.

It will be noted that the polish stick 11 may be inserted into the pocket 31 formed between the flap 26 and the body of the strip 10, the insertion of this polish stick being limited by the stitching 30. This prevents the polish stick from being extended directly to the edge 16 of the strip 10 facilitating the insertion of the stick and strip 10 wrapped thereabout, into the pocket at the other end of the strip, which will later be described in detail. The rounded corner 24 facilitates the insertion and removal of the polish stick 11.

At the opposite end of the strip 10 a pocket is formed by folding a portion of the body of the strip upon itself along the fold line 32 which is spaced from and parallel to the end 17 of the strip. The flap 33 provided by folding along the fold line 32 is held in this folded position by two parallel rows of stitching 34 and 35. The stitching 34 extends along the edge 16 of the strip, while the stitching 35 extends along the edge 19 thereof. A pocket 36 is thus formed between the flap 33 and the body of the strip.

While the strip is generally rectangular in shape, it tapers somewhat to facilitate the insertion of the strip body and the polish stick 11 wrapped therein, into the pocket 36. With particular reference to Figure 2 of the drawing, it will be noted that the flaps 33 and the contiguous portion of the strip body over which the flap is folded is a dimension 37 in width. From the open end of the pocket 36, the strip 10 tapers in width to a dimension 39 at a point slightly spaced from the end 17 of the pocket 36. From this point to the fold line 25 of the strip 10, the strip tapers gradually to a dimension 40.

Because of this gradually tapering construction, the body of the strip 10, with the polish stick 11 wrapped therein, may be easily inserted into the pocket 36. The crowding of the material into the pocket is thus relieved.

In operation the polish stick 11 is inserted in the pocket 31 through the open end of the pocket adjacent the edge 19 of the strip 10. When the polish stick has been inserted the strip 10 is wrapped about the polish stick, this wrapping continuing until the stick is closely adjacent the

pocket 36. The stick with the cloth strip wrapped thereabout is then tucked into the pocket 36 as illustrated in Figures 1 and 4 of the drawing, providing a self-contained kit which may be opened at will. The hard outer surface of the cloth engages against the fleecy inner surface of the pocket 36, frictionally holding the wrapped stick in place within the pocket 36 until the polish is desired for use.

The polish stick 11 may be used by merely rubbing the stick upon the surface of the leather to be shined. The polish cloth 10 is then engaged one hand engaging each end of the strip. The fleecy surface is used for the polishing action, although the harder outer surface may be also used when such a surface is desired. The pockets at the ends of the strip form a convenient hold for engaging the ends of the strip to prevent the strip from being pulled from the hands in use.

In accordance with the patent statutes, I have described the principles of construction and operation of my shoe polish kit, and while I have endeavored to set forth the best embodiment thereof, I desire to have it understood that obvious changes may be made within the scope of the following claims without departing from the spirit of my invention.

I claim:

1. A shoe shining kit including an elongated strip of flexible material having a soft fleecy surface on one side and a relatively hard surface on the other side, said strip including two end portions and an intermediate portion connected along substantially parallel fold lines, a pocket formed at one end of said strip, said pocket being formed by folding one end portion of the strip upon the intermediate portion thereof along one of said fold lines and securing the folded portion to the intermediate portion along one longitudinal edge of the strip and along the adjacent extreme end of the strip parallel to the line of fold, the pocket being open adjacent the other longitudinal edge of the strip to receive a stick of polish material inserted transversely of the length of the strip, a second pocket formed at the other end of the strip, said second pocket being formed by folding the other end portion of the strip along the other of said fold lines upon the intermediate portion and securing the longitudinal edges of the folded other end portion to the intermediate portion, the adjacent extreme end of the strip being open to form a means of access to said pocket, said second pocket being slightly wider than the first named pocket and being designed to receive the body of the strip wrapped about the first named pocket containing the stick of polish material, both of said pockets being formed with the hard surface of the material outermost and with the fleecy surface innermost so as to frictionally contain the polish stick and the body of the strip respectively, the second pocket forming a finger hold at one end of the strip, and the first pocket with the polish stick therein forming a hand hold for the other hand whereby the strip may be held by both hands.

2. A shoe polish kit comprising an elongated strip of flexible material having a soft fleecy surface on one side and a hard finished surface on the other side, said strip comprising two end portions and an intermediate portion connected along substantially parallel fold lines, a rounded corner at one end of said strip, a pocket formed by folding said one end portion of said strip upon the intermediate portion of the strip

along one of said fold lines, and connecting the folded portion to the intermediate portion along a line parallel to the line of fold and along a longitudinal edge of the folded portion, the rounded corner and adjacent longitudinal edge of the strip forming an opening to said pocket, a stick of shoe polish contained in said pocket and transferably removable through said opening, the other end of said strip being slightly wider than said one end, a second pocket formed in said other end of said strip by folding said other end portion upon the intermediate portion of the strip along the other of said fold

lines and securing said folded portion along its parallel longitudinal edges to said intermediate portion, said pockets being formed with the hard surface of the strip outermost, said second pocket being designed to receive the body of the strip wrapped about the stick of polish material in the first pocket, said second pocket forming a means of engagement by the fingers of one hand, and said polish stick in the first pocket forming means of engagement for the fingers of the other hand.

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