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SHOE POLISHING DEVICE.

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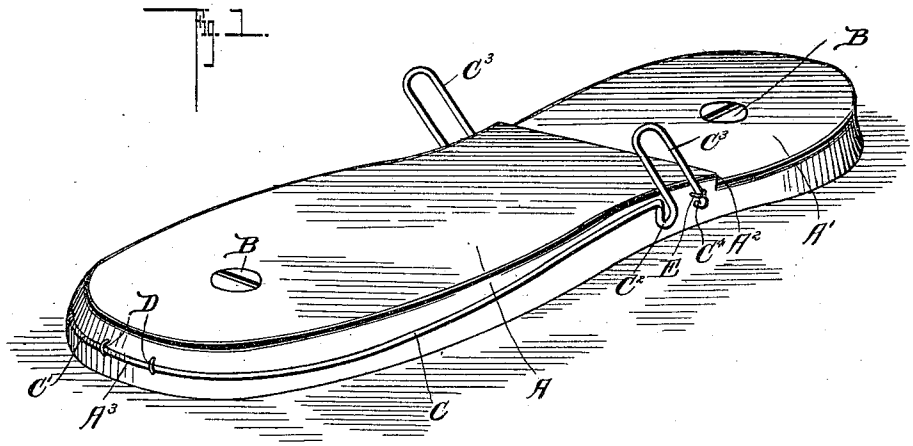
Fig. 1.



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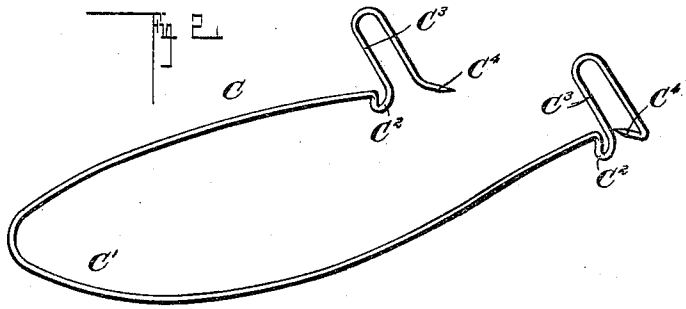

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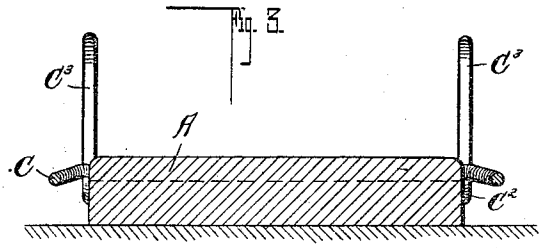

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHAN H. COCHRAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Portland, in the county of Multnomah and State of Oregon, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Shoe-Polishing Devices, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in shoe polishing devices, and more particularly to devices for holding and guiding the polishing cloth, the object being to provide a device which is exceedingly cheap and simple in construction, and one which is very effective in use.

Another object of my invention is to provide a device which is so constructed that the rag will be guided and held in position to polish the heel portion of the shoe, as well as the toe portion.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a device in which the guiding member is so constructed that the polishing cloth can be readily shifted from the position for polishing the toe portion of the shoe into the position to polish the heel portion, without detaching the same.

With these objects in view, the invention consists in the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts, hereinafter fully described and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification: Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved shoe polishing device. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the cloth guiding member, detached, and Fig. 3 is a transverse section through the device.

In carrying out my improved invention, I employ a base-member A which is preferably formed of wood and the shape of an ordinary shoe having a reduced heel portion A′ forming a shoulder A^2, against which the heel of the shoe is adapted to rest when in position thereon, so as to prevent the same from slipping. The base A is provided with openings, through which screws B are adapted to pass for securing the base in position on the floor or any other suitable support.

Arranged on the base A, as clearly shown, is my improved cloth guiding member C which is preferably formed of wire, and comprises an oval-shaped loop portion C′ which is adapted to be secured within a groove A^3 at its forward edge, formed in the edge of the base A by staples D, as clearly shown, and the loop C′ is of such a width that it will be held away from the side edges of the base A when the same has been secured in position thereon, as clearly shown in Fig. 3. The end portions of the loop C′ are bent downwardly as shown at C^2 forming stops for the polishing cloth, so as to limit the rearward movement of the same when in operation, and the wires are then bent upwardly to form substantially U-shaped guide members C^3, and the end-portions bent inwardly and sharpened as shown at C^4, which are adapted to be driven into the sides of the base A, adjacent the shoulder A^2, and secured by staples E, so as to hold the same in a rigid position, and it will be seen that these inverted U-shaped guide-members extend forwardly at an angle as clearly shown, so that the cloth when arranged within the same for polishing the heel portion of a shoe will be held in its proper position, whereby the tendency of the cloth to work upwardly is prevented.

When in operation, the polishing cloth is slipped under the side portions of the loop C′ and by raising up on the loop of the cloth the shoe can be readily forced under the same, and by pulling alternately on the ends of the cloth, it will be reciprocated across the toe portion of the shoe, so as to polish the same. After the shoe portion has been polished, the cloth is drawn rearwardly, under the downwardly projecting portion C^2 into the guide members C^3, and by repeating the operation, the heel portion of the shoe can be readily polished.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. A shoe polishing device comprising a shoe shaped base, a cloth guiding member carried by said base, said member comprising a loop portion having inverted U-shaped portions formed adjacent its ends, said loop portion being provided with downwardly projecting portions forming stops.

2. A shoe polishing device comprising a shoe shaped base, provided with means for securing the same to a support, said base be-

ing provided with a groove in its front edge, a cloth guiding member comprising a loop formed of wire adapted to be secured within said groove at its forward end by staples, said loop being provided with downwardly projecting portions, and inverted U-shaped portions, the ends of said member being bent inwardly and pointed adapted to be driven into the base member and secured by staples.

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