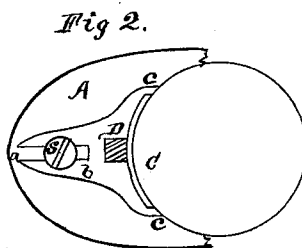
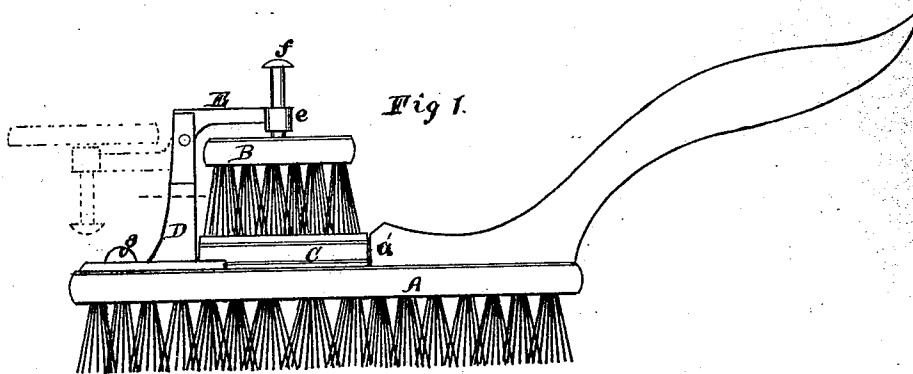


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IMPROVEMENT IN BLACKING-BRUSHES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM S. FICKETT, of Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented certain Improvements in Combination Blacking-Brushes, of which the following is a specification:

This invention consists in so combining and arranging the "dauber" and a blacking-box with the ordinary shoe-brush that the dauber may be made to take up the blacking from the box and transfer it to the surface to be blackened without the necessity of the operator handling the blacking-box at all, and the empty box is readily removed and a fresh one substituted.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of an ordinary blacking-brush and dauber having my invention attached. Fig. 2 is a sectional plan view of one end of the brush and the base of the standard to which the dauber is attached.

A represents the ordinary shoe-brush; B, the dauber; C, the blacking-box; and D, the standard. The base-plate *b* of the standard is slotted, as seen at *a*, Fig. 2, to receive the clamping-screw *s*, whereby the points *c* may be pressed against the blacking-box, so as to clamp it firmly between them and the end of the handle at *a'*, whether the box be large or small. It might be desirable to provide two or more screw-holes in the back of the brush to receive the clamping-screw *s*, to permit the use of either large or small boxes. The upper

end of the standard D is bifurcated, and the swinging arm E is hinged therein. The arm is provided at the hinged end with an offset, as shown in Fig. 1, which causes it to hang nearer the brush-back, when swung out in the position indicated by the dotted lines, than when turned over the box. The pivotal stem *f* of the dauber fits loosely through the head of the arm at *e*, and should be of sufficient length to permit the dauber to adjust itself vertically to reach the blacking, whether the box be full or nearly empty.

In order to charge the dauber, it may be twirled by the hand, or its edge may be rolled along the boot or other object, after which it may be thrown outward by a sudden fling of the hand holding the brush, when the blacking may be applied to the boot or shoe.

It will be seen that the dauber answers as a cover for the blacking-box while not in use.

This constitutes a very compact and convenient blacking-"kit."

What I claim as my invention is—

The adjustable clamping-standard D in this class of brushes, in combination with the brush A and blacking-box C, as and for the purposes set forth.

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