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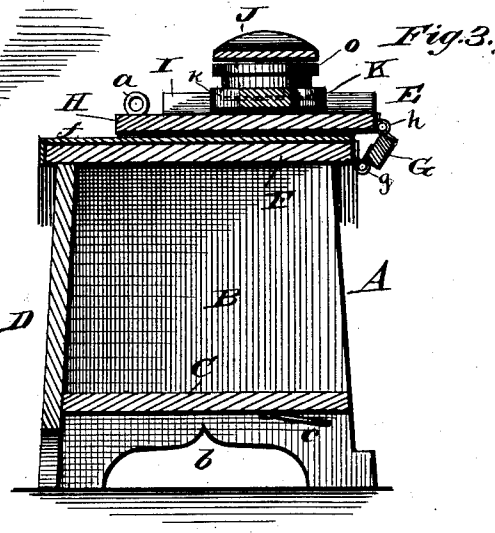
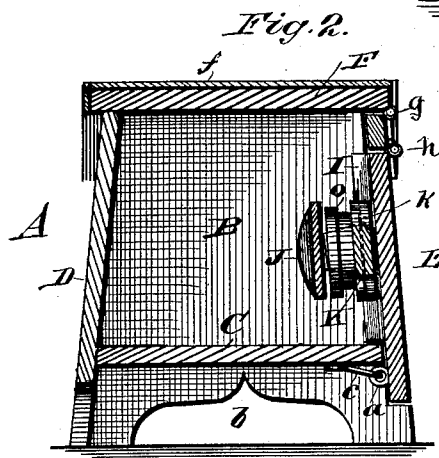
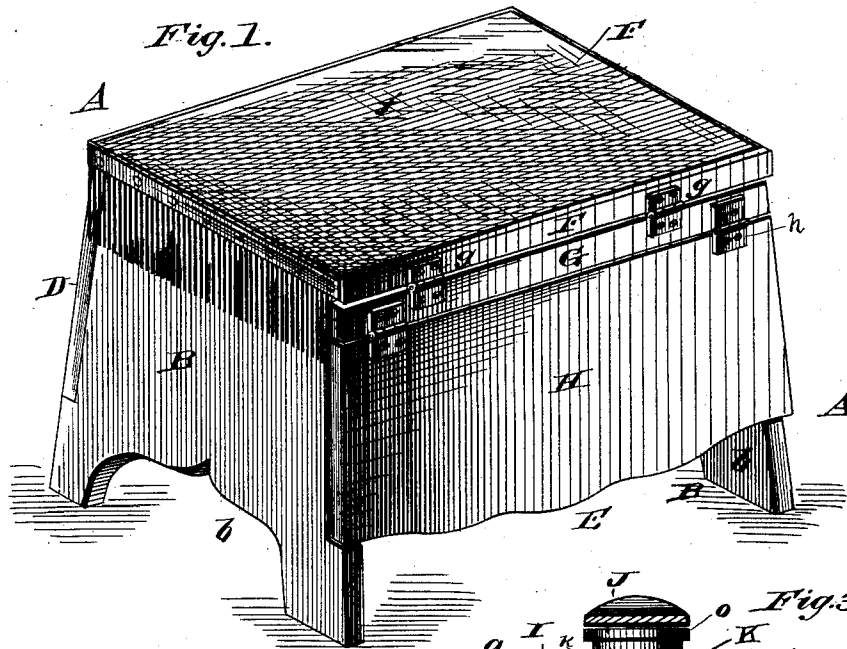
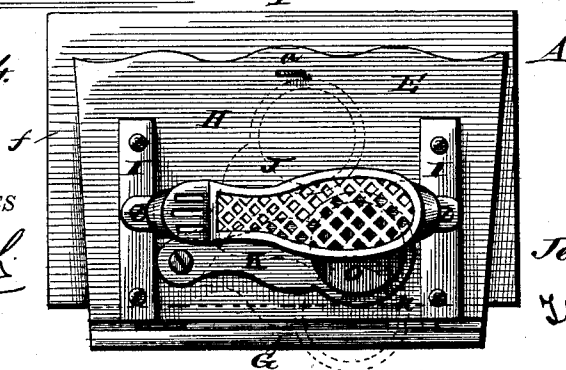


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JESSE A. CRANDALL, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Blacking Stands; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved packing case and stand, showing the hinged side. Fig. 2 is a vertical cross-section through the same, showing the hinged side down. Fig. 3 is a similar sectional view showing the side raised and in position for use. Fig. 4 is a plan view showing the side raised and the blacking-box holder in different positions by the aid of dotted lines.

This invention relates to improvements in packing and storing vessels, and it has for its objects to provide a packing-case for blacking, and to construct the case in such manner that it can be used as a foot rest or stool and as a blacking-case; and the invention consists in the peculiar and novel construction of the case and arrangement of parts, hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the drawings, and particularly specified in the appended claim.

Referring to the drawings by letters, A designates the body of the case of general rectangular form.

B B are the end pieces of the case, which incline slightly inward toward each other, and have their lower ends bifurcated, forming feet *b b*, so that they have a firm purchase on the floor.

C designates the bottom of the case, secured between the ends B B above the bifurcated portions thereof.

D and E designate the sides of the case, the side D being rigid and secured to the end pieces, B B, and bottom C, forming tight joints therewith. The side E is made in sections and hinged to the top F of the case, as hereinafter described. The top F is made sufficiently large to extend over the end and side edges of the case, and is preferably covered or padded with suitable material, as shown at *f*, and suitably fringed or otherwise ornamented at its edges to present a finished appearance and

allow the case to be employed as a stool or ottoman. The side E is composed of a narrow longitudinal strip, G, corresponding in breadth to the thickness of top F and its covering, which is secured by hinges *g g* to the adjoining edge of top F, so that it can be turned up parallel with this edge, as shown, and a main piece or strip, H, which completes the width of the side. This piece H is secured by outside hinges, *h*, to the strip G, so that the two strips can be closed against the adjoining side edges of ends B B and properly shut that side of the case, so that any goods packed in the case can be securely retained therein. The sides D E project below the bottom C, and the side E is held closed by means of a hook, *c*, on the under side of bottom C, and a corresponding eye or staple, *a*, on part H of side E, as shown, or in other suitable manner. The piece H of side E is braced by transverse cross-pieces or strips I I near the opposite ends thereof, and on its inner face and on these strips I I is mounted and secured by proper screws a boot or shoe rest, J, as shown.

K designates an arm pivoted at one end to the piece H near one end of rest J, and having its opposite free end enlarged and recessed, as at *k*, for the reception of a box, *o*, of blacking, as shown. When not in use, or when the case is closed, the arm K and its box of blacking can be turned beneath and lie parallel with the foot-rest and be out of the way.

In packing the case it is turned on its side D and the side E opened. Then, when properly filled, the side E is closed and secured. The case can then be set upright.

The case is especially designed for containing blacking and to effect a readier sale of the same by giving the case to each purchaser of its contents, so that he can employ the case, after disposal of its contents, for any of the several purposes for which it is adapted.

When using the case to polish shoes, the side E is raised and turned backward, its hinged portions permitting this, as shown, until the piece H lies upon the top F, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. The rest J is then in position for use and the arm K can be swung outward to permit ready access to the blacking. It will be observed that by my construction of the hinged side E the cover F is not creased or folded, and is almost entirely covered by

the piece H of side E when the latter is opened, so that in using the rest J in polishing the boots or shoes the dust falling therefrom will fall upon piece H and the cover *f* be unsoiled.

5 It will be further observed that by having the side turned over upon the top of the case, instead of having part of the top hinged to fold upon itself, I prevent the falling of the dust from the shoes into the box, as is the case
10 in ordinary blacking-cases, which is very objectionable, as known to all users of such cases. By employing the narrow hinge-strip G, I am enabled to make close and strong joints between the hinged side and top when the case
15 is closed and strongly secure the parts together, as is evident.

The polishing-brushes can be kept within the case, the side E being held closed when the rest J is not in use, as shown in Fig. 2,
20 preventing the escape of the brushes from the same. The hinged side E presents another and valuable feature in packing-cases, as by reason of it the case can be placed upright upon a shelf and yet permit ready access to
25 its interior for removal of its contents.

I am aware that cases having hinged sides adapted to be folded upon the top have been before used for various purposes, and therefore I do not claim such, broadly; but

What I do claim is—

30 A shoe - blacking stand comprising the housed-in stand provided with a cover, H, connected to the stand by a narrow strip, G, hinged to allow said cover to fold over the top of the stand, as described, the strips I I, secured to said cover, the foot-stand J, secured
35 to these strips so as to bridge over the space between them, the arm K, adapted to receive a blacking-box, pivoted to the cover H, and adapted to be swung behind or beneath the
40 said foot-stand, all constructed and adapted to operate substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two
45 witnesses.

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