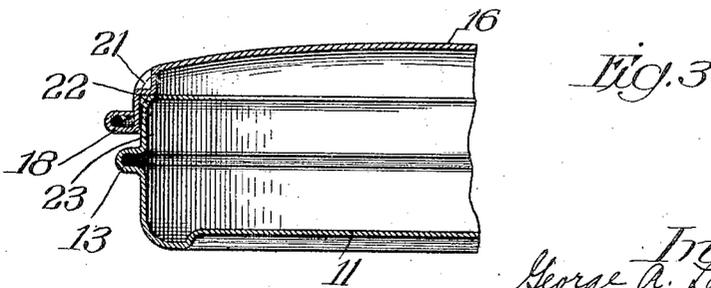
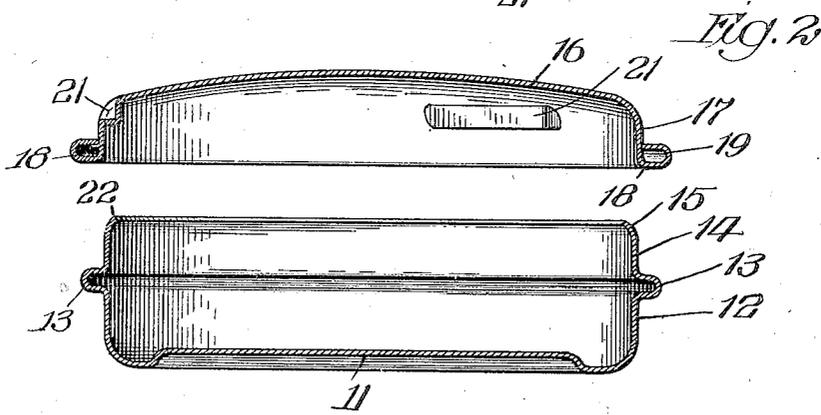
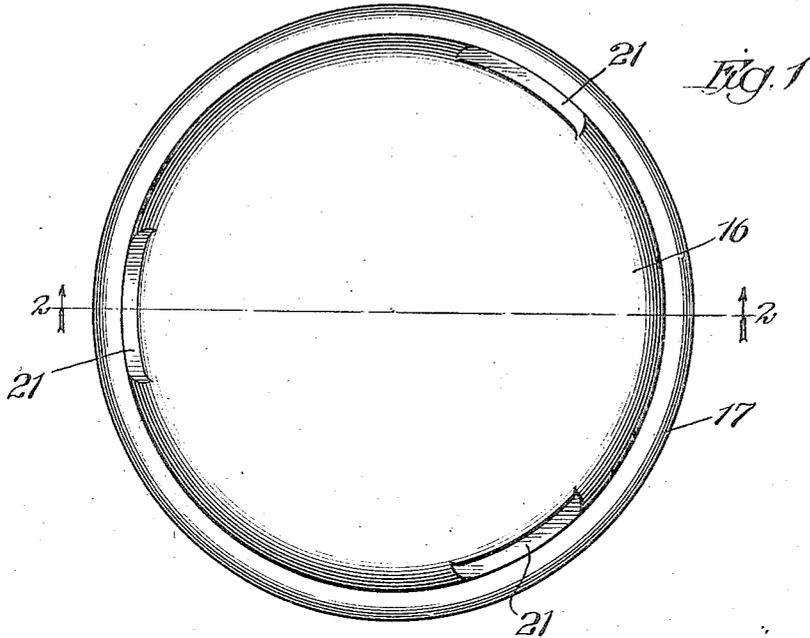


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. LEIGHTON, a citizen of the United States, residing in Roslindale, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Blacking-Box Covers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates in general to containers for shoe blacking and the like, and more particularly to means for opening such a container by the use of a coin or other flat article.

A principal object of the invention is the provision of a container of this type, having a cover in which there are indented portions adapted to rest upon the top portion of a body wall in such manner as not to reduce the height of the cover as a whole and so as to hold apart a rib on said wall, and an outwardly turned flange on said cover so that a coin or other article may be inserted therebetween for opening and also prevent the sticking of the cover to the body along an otherwise continuous line around said body and cover.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a blacking box having the advantages set forth above, and at the same time being always susceptible of easy and tight closing, the cover being so shaped that it will fit well down over the box body without likelihood of being sprung out of shape or of taking a permanent flared set from pressure in applying.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of a container having a cover of the type described and requiring no special formation of the upper part of the body wall in order to receive said cover in the manner above stated.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent as it is better understood from the following description when considered in connection with the accompanying drawing illustrating a preferred embodiment thereof.

Referring to the drawings:

Figure 1 is a top view of a container cover;

Fig. 2 is a section on line 2—2 in Fig. 1, showing the cover removed from the container body; and

Fig. 3 is a section showing the manner in which the cover rests when in position.

On the drawings which I have shown as an exemplification of my invention, it will be noted that the container body 11 is of the general type frequently used for this purpose. It has an upstanding wall 12 in which is a circumferential rib 13 formed by bending the material of the wall outwardly and then back nearly upon itself, the upper part 14 being continued in the vertical line of the wall and preferably bent inwardly at the top as shown at 15. It will be understood that the bend 15 is not essential to the effectiveness of my construction, though it is advantageous.

The cover 16 has a depending flange 17, the lower part 18 of which is bent outwardly and is preferably curled or beaded as shown at 19. In the cover are a plurality of indentations 21, three being usually provided and sufficing for the purposes of the invention. The object of these indentations will be apparent upon reference to Fig. 3. When the cover is in place, the indented portions thereof rest against the upper extremity 22 of the body wall, thus preventing the flange 18 from meeting the rib 13 and providing a space 23 into which a coin may be inserted to pry said cover off of the body.

A particular advantage of this method of obtaining the result just stated is that the top of the body wall serves as a stop for the indented portions which are well up in the cover, thus permitting tight fitting of the latter without likelihood of spreading or flaring the depending flange, as would be the case if an overlapping shoulder or other means of frictional engagement were used for limiting the downward movement of the cover.

Furthermore, it will be observed that, as has been previously stated, no special formation of the upper part of the container body is essential to the use of the cover which I provide, since the indentations are adapted to engage any ordinary upstanding wall. It is believed, therefore, that the novelty and usefulness of my construction will be fully apparent to those familiar with the art.

It is thought that the invention and many of its attendant advantages will be understood from the foregoing description, and it will be apparent that various changes may be made in the form, construction and arrangement of the parts without departing

from the spirit and scope of the invention or sacrificing all of its material advantages, the form hereinbefore described being merely a preferred embodiment thereof.

5 I claim:

A container for shoe blacking and the like, comprising a body having a circumferential rib and a cover having a depending outwardly turned flange, a plurality of separate indentations being located in said cover

spaced at intervals from each other without reducing the height of the cover in such manner that the portions so indented will rest against the upper portion of the body wall, thereby separating said cover flange and body rib sufficiently to permit the insertion of an instrument to remove said cover. 15

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