

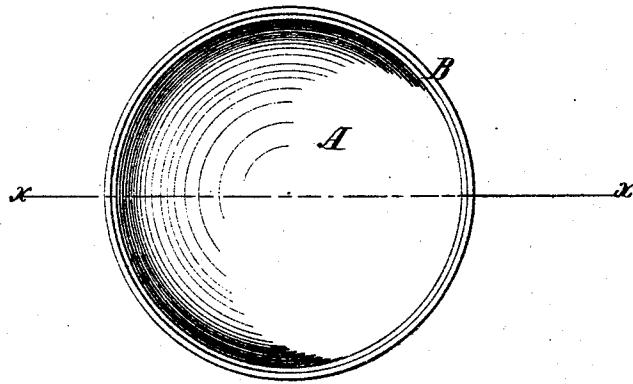
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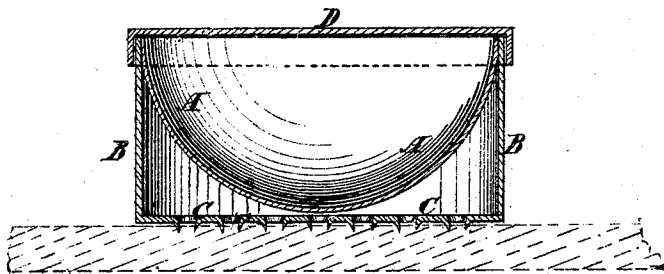
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BLACKING-BOXES.

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Specification describing a new and Improved Blacking-Box, invented by HIRAM SMITH, of Newton Mills, Haddonfield, in the county of Camden and State of New Jersey.

Figure 1 is a top view of my improved blacking-box. Fig. 2 is a detail sectional view of the same taken through the line *x x*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention has for its object to furnish an improved box for shoe-blackening, which shall be so constructed that the blacking can all be removed with the brush, which will not cut the bristles of the brush when removing the blacking, and which will keep its place wherever it may be placed while being used without its being necessary for the operator to keep it in his hand; and it consists in the construction and combination of various parts of the box, as hereinafter more fully described.

A represents the body of the box which receives the blacking, and which is made semi-spherical in form, as shown in Fig. 2. With this construction there will be no angles or corners for the blacking to get into and where it cannot be reached by the brush. With this construction also the sides of the brush cannot come in contact with the edges of the box while removing the blacking, thus preventing

the bristles from being cut by said edges. To the edges of the semi-spherical body A is attached the upper edge of a cylindrical case-band or rim, B. To the lower edge of the rim B is attached a bottom, C, which is perforated outwardly, so that the burs of said perforations may project outward, and thus serve as teeth to prevent the box from slipping around upon its support while being used. This same thing may be accomplished by forming teeth upon the lower edge of the rim B. In this case the bottom C need not be used. D is the cover, which is made and fits upon the top of box in the ordinary manner. The box may be varied in size, as desired, so as to contain any desired amount of blacking.

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

The blacking apparatus, consisting of case provided with outwardly-perforated bottom C, cover D, band B, and hemispherical body A, when all are constructed, arranged, and combined substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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