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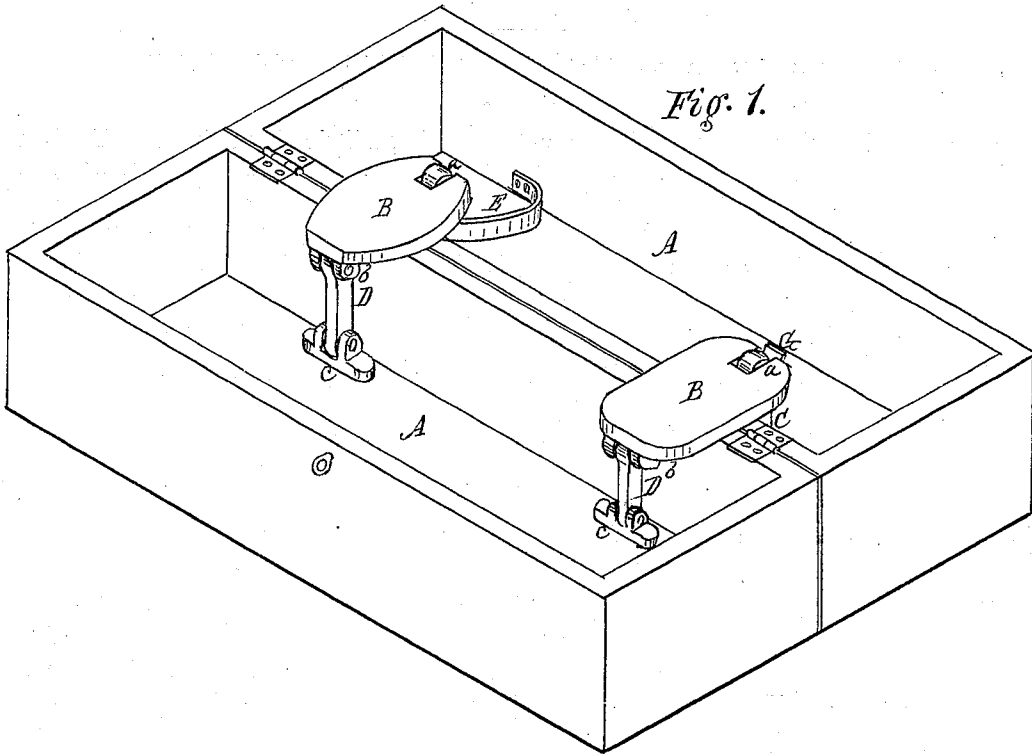


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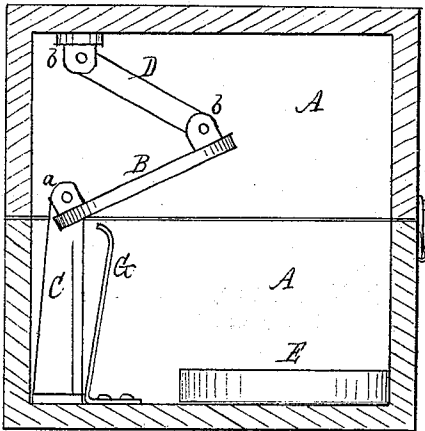
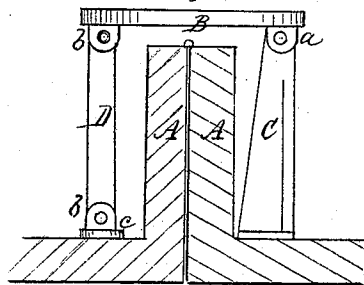


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BLACKING-CASES.

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Specification describing a certain Improvement in Blacking-Cases, invented by WILLIAM P. HUGHES, of the city of Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York.

Nature of the Invention.

My invention consists of a box having iron bearings hinged in a peculiar manner, whereby, when the box is open, said bearings form a support for the foot, but when the box is closed they fold up in compact shape and assist in holding the blacking-brush in place, as hereinafter described.

General Description.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improvement, showing the box open; Fig. 2, a cross-section of the same, showing the box closed; Fig. 3, an elevation of one of the foot-bearings attached to the two parts of the box.

A A represent the two halves of the box, which are hinged in the center, so as to be turned over or closed up. When opened, as in Fig. 1, the box presents a wide open surface and the cavities or hollows on each serve to catch the dirt. By this means the receptacle may be placed in a chair or anywhere else in blacking the boots without danger of soiling. B B are the foot-rests or bearings, made of iron. When the box is opened, as in Fig. 1, these bearings are presented upright to support the heel and ball of the foot; but when closed, as in Fig. 2, they fold over in the jointed form shown, and present no impediment to the folding action. To allow this folding action the construction and arrangement are as follows: C C are stiff standards secured to the bottom of one-half of the box at opposite ends and

projecting a little above the top. To the tops of these standards the bearings are pivoted direct, as shown at *a a*. D D are corresponding arms of the other half of the box, pivoted both at the top and bottom, at *b b*, the bottom attachment being to lugs *c c* screwed to the bottom of the box, and the top to lugs of the bearings, as on the opposite side. This allows free folding, and when opened the bearings lie crosswise of the central hinged connection of the box. E is a spring or strap for holding the blacking-box closely in one corner of the bottom of the case; and G is an upright spring for holding the blacking-brush, which lies lengthwise in the space of the case. When the case is closed the bearings B B shut down over the top of the brush and keep it in place.

This device is in simple and compact form when closed, and can be easily packed in a trunk or valise. It is a convenient household article, and can be used on a chair, sofa, or other article without danger of soiling, as the open box on each side will catch all dirt.

Claim.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with the hinged box A A, of the foot-rests or bearings B B, when the same are jointed to stiff standards on one side and yielding ones on the other, as herein shown and described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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