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Fig. 1.

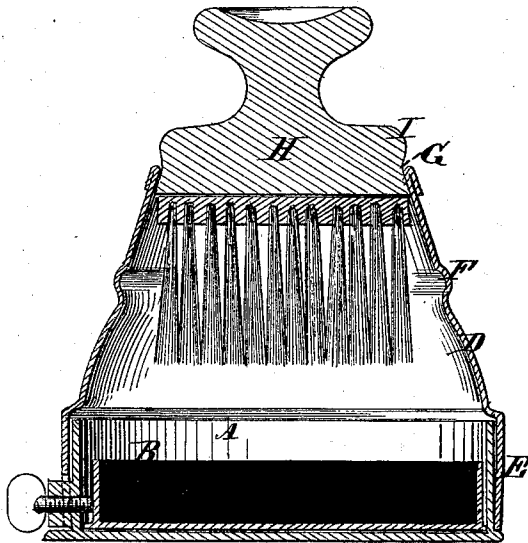
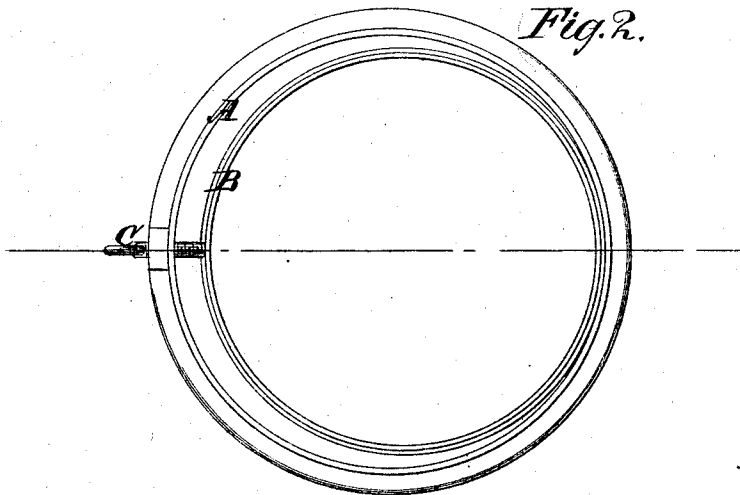


Fig. 2.



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Specification describing a new and Improved Blacking and Brush Holder, invented by EPHRAIM H. SWEETSER, of Salem, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts.

My invention consists of certain improvements in the construction of blacking-box and daub-brush holders, of the character patented to me March 26, 1872, No. 124,984, which said improvements will be hereinafter described.

Figure 1 is a sectional elevation of my improved blacking-box and brush holder, and Fig. 2 is a plan of the bottom part of the holder with a box of blacking in it.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The bottom part A is merely a tin or other sheet-metal cup-shaped device in the form of a blacking-box, except the cover; but a little larger or different sizes may be used for boxes of blacking, B, of different sizes, which they are designed to hold, the same being fastened in them by being clamped therein by a screw, C, which, in this example, is a thumb-screw, for convenience in turning it. The top or cover D for said part A is in the form of a frustum of a cone above the part E, with a bead or circular rib, F, swelled out from the side, say about half-way from the bottom to the top of D, which said rib or bead is provided to facilitate lifting and holding the apparatus by the thumb and fingers, and constitutes a kind of annular handle, by which the said apparatus may be readily taken up, which it is very difficult to do when said part D is constructed on a regular taper, as it has heretofore been made.

In this example I have arranged the part E to fit over the outside of the part A instead of inside, as heretofore, for preventing the smearing of the lower edge with blacking, which occurred, when it fitted inside, by the accumulation of blacking in A, so that it smeared the bench on which it was set while using the

blacking. I therefore arrange it to fit on the outside, as shown, for avoiding such smearing, which is very objectionable, which said arrangement is the more necessary for a cover of the form which I necessarily use to hold the brush as I do, because a cover of such form cannot be so readily turned upside down and set on the bench on the top end as a cylindrical cover can be. I make the bottom A slightly conical, and the part E of the cover slightly contracted from the top downward, so that they bind snugly together when connected and insure the holding of the part A by the part E D. I now propose to provide a little groove, G, in the periphery of the brush-block H, which, in other respects, is like the one described in the aforesaid patent granted to me, and above the said groove, at I, I make the said block of such size that it has to be tilted sidewise slightly to be pressed through the top, by springing the latter outward slightly, so that when said upper part has passed through the top to the groove G the said part above the groove will hold the brush, as shown in Fig. 1, completely closing the top D, but not so tightly but that a smart blow on the top of the brush-handle will release it by forcing it down through the top when it is wanted for use.

The apparatus is designed both for shoe and stove blacking and brushes or other polishing matters.

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

The bottom A, box B, screw C, cover D E F, and grooved block G H, combined, constructed, and arranged substantially as and for the purpose described.

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