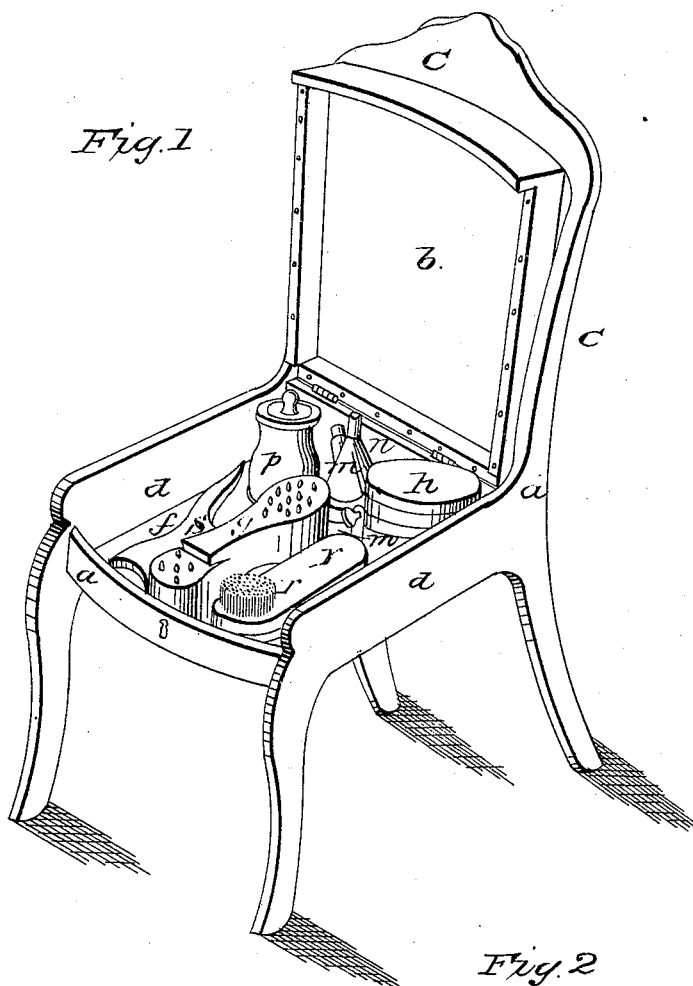


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS G. HARDING, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Boot-Blacking Cases; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The frequent and necessary polishing of boots and shoes by applying blacking thereto has always been the cause of much annoyance, vexation, and inconvenience, owing in a great part to the fact that the various necessary implements and material were never kept in any one place, being laid or thrown here or there, as was most convenient at the moment.

The want of some convenient case in which all the necessary implements for blacking boots and shoes could be kept has long been felt, and to render such a case still more desirable it is evident that, in addition to its convenience for the ready blacking of boots, &c., it should be so constructed or arranged as to relieve its exterior appearance of the real purpose for which it is intended, so that, if desired, it could be placed in any apartment of a house, no matter how nicely or elegantly furnished, without in the least defacing or injuring the appearance of the room. Such a blacking-case would be, it is apparent, quite a desideratum, the advantages of which would be many—as, for instance, a person could thus have in his chamber or sleeping-room, always at his ready access and convenience, a complete set of blacking materials for his boots and shoes.

To provide a case which would not only combine all of the above advantages, but also be simple and economical in its manufacture, is the object of the present invention, and is secured by forming under the ordinary seat-cushion of a chair or other similar piece of furniture a box, in which are placed in the most convenient manner the blacking, (both paste and liquid, or either, as may be desired,) one or more brushes, a suitable-shaped rest or stand for the foot, and any proper-shaped vessel for holding water to moisten the paste-blacking

when used, the seat being hinged at its rear end, so as to be readily swung up, exposing the blacking materials to view, or closed upon the same, as may be desired. These various materials and implements can be secured therein in any proper manner, so that as the chair is moved from place to place they cannot tumble or fall about in the box.

Having thus generally stated the objects and purposes of the present invention and the manner in which the same are accomplished, I will now proceed to describe them in detail, reference being had to the accompanying plate of drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a chair combining in its seat, in a conveniently-arranged manner, a complete set of implements and materials for the blacking of boots and shoes; and Fig. 2 is section in plane of line *x x*, Fig. 1.

a a in the accompanying drawings represent a chair made of any of the ordinary shapes and styles; *b b*, its seat, hinged at its rear to the back *c* of the chair, so as to be susceptible of being swung up away from the seat-frame *d* or down upon the same, as desired; *f f*, a box formed under seat *b*, within its frame *d*, to which the seat is a cover, and in which are placed and arranged the following articles, viz: *g g*, a foot-rest made of suitable shape and secured to bottom of box in any proper manner, on which the foot is placed when the boots are to be polished, the toe toward the back of the chair; *h h*, a box of paste-blacking inserted and tightly held between standards of box and in rear of foot-rest *g* by a suitable screw-rod, *m*; *m' m'*, a water vessel or pot held within the groove of the bottom of the box, having a delivering tapering spout, *n*, and apertures *o*, for filling it, and placed alongside of the box of blacking *h h*; *p p*, a bottle of liquid blacking placed next to water-vessel *m m*, in a socket, *q*, of same diameter as bottle, formed and fastened to the under side of the box; *r r*, a blacking-brush, and *s s* a boot-jack, respectively placed on each side of foot-rest *g g*.

From the above description it is apparent that I have conveniently arranged within the seat of a chair all the implements and material necessary for a person to use when desired to black or polish his boots or shoes, to which

ready access is had by simply lifting the seat-bottom therefrom, the advantages of which are evident; and, furthermore, that I have accomplished this result in a simple, neat, and tasty manner, and to which, when the chair-seat is closed, there can be no objection on account of its external appearance.

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

The combination of the chair *a*, hinged seat *b*, and foot-rest *g*, arranged, as herein specified, for the reception and use of boot-blackening appliances.

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