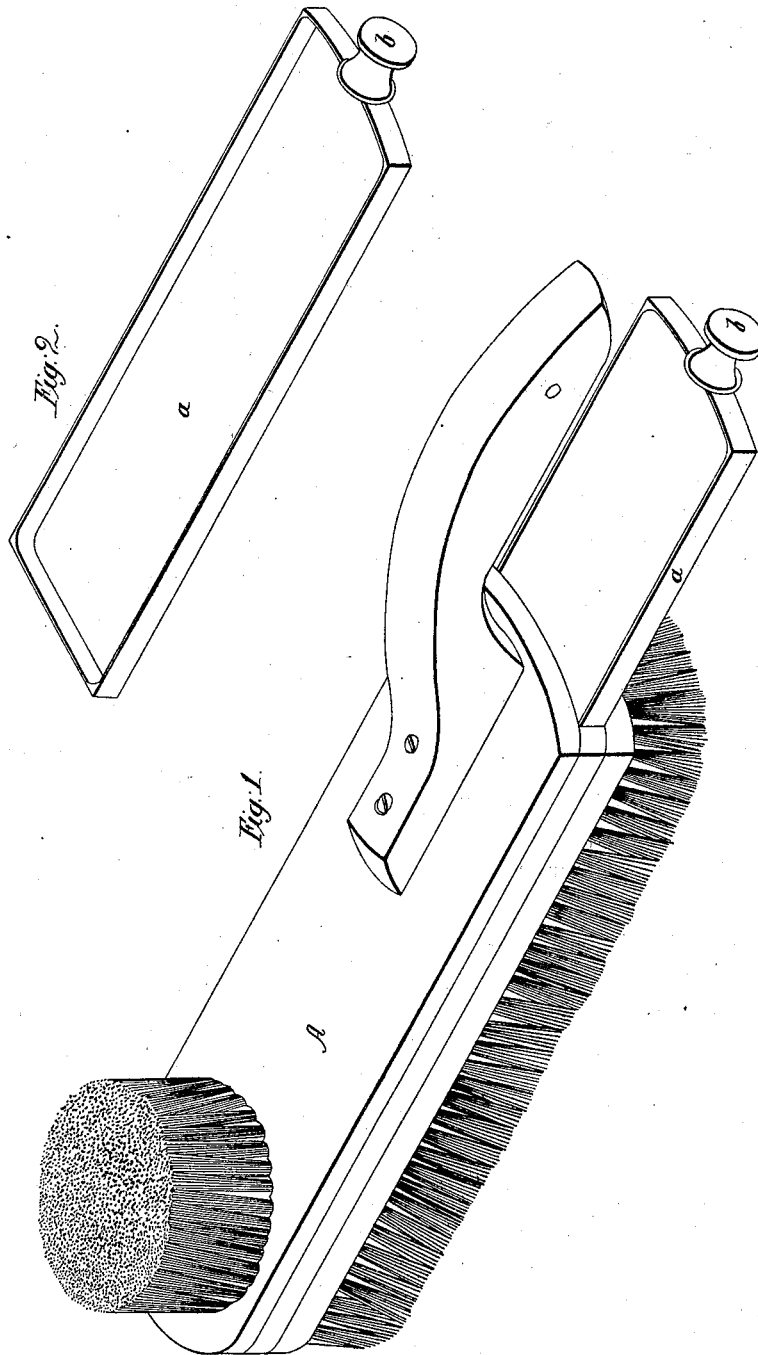


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## IMPROVED BLACKING-BRUSH.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 54,472, dated May 1, 1866.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, NATHANIEL G. WHITMORE, of Mansfield, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Blacking-Brushes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a blacking-brush with my improvement applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of my improvement detached.

The operation of polishing boots and shoes or other articles, such as stoves, &c., when performed with a blacking-brush of the ordinary construction, is attended with inconvenience, and the hands of the person using it are liable to be soiled by contact with the blacking, to avoid which is the object of my invention, which consists in providing the brush with a sliding drawer, which contains the blacking.

To enable others skilled in the art to understand and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the manner in which I have carried it out.

In the said drawings, A represents an ordinary blacking-brush, in which is formed a rectangular opening for the reception of a

drawer, *a*, which is filled with paste blacking and is made to slide in and out by taking hold of the knob *b*.

Instead of the ordinary blacking for polishing boots or shoes being placed within the drawer *a*, it may contain blacking suitable for stoves or any other description of blacking required by the article to be polished. A spring or other device may be employed, if necessary, to keep the drawer within the brush when not in use.

By placing the blacking within the brush, where it may always be found when required to be used, the loss of time occasioned by keeping the brush and blacking in separate places is thereby avoided.

A brush so constructed enables one to use it without soiling the hands, and on account of its being compactly placed together forms a very convenient article for the purposes above described.

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

A blacking-brush, A, provided with a sliding drawer, *a*, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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