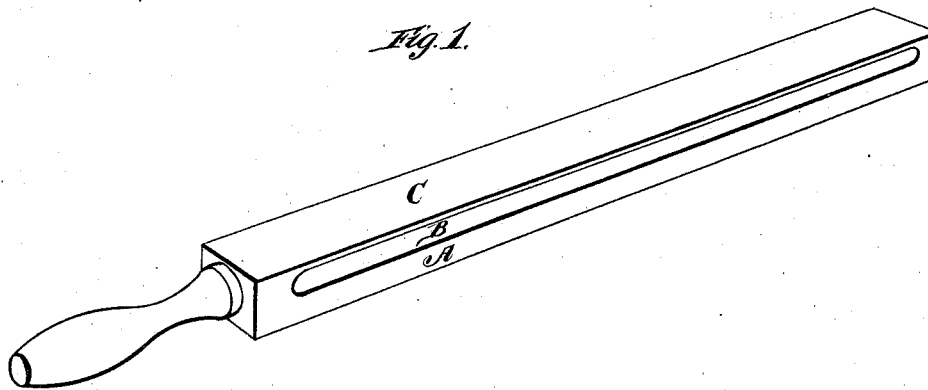


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IMPROVEMENT IN RAZOR-STROPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOEL HAPGOOD DAVIS, of Templeton, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Razor-Strops; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

The figure of the drawing is a representation of a perspective view of my razor-strop.

My invention relates to a strop for sharpening razors; and the novelty consists in the construction, as will be more fully hereinafter set forth.

It is desirable in this class of goods to have the sharpening-surface provided with a firm spring, and to this end many devices have been employed, among which the tacking of leather at each end of a piece of wood with a hollow or dishing surface beneath; but in all such cases the difference of material, unequal contraction and expansion, or other disturbing elements have rendered the devices of little moment or worth.

My invention consists in forming both the body and the spring surface of the same material; and to this end I take a piece of any suitable wood and core it at a sufficient distance from one or both edges to leave a thin strip of the native material, which strip serves as the sharpening side.

Referring to the drawing, A represents the body; B, the space left after the coring has been accomplished, and C the face or spring strip.

A double strap may be formed by coring out opposite sides, and leaving the spring-strip on each side.

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

The razor-strop described, composed of one piece of wood, cored out at B, so as to leave the spring-strip C and body A of the same material, as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

JOEL HAPGOOD DAVIS.

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