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Combined Haddock and Foot Warmer.

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Fig. 1.

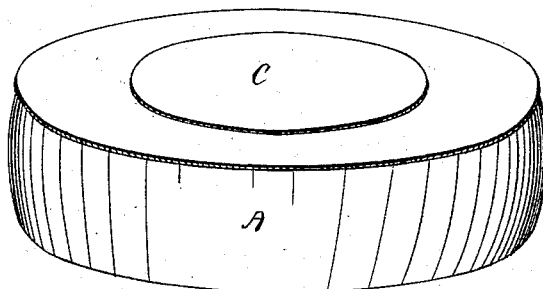


Fig. 2.

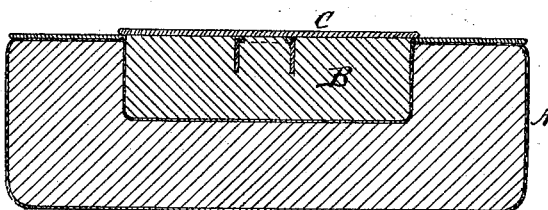
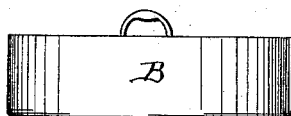


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED HASSECK AND FOOT-WARMER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, J. AUGUSTUS FOLSOM, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Combined Hassock and Foot-Warmer, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to utilize the ordinary hassock as a foot-warmer, so that without any change of parts the hassock may serve its purpose as a foot-rest at any and all times, and when required it may serve the additional purpose of a foot-warmer.

The invention consists in leaving an open space or cavity in the upper portion of the hassock, in which is fitted a piece of soap-stone or other material capable of retaining and imparting heat, the same being provided with a cover of the same material with the hassock, and presenting a uniform appearance with the latter.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hassock embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section of the same, and Fig. 3 is a view of a block of the material to be placed in the hassock.

A represents a hassock, made in any of the ordinary forms, either oval, round, or square, and of any desired size. In the upper portion of the hassock is left a space or cavity for the reception of a block of soap-stone or other material, B, capable of retaining and imparting heat. This block may be provided with a handle, as shown in Fig. 3, for convenience of handling.

A cover, C, is provided and may be sewed to the hassock at one side, so as to be readily opened for the insertion of the block B, and it conceals the same when closed.

By means of this invention persons can always be provided with ready means for keeping the feet warm, as the hassock is always at hand and the block can be readily heated, so that the hassock can be taken into a carriage or used in church.

During the warm season, or when a foot-warmer is not required, the hassock is equally available as a foot-rest, and the block, instead of being an incumbrance, is rather a benefit, as tending to keep the hassock in place by its additional weight.

The thickness of the hassock at the sides and below the heater tends to absorb and retain the heat to a great degree, and consequently to radiate more heat from the upper side.

I propose to place one or more pieces of loose carpeting or other similar material in the bottom of the heater-cavity, so that the same may be readily removed and placed on the top of the heater, if desirable, when the hassock is used as a kneeling-cushion.

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

The hassock A, constructed with a cavity in its upper portion, in which is placed a block of soap-stone, B, or its equivalent, and provided with a cover, C, as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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