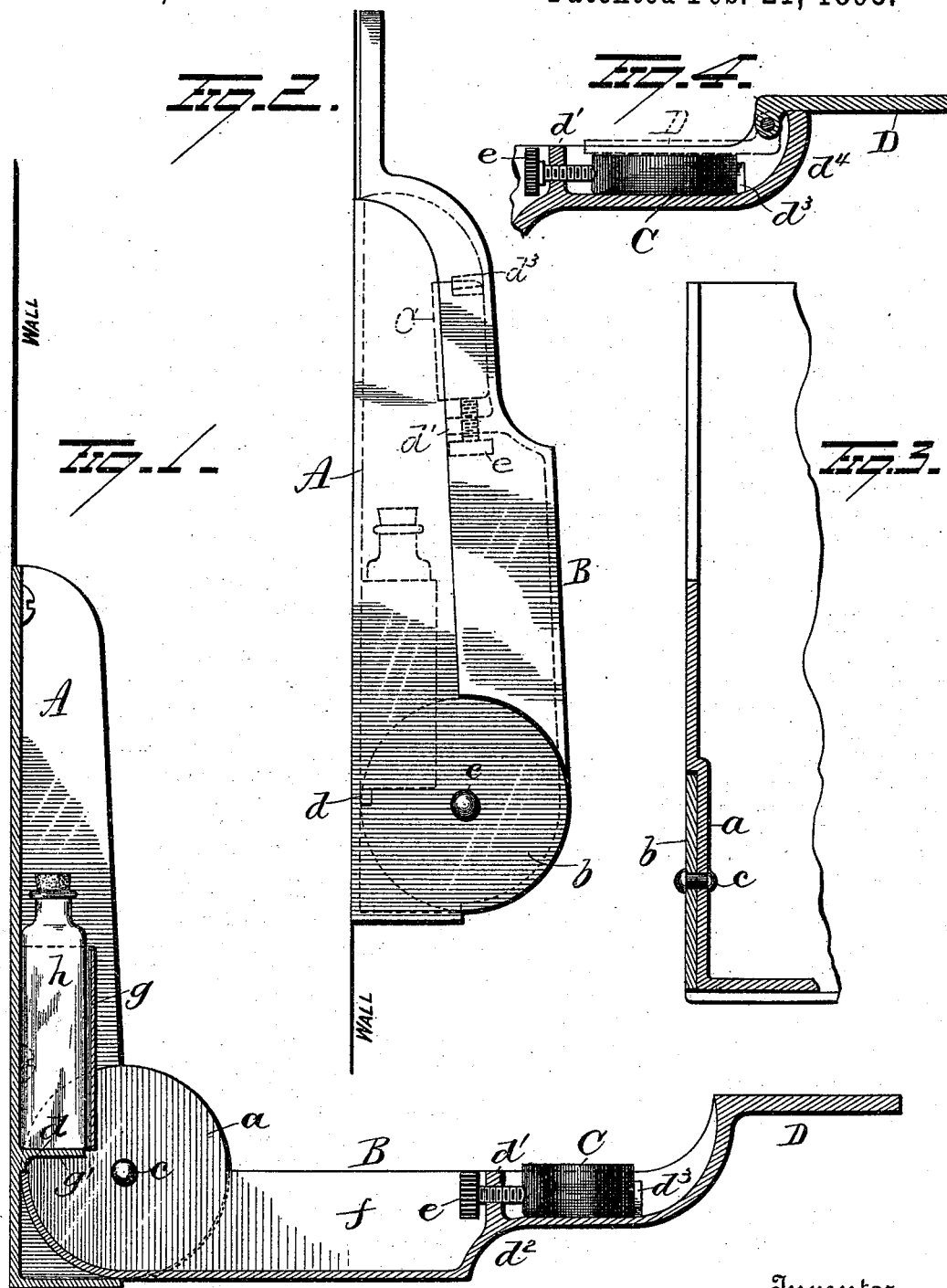


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUSTUS C. BARLER, of Fremont, in the county of Dodge and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Blacking Outfits; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to an improvement in shoe blacking outfits,—the object being to produce such a device, which shall be simple in construction, compact, of tasty design, durable and effective in the performance of its functions.

A further object is to produce a shoe blacking outfit which can be folded up out of the way so that the blacking &c. will be kept free from dust &c., and which shall be comparatively cheap to manufacture.

With these objects in view the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations and arrangements of parts as hereinafter set forth and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a sectional view of the device, open. Fig. 2 is a side view showing the device closed. Fig. 3 is a sectional view. Fig. 4 is a view showing a folding foot rest.

A represents an arm or box adapted to be secured to the wall or casing of a room, the lower ends of the sides of said arm or box being made with enlargements *a*. Another arm or box B is provided at one end of each side with enlargements *b*, adapted to lie parallel with the enlargements *a* of the sides of the arm A and are pivotally connected to said enlargements *a* by means of pins *c*,—said arm B being adapted at its inner end to abut against a flange or lugs *d* on the part or arm A when the arms A, B, are in the positions shown in Fig. 1, and thus maintain said arm B in a rigid horizontal position. The lower end of the arm A will preferably be made angular as shown in Figs. 1 and 2 and thus assist in supporting the arm B when in the position shown in Fig. 1 and also serving to close the lower end of the device when folded as shown in Fig. 2.

In casting the arm A, the enlargements *a* are set inwardly the thickness of the enlargements *b* of the arm B, so that said enlarge-

ments *b* will be disposed in line with the sides of the arm A, as shown in Fig. 3. Near its outer end, the bottom of the arm or box B is preferably curved slightly upwardly as at *d*², and provided with three or more lugs *d'*, *d*³, between which a blacking box C can be placed, said blacking box being properly held in position by means of a screw *e* passing through the lug *d'*. The lug *d'* also forms a partition between the body of the arm B and the portion which contains the blacking box, whereby a compartment *f* is produced for the reception of brushes. Beyond the portion of the arm B on which the blacking box rests, said arm is extended slightly upwardly and then horizontally and terminates in a foot rest D.

Instead of making the foot rest D integral with the arm B, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, it may be hinged thereto as shown in Fig. 4, and adapted to fold over the box of blacking C and thus exclude dust therefrom.

When the device is open and ready for use, the foot rest D will bear at a point in proximity to its pivot, on the upwardly projecting portion *d*⁴ at the end of the arm B.

Projecting from the back of the arm or box A, is a receptacle *g* for the reception of a bottle *h* containing shoe polish, the bottom *g'* of this receptacle being preferably cast with the arm B. With the device thus constructed, a firm foot rest will be provided for the foot during the operation of blacking the shoes; provision is made for holding the several articles necessary for blacking shoes, and when not in use the device may be folded up as shown in Fig. 2 and the contents thereof will be inclosed and protected from dust. When the device is closed the foot rest D may rest near the wall or device to which the outfit is secured, or said foot rest may be hinged so as to fold within the arm as above explained.

The device is very simple, compact, durable, cheap to manufacture, effective in the performance of its functions and ornamental in appearance.

The device will preferably be made of cast metal, and will therefore be very rigid.

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

1. A blacking outfit comprising two parts

hinged together, each part having a receptacle formed therein, one having a shoulder therein adapted to form an abutment for the pivoted end of the other end to strike when the device is open whereby a secure support is formed therefor, and the extreme free end forming a foot rest adapted to fall approximately into alignment with the back of the device when the parts are closed, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination with a stationary section comprising back and sides, and hinged section comprising front and sides, the edges of the sides of the two sections adapted to come together when the device is closed, the front of the hinged section curved inward at its lower end, and the other section having a shoulder which this curved end is adapted to strike when the device is opened, and a foot rest formed on the free end of the hinged section, substantially as set forth.

3. A blacking outfit comprising two mem-

bers hinged together, one having two receptacles therein, one receptacle adapted to receive brushes and the other adapted to receive a blacking box, the latter receptacle having an adjustable device for removably securing the box in place, substantially as set forth.

4. A blacking outfit comprising two members hinged together, one member stationary and the other member having a receptacle formed therein adapted to receive blacking brushes, this member also provided with a tread sufficiently raised from the receptacle so that a foot resting thereon will be above the articles contained in the receptacle substantially as set forth.

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

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