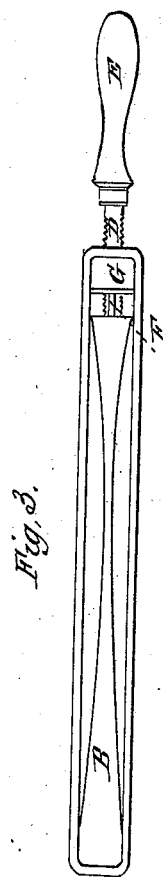


*Razor Strop.*

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## RAZOR-STROP.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES L. FOWLE, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in the Razor-Strop; and I do hereby declare that the same is fully described and represented in the following specification and accompanying drawings, letters, figures, and references thereof.

Of the said drawings Figure 1 denotes a top view; Fig. 2, a horizontal section; and Fig. 3 a side elevation of my improved strop.

A, in said figures, represents an endless band made of leather (or some other equivalent) and stretched around two blocks, or pieces B, C, of wood or other proper material, shaped and arranged together as seen in the drawings. The two opposite sides of the piece B, viz, those which are respectively adjacent to the inner parallel surfaces of the band A, are made concave, or are hollowed or curved out as seen in Fig. 3. Through the piece or block C, a screw D, (having a handle E,) passes, the said block having a female screw cut through it to receive the screw D. The end of the said screw D, is made to abut or act against the contiguous end of the block or piece B, so that when the screw is screwed up, the piece B, may be forced away from the piece or block C, in such manner as to elongate or draw tight the belt A. The two opposite external sides of the belt A, are covered with paste or composition suitable for sharpening a razor or any other article of cutlery to which the strop may be adapted.

In order to prevent the screw block C, from turning out of place two steady pins F, G, are made to project from it, and to pass and move into corresponding sockets or holes H, I, made or bored in the end of the piece B, as seen in Fig. 2.

It is well known that for sharpening a razor or taking off the wiry edge after it has been honed, barbers generally prefer a common leather strap, one end of which is fastened to the wall or some convenient part of a room, while the other end is held in the hand. The peculiar flexibility of such a strap renders it very advantageous. My improved razor strop is intended to operate upon similar principles, and to enable a person to not only obtain all the advantages arising from the bending of the strap when supported at two points, but to strain the strap with such a degree of longitudinal tension as may be desirable.

What therefore I claim as my invention is—

My improved razor strop made substantially as specified, or in other words a combination made up of the following elements or their mechanical equivalents, viz, the double concave piece B, the screw block C, the screw D, and the endless band A, the whole being applied together and used in the manner as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my signature this twenty-fourth day of February, A. D. 1848.

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