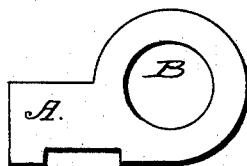


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Lamp Wick Scraper.

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*Fig. 1.*



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## WICK-SCRAPER.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **47,254**, dated April 11, 1865.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHAS. W. CAHOON, of Portland, in the county of Cumberland and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wick-Scrapers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawing, making a part of this specification, in which the figure represents a view of the same.

In using coal-oil lamps I have found much difficulty in trimming the wicks so that a regular flame would ensue when they were cut off with a scissors; and therefore, after they have been once lighted, instead of cutting off their tops previous to lighting again, I have simply scraped them, which removes the debris and crustation, leaving the top of the wick corresponding to the top of the tube of the lamp, and I have found so much more regularity of flame resulting therefrom that I

have been induced to invent a convenient tool for that purpose, which is so made that when not wanted for use it may be suspended to the spout of the oil-can, and its misplacement or loss be thus prevented. This tool is simply a flat piece of metal, having a part of it made in the form of a ring to answer for a handle and to hang it by, and the other part made rectangular, or thereabout, having a rectangular inlet, so that it may be used to scrape the top of a lamp-wick.

A in the drawing is the part which is used for scraping the wick, and B is the handle and ring for hanging it up.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

A wick-scraper substantially as described.  
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