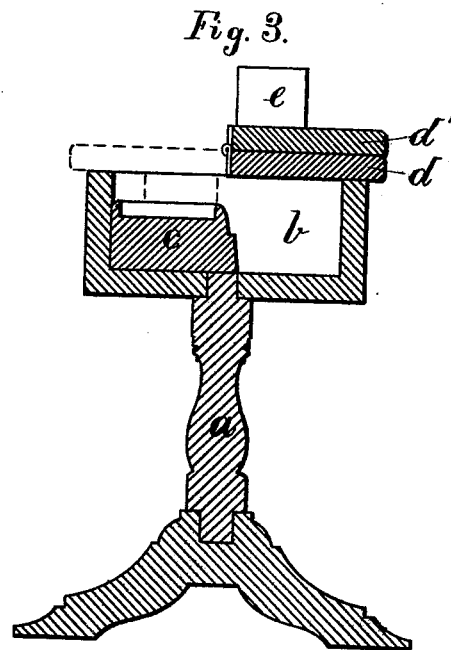
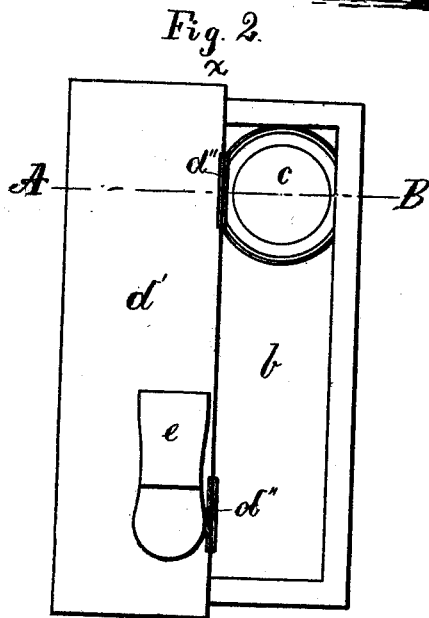
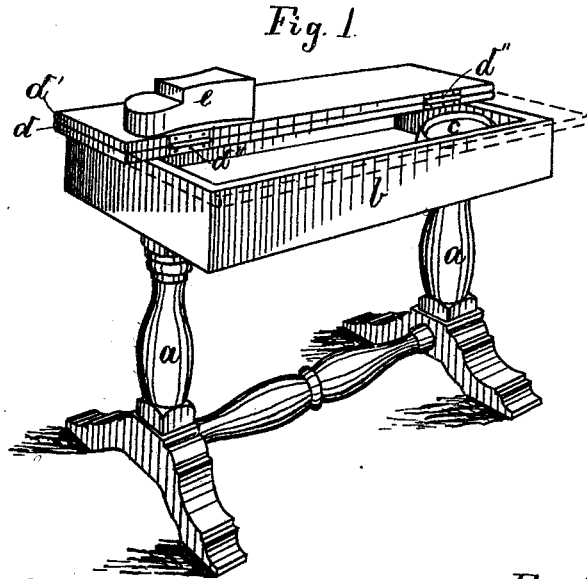


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IMPROVEMENT IN BLACKING-STOOLS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANTHONY WATERMAN, of Charlestown, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Blacking-Stools; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in blacking-stools and receptacles for containing blacking, brushes, &c., used for the purpose of blacking boots and shoes; and consists of a suitable support or frame, upon which is mounted a receptacle for the blacking-box and necessary utensils, and which receptacle is covered with a cover, one-half of which is secured to the top of said receptacle, and the other half being hinged to the stationary part, and provided on the under side with a foot-rest, which, when the movable part of the cover is turned in an open position, becomes on the top of the whole, and serves as a rest for the foot during the operation of blacking boots and shoes. When the hinged half of the cover is closed upon the receptacle, the whole serves as a neat and durable stool or seat, and its purpose as a blacking-stool and receptacle is then concealed.

On the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved blacking-stool, shown open. Fig. 2 represents a plan view of the same in a similar position; and Fig. 3 represents a cross-section on the line A B in Fig. 2.

Similar letters refer to similar parts wherever they occur on the different parts of the drawings.

a a represent the supports or frame-work of the stool in any ordinary way. *b* represents the box or receptacle, above the supports *a a*,

for the purpose of containing blacking and brushes, &c. *c* represents a circular case, in which the blacking-box is inserted when the stool is in use, which case *c* is secured in a suitable manner in the receptacle *b*. The said box or receptacle *b* is provided at the top with a stationary cover, *d*, firmly secured to the top of said box, and covering one-half, or nearly so, of the same. To the central portion of the stationary cover *d* is hinged the movable cover *d'*, by means of suitable hinges *d'' d'''*, as shown. To the under side of the movable cover *d'*, when in a closed position, is attached a foot-rest, *e*, which appears on the top of the whole stool when the cover *d'* is turned up in the position shown in the drawings. Dotted lines in Figs. 1 and 3 show the position of the movable cover *d'* when it is closed down to cover the opening in the upper part of the receptacle *b*.

I am aware of the patents granted, respectively, to S. Macferran, April 12, 1864, No. 42,302, W. P. Hughes, July 16, 1872, No. 129,137, J. H. Doughty, July 24, 1866, No. 56,535, and to R. G. Elder, November 28, 1871, No. 121,345, for blacking-stools and library steps, and I wish here to state that I do not claim as my invention anything as set forth in said patents.

Having thus fully described the nature, construction, and operation of my invention, I wish to secure by Letters Patent and claim—

The herein-described blacking-stool, consisting of the support *a a*, receptacle *b*, with its stationary blacking-case *c*, stationary cover *d*, and hinged cover *d'*, with the foot-rest *e*, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own invention I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

ANTHONY WATERMAN.

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