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Razor-Strop Case.

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Fig. 1.

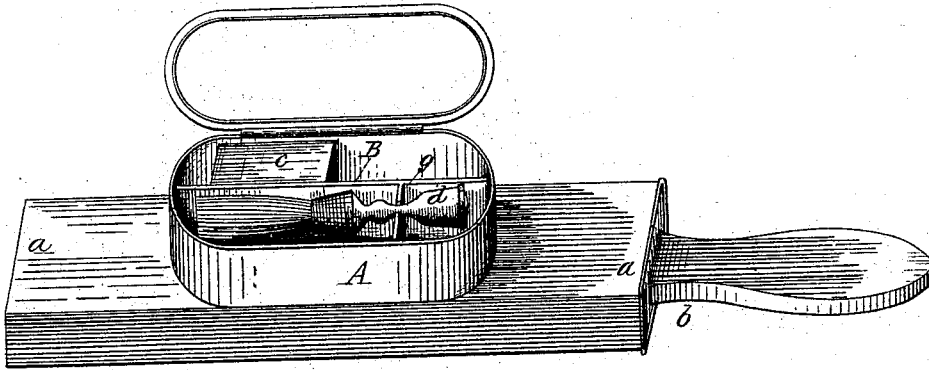
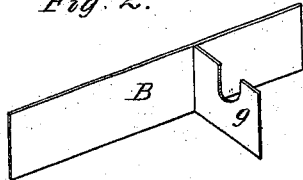


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN RAZOR-STROP CASES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALFRED V. BROKHAHNE, of New York city, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Razor-Strop Cases, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my present invention is to provide an improved razor-strop case which contains all the necessary appliances for shaving except the razor and water.

It consists, first, in such a construction as will allow of one of the sides of the case forming the bottom of a receptacle that may be used as a shaving-cup and a receiver for the soap and brush when not in use; secondly, in so combining the strop-case and receptacle that the former becomes a base or stand for the latter, to prevent its being accidentally upset or moved about during the process of rubbing up the lather with the brush; and, thirdly, in such an arrangement of the case and cup that the weight of the strop in the case may be used to "weight" the base of the shaving-cup, and thereby further prevent the latter upsetting or shifting out of position.

In the drawing, Figure 1 presents a perspective view of my improved razor-strop case with its lateral receptacle uncovered and exposing its contents. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the brush-sustaining partition removed from the receptacle.

The main body of the case is indicated at *a* in Fig. 1, and is constructed in an oblong rectangular shape, as usual, forming a sheath for the razor-strop *b*, as indicated, the handle of which is shown protruding therefrom. Upon one of the flat longitudinal sides of the case a receptacle, *A*, is formed, continuous or integral with the case, and constituting a fixed part thereof. This receptacle is arranged preferably central on the side of the case, and is about half the length of the case or sheath *a*, the sheath forming a base from which the receptacle rises, as shown, being also preferably provided with a lid, as indicated.

This receptacle is thus adapted as a shaving-cup, in which a shaving-lather may be prepared, in the usual manner, and when the lather is washed out after shaving the receptacle will then act to conveniently receive and safely retain the shaving soap and brush *c* *d*,

as indicated in Fig. 1, till next required for use.

The razor-strop thus constructed combines a greater number of uses and retains all the necessary shaving utensils together in a compact and ever-convenient manner. Besides this it has the advantage that although occupying but little room, and being comparatively of light weight, yet from the fact that the strop-case forms a base for the shaving-cup, and the strop makes the base heavier, the shaving-cup is not so readily upset or moved about by the action of the brush in working up the lather. This allows the shaving-cup to be readily used by persons having only one hand, as it does not require a second hand to hold it in position, while a shaving-cup as light as that shown and detached from the case would be readily upset and would slide about if not held fast.

There is also an economic advantage in the construction shown, as by the combination of the cup and case the cost of the bottom of the shaving-cup is saved, which, although small in itself, when considered separately, yet will prove a large item when the case is extensively manufactured.

To enable the case to resist the necessary wetting without injury, it is constructed entire, preferably, of sheet metal, nicely japanned, or of hard rubber, or equivalent water-proof material.

In order to retain the shaving-brush in a proper position in the receptacle, which will permit its ready removal, a removable partition, *B*, is provided, having a lateral arm, *g*, preferably notched, which supports the handle of the brush, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. This partition, when placed in the receptacle, as seen in Fig. 1, isolates the soap *c* from the brush *d*, preventing the brush-handle coming in contact with the soap or with the sides of the receptacle, and thus retaining it in a cleanly condition and in a position ready for easy removal, which is accomplished by lifting out the partition by the grasp of the fingers and then detaching the brush therefrom, as will be readily understood.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A shaving appliance consisting of a razor-strop case, *a*, and a shaving-cup, *A*, the two

being so combined that one side of the case forms a bottom for the shaving-cup, substantially as specified.

2. A shaving appliance consisting of a razor-strop case and shaving-cup, the two being so constructed that one side of the case forms a bottom for the cup, and the case itself a base or stand to retain the cup in its proper position when in use, substantially as described.

3. A shaving appliance consisting of a combination of a razor-strap case, *a*, with a soap and brush receptacle, *A*, the two being so constructed that one side of the case acts in conjunction with the top of the brush-receptacle to keep the removable partition B and

the brush in its proper position, substantially as specified.

4. A shaving appliance composed wholly of sheet metal or equivalent water-proof material, and formed of a razor-strop case, *a*, having a receptacle adapted for a shaving-cup formed integral with the case on one of its longitudinal sides, in such manner that the side of the case forms the bottom of the cup, and the case itself a base or stand to retain the cup in its proper position for use, substantially as herein shown and described.

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