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Shoe Brush.

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Fig. 1.

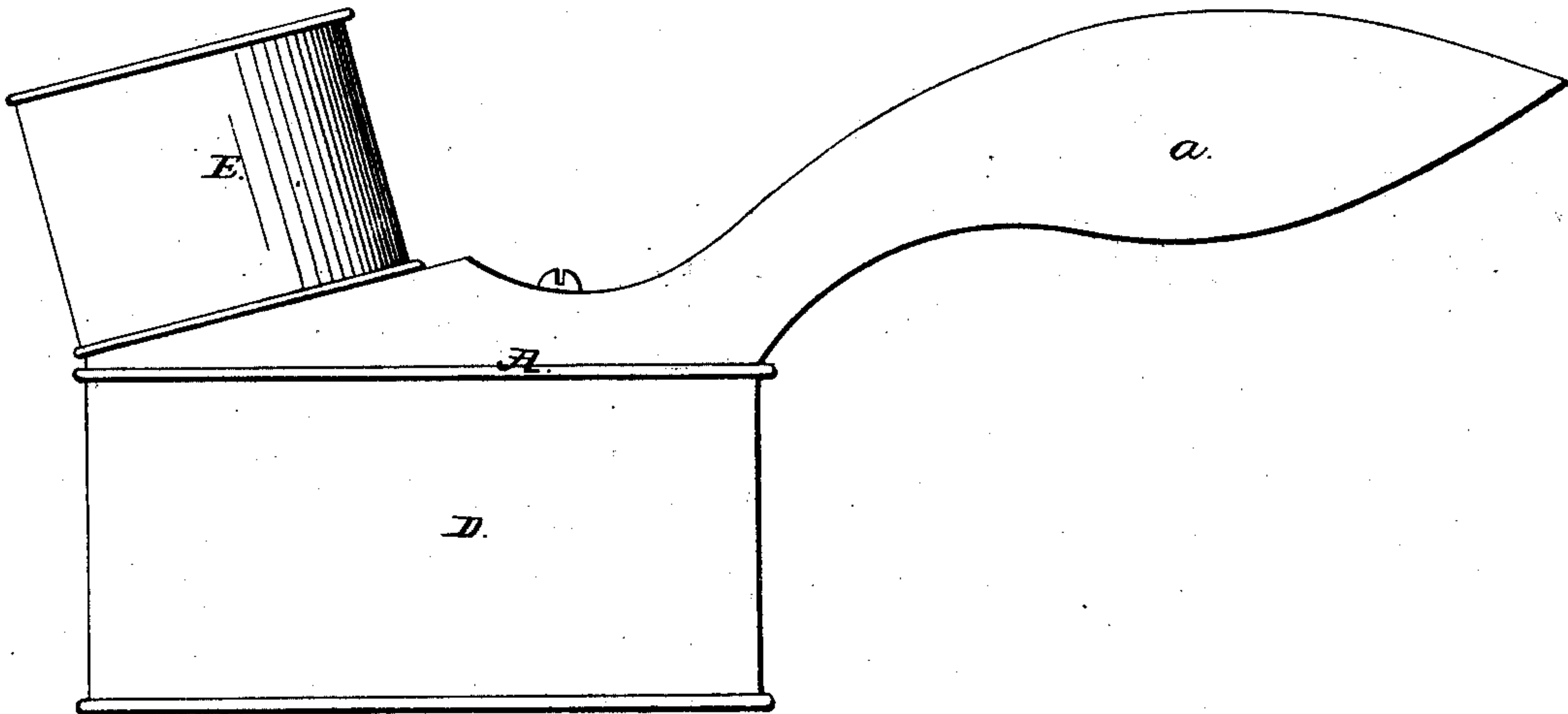
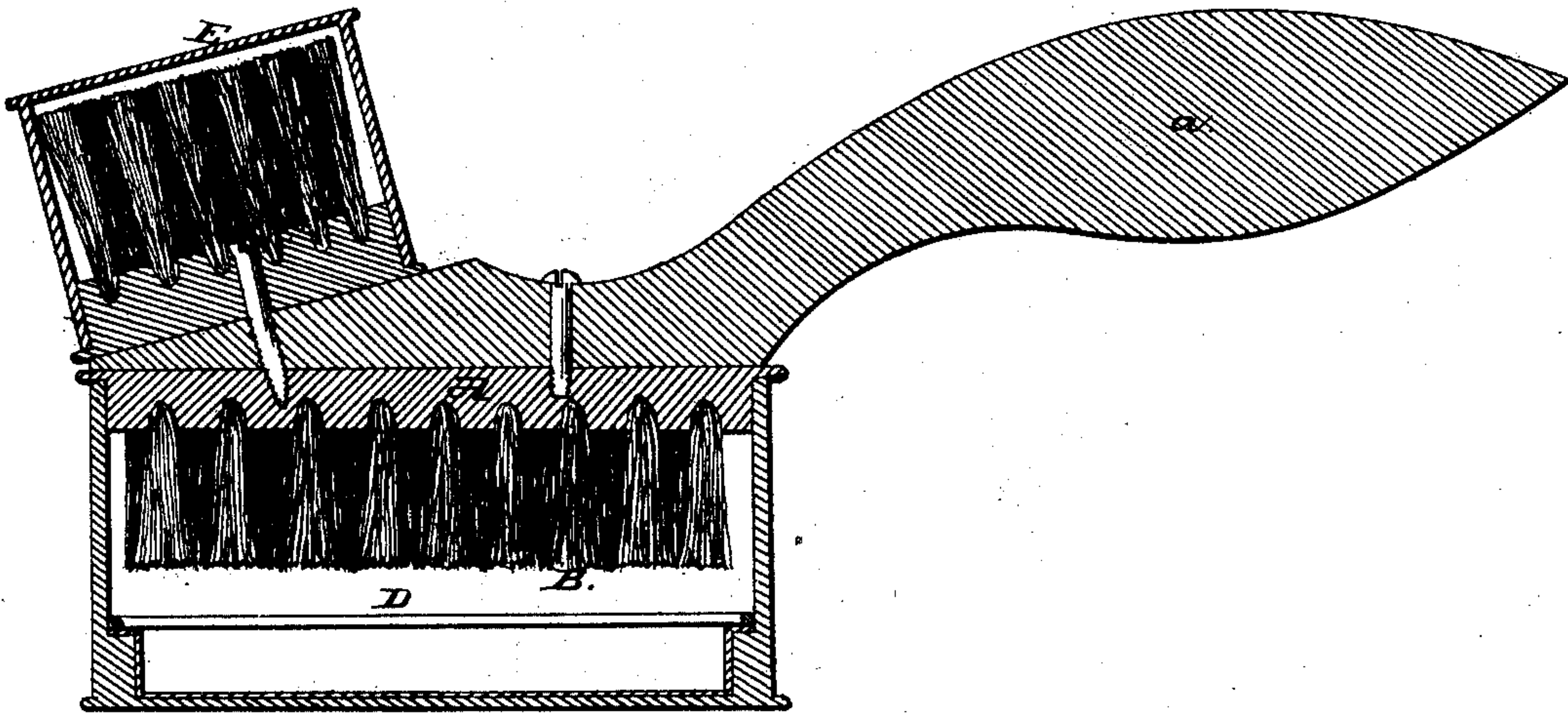


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVED BLACKING-BRUSH AND HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DANIEL BOWKER, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Combined Blacking-Brush and Holder; and I do hereby declare the same to be fully described and represented in the following specification and the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 represents a side view, and Fig. 2, a section, of my invention.

The said invention consists in applying to a shoe brush a box or case, which answers the double purpose of containing the blacking and as a cover to the brush, to prevent it from soiling articles of clothing or wearing apparel with which it may come in contact while packed in a trunk or otherwise.

In the drawings abovementioned, A denotes the body of the brush, and *a* the handle of the same. B is the polishing part of the brush, and *c*, the part for applying the blacking to a boot or shoe. D is a box or case, made sufficiently large to easily encompass the brush B, and which is to be attached to the brush-body in any suitable manner so as easily to be

removed. The case D should also be made of a sufficient depth to contain a box of blacking in addition to the brush B. It may also be fitted with a contrivance for retaining blacking-boxes of different sizes within it. The brush C may also be provided with a cover, E, to prevent it from soiling different articles.

I would observe that a box of blacking may be placed in the case without a cover. In this case, to polish a pair of boots or shoes, all that is necessary to be done is to remove the case D from the brush, rub the small brush C upon the blacking to black the boot or shoe, and polish with the brush B.

I claim—

My improved combined brush and blacking holder constructed substantially in manner and for the purposes as above described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my signature this 20th day of October, A. D. 1863.

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