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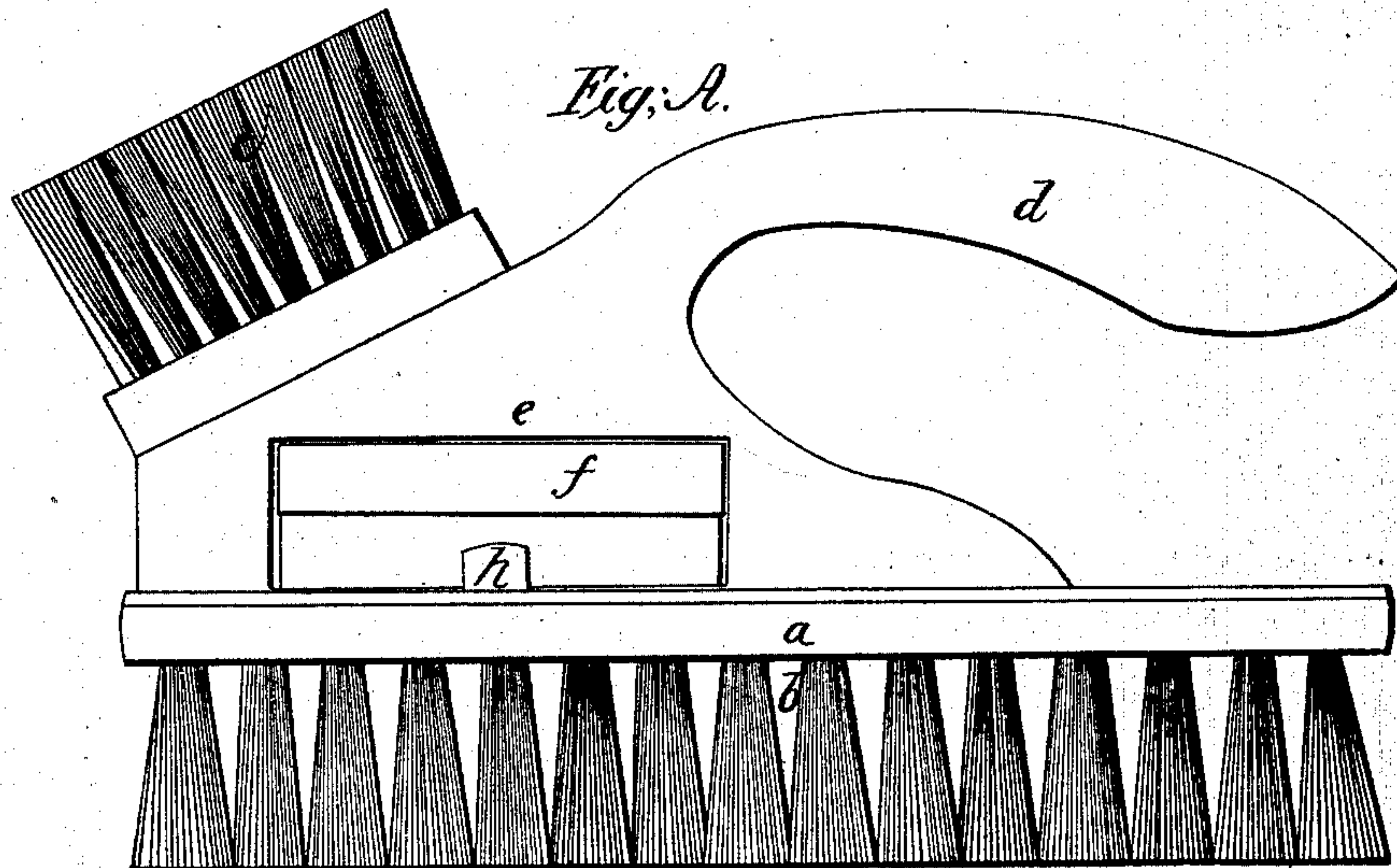
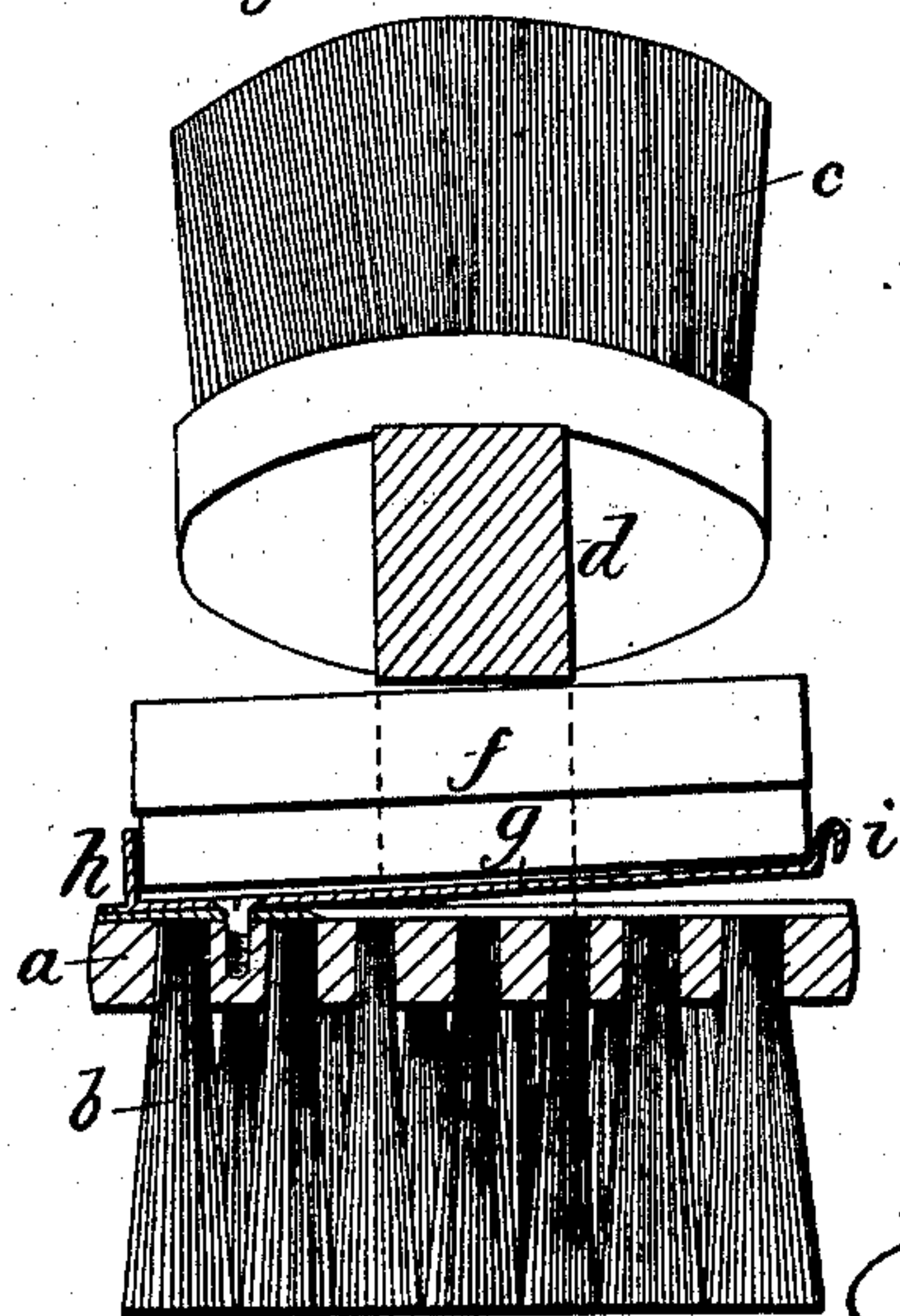


Fig. B.



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IMPROVED SHOE BRUSH.

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SPECIFICATION.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, E. A. G. ROULSTONE, of Roxbury, in the county of Norfolk, and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Shoe Brush; and I do hereby declare that the following, taken in connection with the drawings which accompany and form part of this specification, is a description of my invention sufficient to enable those skilled in the art to practise it.

The invention relates to the manner of constructing that class of shoe brushes, combining the soft bristles for applying the blacking and the polishing bristles in one article, with reference to a provision for securing upon the brush a box of blacking, so that, in travelling, the box may be packed in a trunk or portmanteau with the brush so as to be always at hand, and so as to be free from liability to be thrown about amongst the wearing apparel and articles of toilet with which it may be packed.

The invention consists in constructing the handle of the brush with a recess, into which the box of blacking is slipped, and with a spring-catch to retain the box in position, allowing it to be slipped from the brush when desirable.

The drawing represents a brush embodying the invention; A showing a side view of the same, and B a cross-section through the spring-catch; *a* denotes the brush block, *b* the polishing-bristles thereof, *c* the blacking-brush, *d* the handle. Instead of projecting this handle to the rear of the brush, as is usual, I unite it to the block far enough front to bring the handle directly over the block; and in this handle, where united to the block, I form an oblong hole or space, *e*, just long and deep enough to receive the blacking-box, *f*. Under the centre of this recess I insert across and in the top of the block *a* a spring-catch, *g*, screwed to the block near one end, at which end there is an upward projection, *h*. The box being pressed through the hole, *e*, until one side strikes the projection *h*, the opposite end of the catch will spring up and hold the box securely from sliding out, while by pressing down the catch, *i*, the box may readily be withdrawn.

The handle of the brush may be formed like the common scrubbing-brush handle, secured to the block at each end, but generally I prefer the construction shown.

I claim combining with the handle *d*, and brush-block *a*, a spring for holding the box on the brush-block, substantially as described.

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