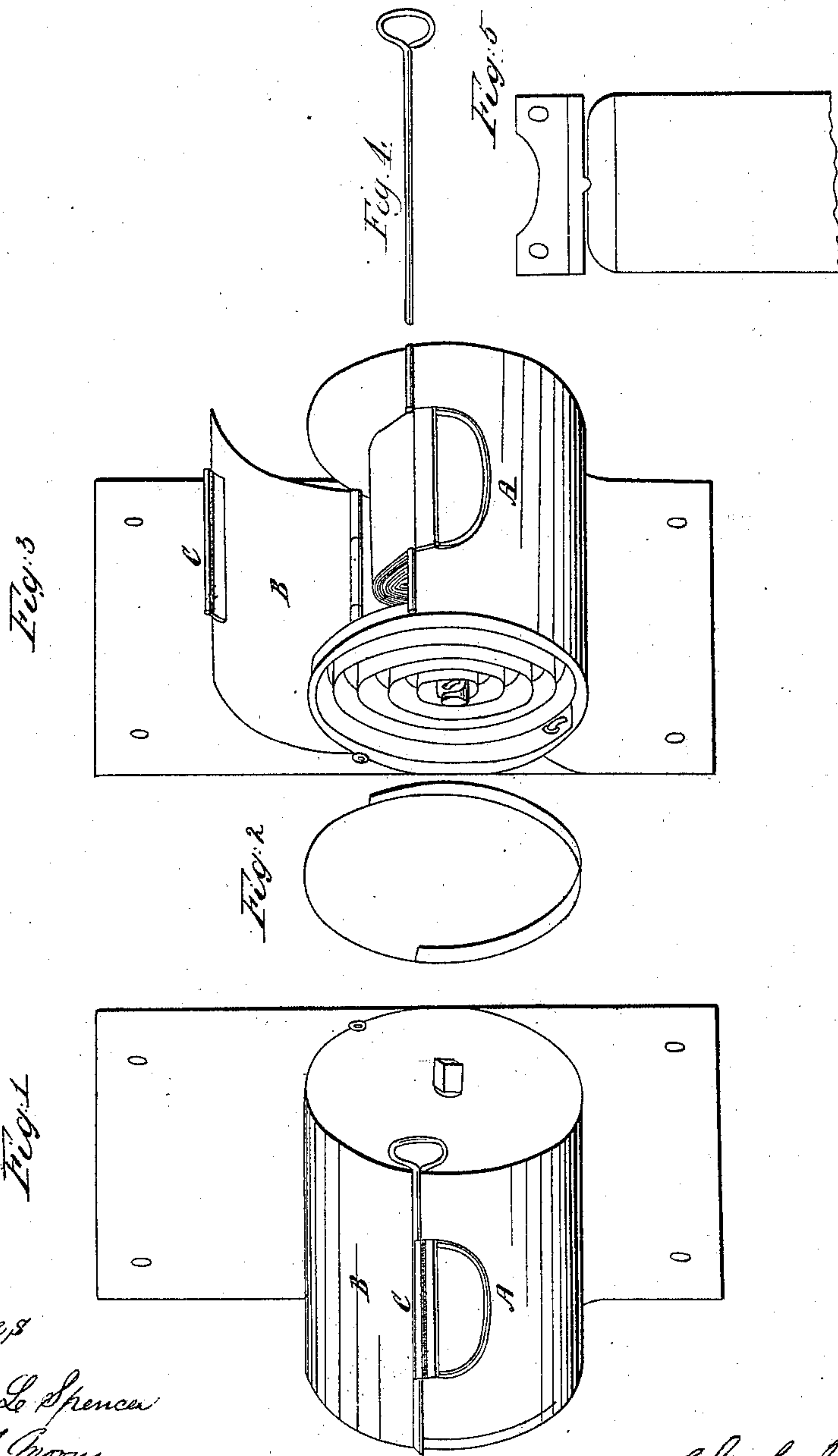


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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, CHARLES T. MELVIN, of the city and county of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Razor Stropps; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention.

Figures 2, 3, 4, and 5 are detail parts.

In the accompanying drawings, A, fig. 1, is a box, fastened to a flat plate of metal or wood, and provided with a hinge cover B, also having a straight shaft extending through its centre protruding a suitable distance at each end, as shown in figs. 1 and 3. On the centre of this shaft is fastened a strip of leather or flexible razor strop, and wound inside of box A, when not in use, by means of a coiled spring, as shown in fig. 3. This coiled spring, being fastened to one end of shaft, with its opposite end connected to box A, is wound up when the strap is drawn out for use, and unwinding, drawing the strop back when the end of strop is set free, the outer end of strop being provided with a curved wire for drawing it out. C, fig. 3, is a piece of felt or some suitable substance fastened to the front edge of cover B, forming a brush for the purpose of wiping the strop when drawn out or in, thus keeping the strop free from all dirt, which is a great advantage for barbers' use, as it would not be apt to gap the razor in stropping. Fig. 2 is a cap or cover, fitted to the end of box A, that contains the spring, which can be removed in case the spring gets broken and a new one is required. One end of shaft is made square, to be used in adjusting the spring properly. Fig. 4 is a piece of wire for fastening cover B when closed. Fig. 5 is a swivel joint on the end of strop, that fastens to the shaft for the purpose of turning the strop either side up when drawn out as may be required to be used.

The advantages of my invention are: the strop can be used on either side, and is always kept free from dirt, being well adapted for barbers' use; it can be fastened to the wall or shelf, as desired, by screwing or nailing through the holes in the plate.

I do not claim as my invention a strip of leather for a razor strop, but what I do claim, and wish to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

A flexible razor strop, capable of being drawn into its receiver by means of a spring.

I also claim a brush and a swivel joint in connection with a flexible razor strop, all substantially as set forth and for the purpose specified.

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