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Fig. 1.

James Macferran's

Combined Boot Blacking Box &

Water Closet

Assigned to

Himself & Samuel Macferran.

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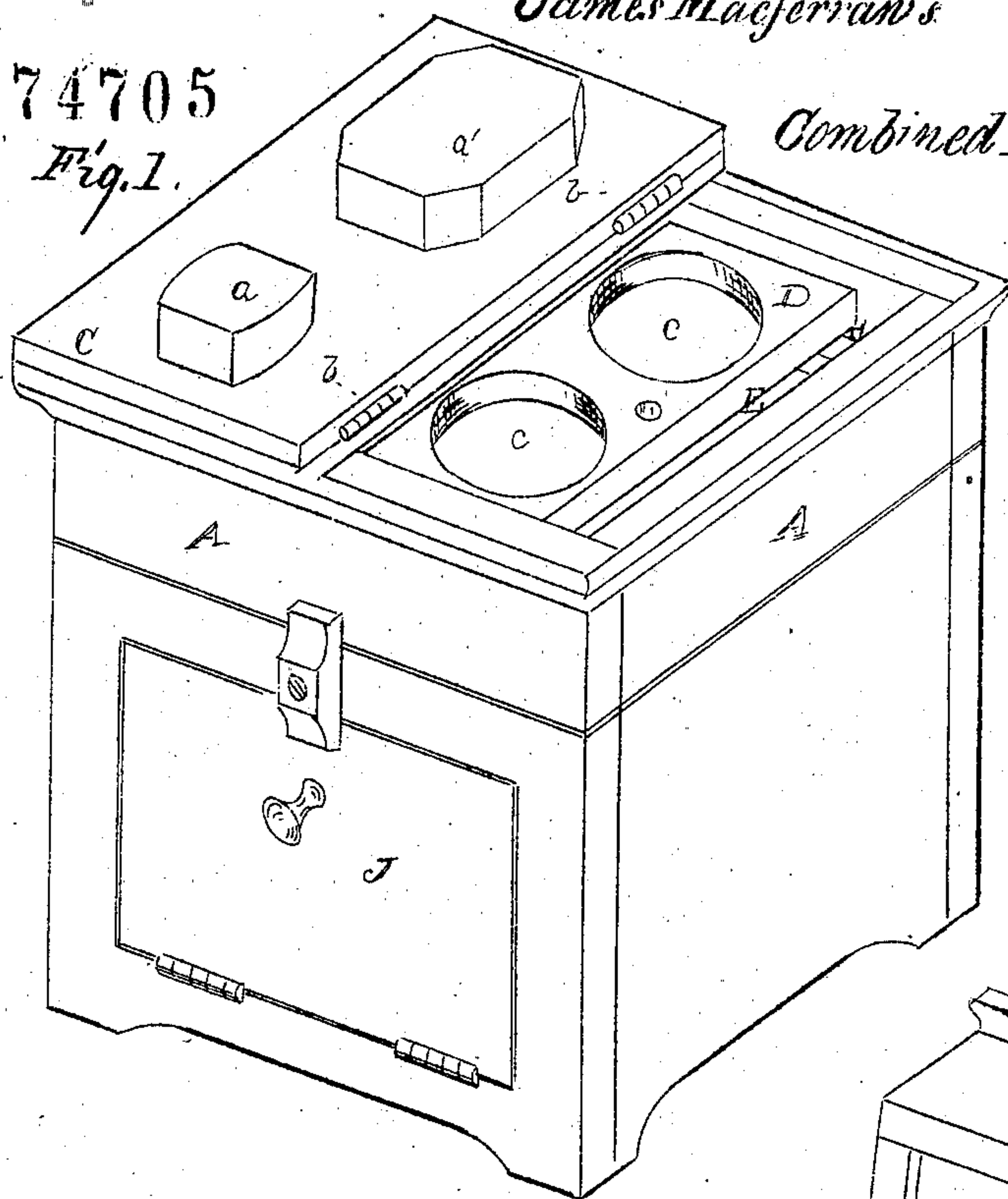
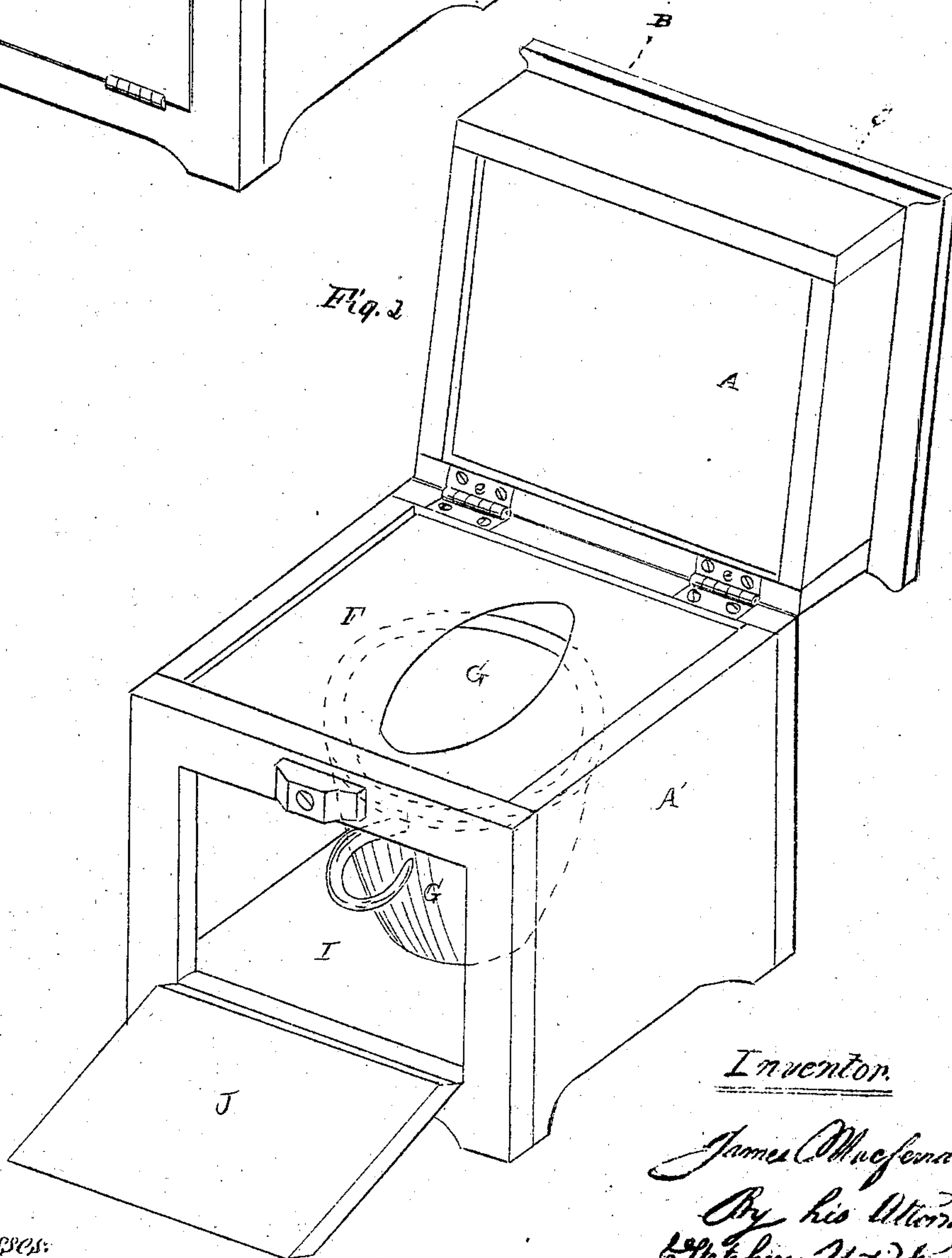


Fig. 2



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*Letters Patent No. 74,705, dated February 18, 1868.*

## IMPROVED BLACKING-CASE AND CLOSET.

*The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.*

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, JAMES MACFERRAN, of the city and county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Combined Boot-Blacking Box and Water-Closet; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists, in the first place, of a sectional folding lid, which is provided with a foot-rest on its under side, when the lid is closed, and when the lid is folded upon a stationary section of the blacking-box, is in the proper position to support the foot while the boot is being blacked; and, in the second place, in the combination with the box of a slide for containing the blacking, so arranged that it may be pushed back beneath the stationary part of the cover out of the way of the foot-rest, when the folding lid is turned down, and moved forward when it is thrown up, and the blacking is required for use; and, in the third place, in combination with a blacking-box, of a portable water-closet, so combined and arranged with the latter that the external appearance of the apparatus will not convey to the mind the use to which this additional part is put.

The construction and arrangement of the several parts of the improved box will be understood by the following description. In the accompanying drawings, which make a part of this specification—

Figure 1 is an isometrical view of the improved box, with the sectional lid C turned over on the stationary part, B, of the cover.

Figure 2 is a like view of the box, with the upper part thrown back to show the construction and arrangement of the water-closet.

Like letters in both figures indicate the same parts.

A is the upper portion of the box, which is used for boot-blackening purposes. It has a stationary section, B, of the cover, and a hinged sectional lid, C, which, when turned down, completes the cover of the box. In fig. 1, the said lid C is represented as folded over flat upon the stationary part B. In this position of the lid, the rest, which is shown in two pieces, *a* and *a'*, is a steady support for the foot while the boot is being blacked. Besides the facility afforded by the sectional lid C in the matter of a foot-rest, its folding over upon the stationary part, B, of the cover of the box, when thrown up, gives great protection to its hinges, *b b*. D is a slide, with sinks, *c c*, for holding a box of blacking, and its reversed cover for holding water for softening the blacking. The slide rests, at its ends, on ways *d*, and is drawn in front, as represented, when the blacking is to be used. But when the sectional folding lid C is to be turned down to complete the cover of the box, the slide is pushed back under the stationary part, B, out of the way of the foot-rest, and should remain there until the blacking is wanted for use, so that the latter may be kept clean while the dirt is being brushed off the boots. The space E, below the slide *d*, serves to hold the brush and other articles.

A' is a portable water-closet, which is shown in detail in fig. 2. When the closet is to be used, the upper part, A, which is combined therewith by means of the hinges *e e*, is thrown up and backward, as seen in said figure. F is the seat, and G the pot, in the space I. J is the door of the closet. There may be a slide in the space I for elevating the pot G.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The sectional folding lid C, provided with a foot-rest, and combined with the stationary part, B, of the cover of the box, substantially in the manner above described, and for the purpose specified.
2. The slide D, when combined with the stationary and folding parts, B and C, of the cover of the box, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.
3. The combination of the hinged part A, containing the boot-blackening apparatus, with the lower part A', composing the water-closet, furnished with the perforated division F and door J, substantially as described and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this twenty-eighth day of December, 1867.

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