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Combined Boot Jack & Blacking Brush

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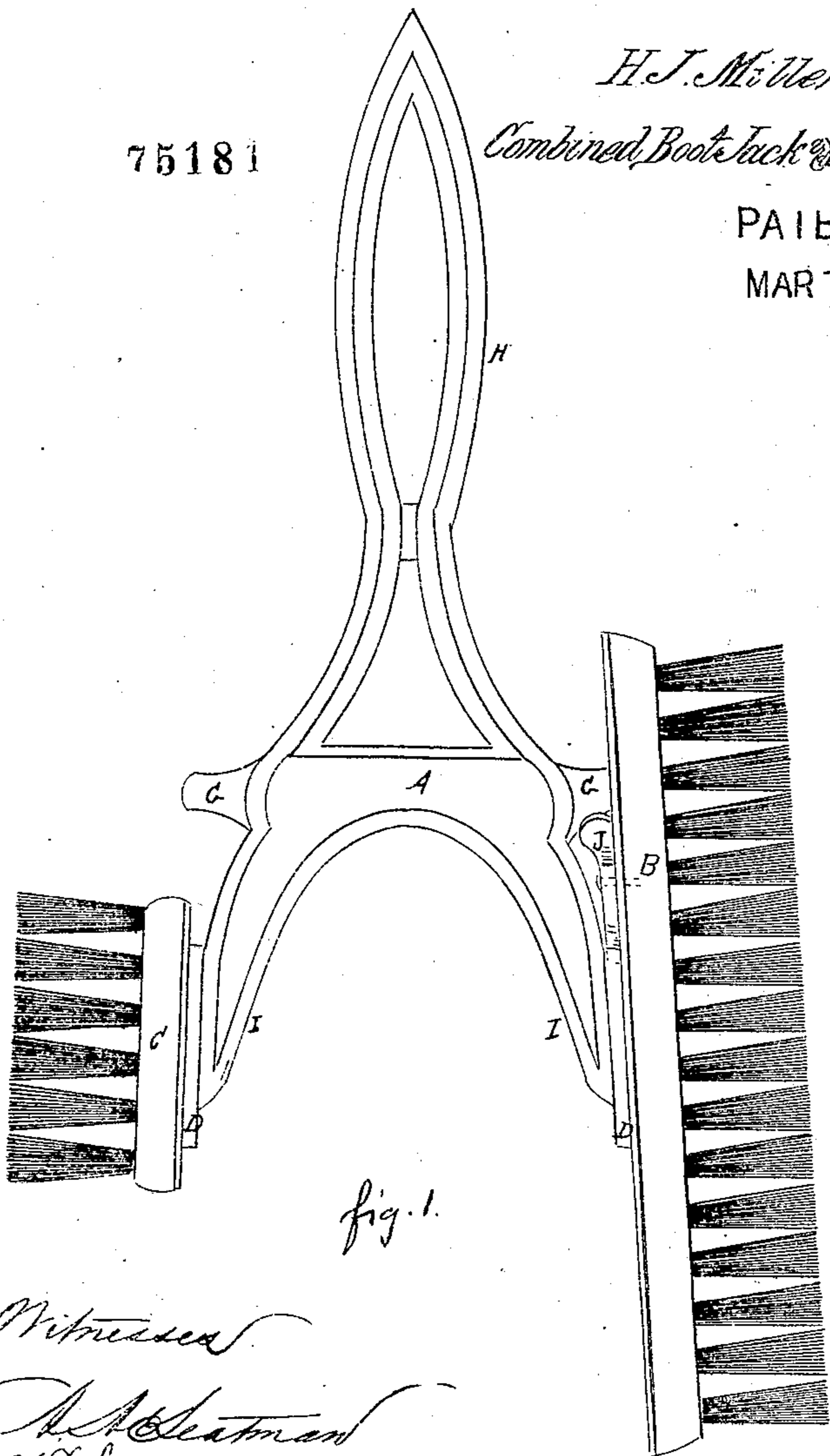


fig. 1.

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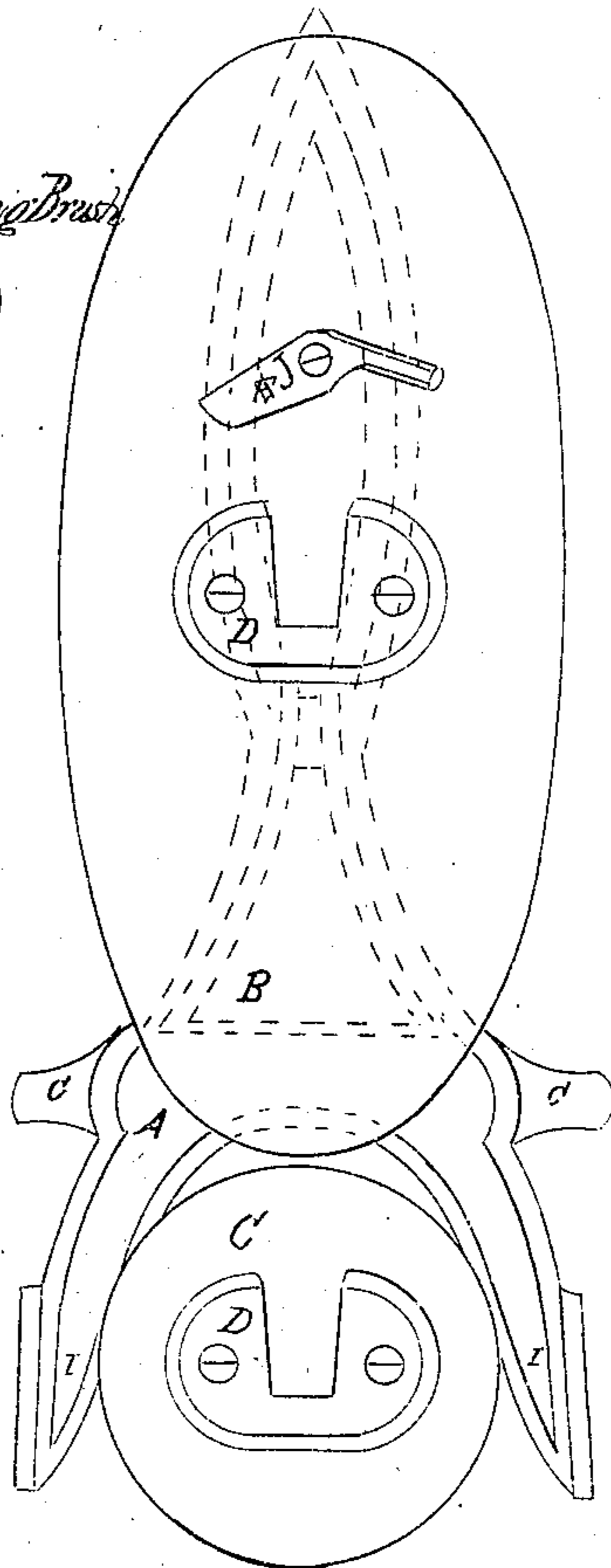


fig. 2.

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IMPROVED BOOT-JACK AND BLACKING-BRUSH.

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, HENRY J. MILLER, of Nashua, in the county of Hillsboro, and in the State of New Hampshire, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Boot-Jack and Blacking-Brush; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

In the annexed drawings making part of this specification, A represents a boot-jack, which is cast of any suitable metal, as light as practicable, and if desirable, in any ornamental manner. H represents the foot-piece, G G the legs, and I I the jaws of this boot-jack. B and C represent two brushes, such as are usually used in blacking and polishing boots and shoes, D being the polishing, and C the blacking-brush. To the back of each of these brushes is secured a metallic plate, D. Each plate is provided with a slot, which tapers slightly from its mouth to its back end, and the edges of these slots are bevelled from their upper to their lower sides, so that they form, with the backs of the brushes, dove-tailed grooves. The ends of the jaws of the boot-jack are also made slightly tapering, and their edges are bevelled, and so formed that they fit snugly in the slots in the plates. The blacking-brush C is thus secured upon one jaw of the jack, while the polishing-brush is secured upon the other. A small catch, J, is pivoted to the back of the brush B, which turns out of the way to allow the jaw corresponding to this brush to enter the slot in its plate, and may then be turned so as to prevent the jaw from drawing out until desirable.

Figure 2 of the drawings represents the brushes removed from the jaws of the jack, and in position for packing in transportation. The boot-jack can be used for removing boots while the brushes are attached to it, but when it is necessary in travelling that as little space should be occupied as possible, the brushes are detached from the ends of the jaws, and the whole may then be packed away in the shape represented in fig. 2. The foot-piece H forms a handle for the brushes.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the boot-jack A and brushes B C, when they are connected together and held in the manner specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand, this 15th day of January, 1868.

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