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Shoe Brush.

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Fig. 2.

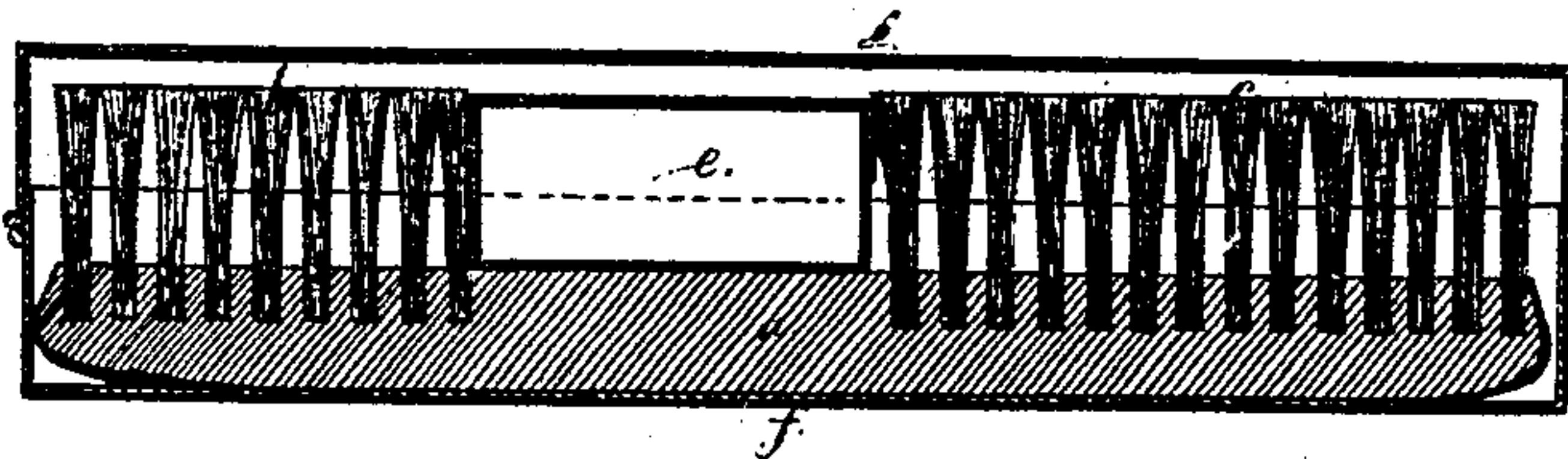
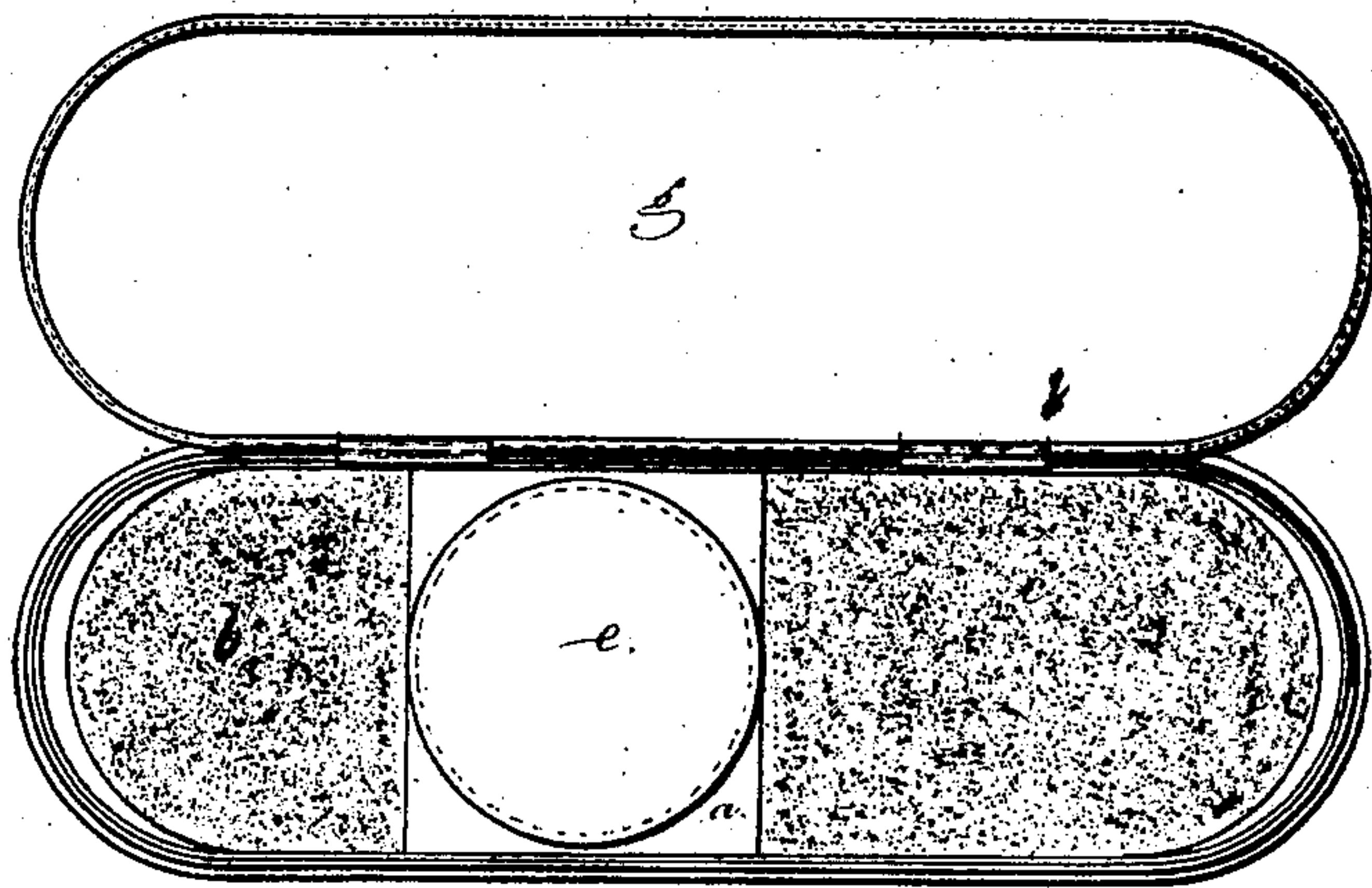


Fig. 1.



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IMPROVED PORTABLE SHOE-BRUSH AND BOX.

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, EDWIN A. PIERCE, of the city and State of New York, have invented and made an Improved Portable Shoe-brush and Box, and the following is declared to be a correct description thereof.

Shoe-brushes have been made with handles upon the back, and boxes or holders have been employed for the blacking-box; these devices, however, are not adapted to the use of travelers, in consequence of the space that is occupied.

My invention is a portable toilet shoe-brush, adapted to being carried about by travelers either in a trunk or valise. It occupies but little space, and is not liable to soil the clothing with which it may be packed.

I make use of a shoe-brush made with a back portion, *a*, with bristles *b*, for use in laying the moist blacking upon the boots or shoes, and with bristles *c* for shining or polishing the shoe.

The space between the sections *b* and *c* of bristles is adapted to the reception of the box of blacking *e*, and the case made of sheet metal with a bottom, *f*, and hinged lid *g* receives the brush and box of black-

ing and incloses the same in a compact form, and so as to prevent the blacking soiling articles with which it may be packed.

In Figure 1 the box is shown as open, and containing the brush and blacking, and in

Figure 2, a vertical longitudinal section is shown with the box closed.

This article is very convenient and useful, and can be carried about by travelers, as it takes but little space, and is ready for use upon removing the brush from the case and lifting off the blacking-box.

I claim as my invention—

The brush constructed to receive the box of blacking between the sections *b* and *c* of bristles, in combination with the inclosing case made with a lid, as and for the purposes specified.

Signed by me this 24th day of March, A. D. 1870.
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