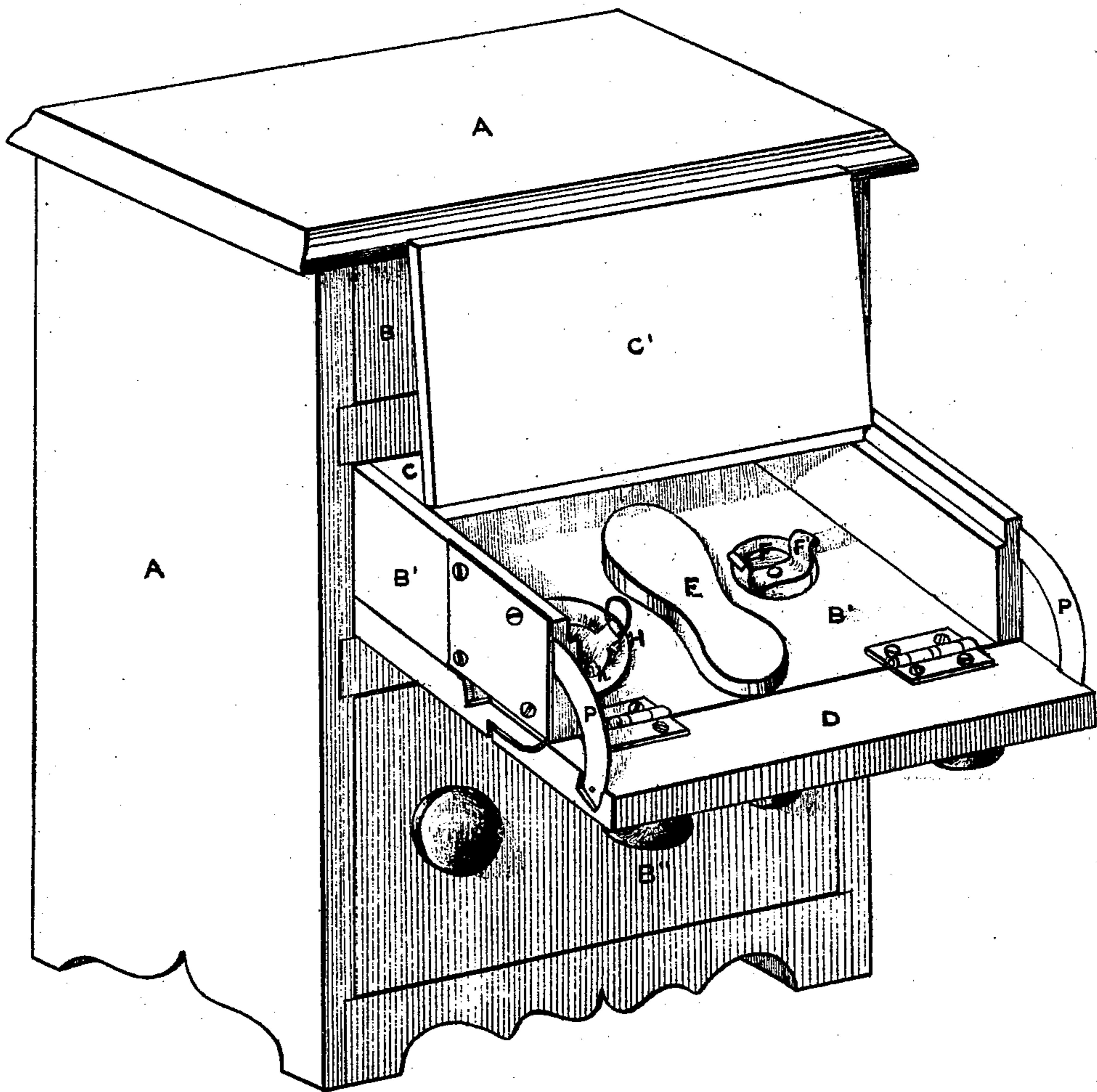


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IMPROVED BOOT-BLACKING ATTACHMENT TO BUREAUS.

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

I, WILLIAM E. PHELPS, of Elmwood, in the county of Peoria and State of Illinois, have invented certain Improvements in Boot-blackening Attachment to Bureaus, of which the following is a specification.

Nature and Objects of the Invention.

The nature of my invention relates to improvements in bureaus, bureau wash-stands, and other similar articles of furniture, which are usually provided with a series of drawers; and

The invention consists in an arrangement, within one of the drawers, of a foot-rest, blacking-box holder, and receptacle for dust, dirt, &c., said drawer having a hinged turn-down front and a hinged lid or cover, which may be turned up to prevent splatterings from the brush from reaching other parts of the bureau, the object being to provide conveniences for blacking the boots, and for containing the implements and materials necessary for the same, which may be kept and used in the parlor or chambers of the house without any unsightly appearance, and without danger of damage to other furniture.

Description of the Accompanying Drawings.

Figure 1 is an isometric perspective view of a bureau, showing a drawer partly withdrawn, with my improvements attached.

General Description.

A represents an ordinary bureau, or it may be an ordinary bureau wash-stand, containing more or less drawers, as desired.

B B' B'' are drawers, B B'' being represented as pushed in and B' partly withdrawn, in order plainly to exhibit its construction and interior arrangements.

C C' is a lid or cover to the drawer B', a part of which, C', is hinged to the other part, and may be turned up when the drawer is withdrawn, for purposes hereinafter described.

D is the front part of drawer B', and is hinged to the bottom of the said drawer, and provided with slides or guards P, in the usual manner of hinged turn-down drawer-fronts.

E is a foot-rest, attached to the bottom of the drawer B' inside.

F is a recess in the bottom of the drawer B', and

F' is a spring seated in the same, for the purpose of holding the blacking-box.

H is also a recess in the bottom of the drawer B', and

h is a pan fitting snugly and neatly into the same, into which the dust and dirt may be brushed for removal.

The manner of operating with my invention is deemed obvious from the foregoing description.

The drawer B' being withdrawn, the front part D is turned down and the lid C' thrown up. The boot now being placed on the foot-rest E, the process of blacking and polishing the same may be proceeded with, the sides of the drawer preventing any splatterings from the brush reaching furniture or other articles in that direction, and the lid C' preventing their striking and soiling parts of the bureau above the drawer B'.

When desired, the drawer-front may be closed, the lid C' turned down, and the whole pushed in out of sight.

The drawer B'', below the improved drawer B', may be either in the form of a drawer, or it may be simply a door, opening into a convenient receptacle for boots, shoes, or other articles.

Any one of the drawers in a bureau or bureau wash-stand may be used. It will be preferable, however, to always select a drawer situated at a convenient height for the purpose.

Claim.

Having thus described my invention,

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

The drawer B', as constructed, with foot-rest E, recess F, and spring F', recess H, pan h, and lids C C', in combination with bureau A, as shown and described, for the purpose specified.

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