

*G.H. Wetjen. Box for Shoe Black-
-ing, Pomade, etc..*

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Fig. 1

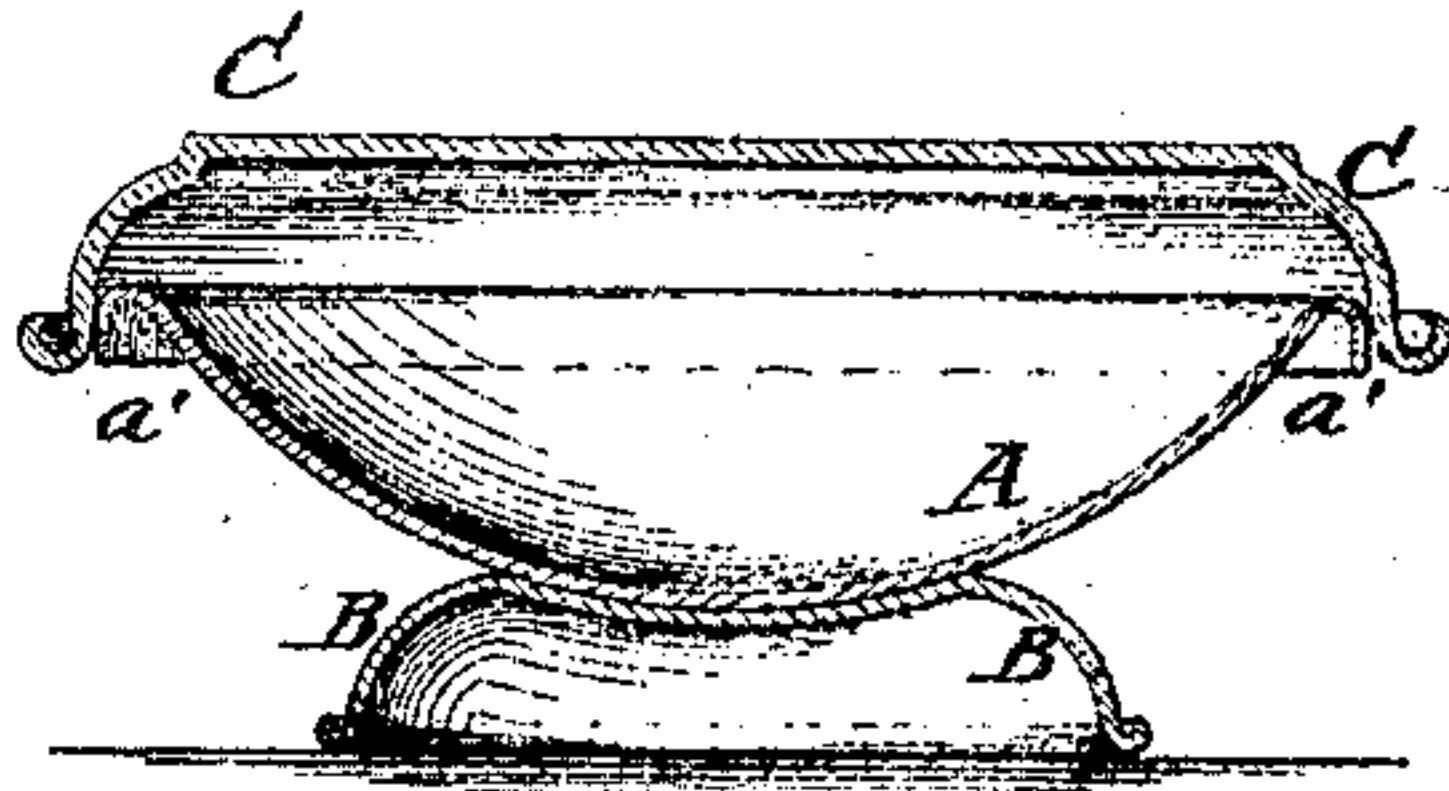


Fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN BOXES FOR SHOE BLACKING.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEFERT H. WETJEN, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Box for Shoe-Blacking, Pomade, &c.; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a detail vertical section of my improved box. Fig. 2 is a detail section of a modified form of the cover.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention has for its object to furnish an improved box for shoe-blackening, pomade, salves, &c., which shall be simple in construction and convenient in use, while at the same time it shall be neat and tasteful in appearance; and it consists in the construction and combination of the various parts of the box, as hereinafter more fully described.

A is the body or main part of the box, which is made solid in one piece, and is struck up into the desired shape from a plate of sheet metal. The edge *a'* of the body A is turned downward. B is the bottom or foot of the box, which is also struck or spun up out of a piece of sheet metal. The foot of the box is thus made in the form of a small inverted disk, the bottom of which is made convex upon its inner and concave upon its outer side, so that it will fit exactly upon the convex bottom of the body A, to which it is securely soldered or otherwise fastened. The edge of the foot B is turned over upon itself, as shown in Fig. 1, to strengthen and stiffen it, and may be wired if desired. The foot B is intended to serve not only as a foot, but also as a handle for holding the box when being used, and thus keeps the fingers from being soiled. C is the cover, which is struck or spun up out of sheet metal, and the sides of which are turned

down to fit upon the turned-over edge of the body A so as to shut tightly and be held in place by the friction. The edge of the cover C is turned over upon itself to stiffen and strengthen it, and may be wired if desired. The turned-over edge of the cover C also enables said cover to be conveniently removed when required. The top of the cover C is flat, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, or may be raised with a curve, as shown in Fig. 1. The latter construction I prefer, as giving to the box a more finished appearance. By making the tops of the covers flat, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the boxes may be set one upon the top of another in show-cases, upon shelves, &c., and may also be more conveniently packed for transportation.

By constructing the body A in the manner herein shown and described a box is produced having no seams, angles, or corners for the material to get into, thus avoiding the great inconvenience and waste arising from the difficulty of getting the material out of said corners and angles. This is particularly the case with shoe-blackening, it being nearly impossible to get the brush into the corners of the box when constructed in the ordinary manner; but with my improved box all the blacking can be conveniently removed by the brush. Another great advantage of my improved box is that it has no sharp edge at its mouth to cut the brush, but has a smooth mouth, around which the brush moves without injury.

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

The cover C, body A, and foot B, combined and constructed substantially as and for the purpose specified.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 21st day of February, 1871.

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