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Fig. 1.

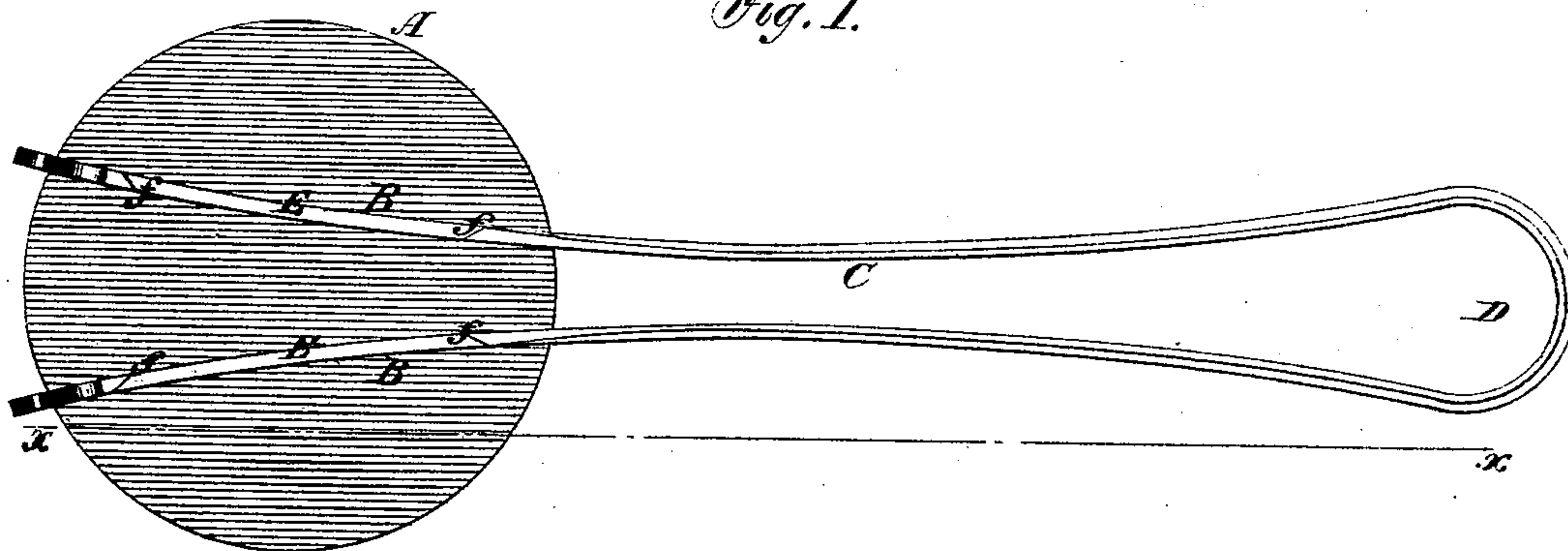
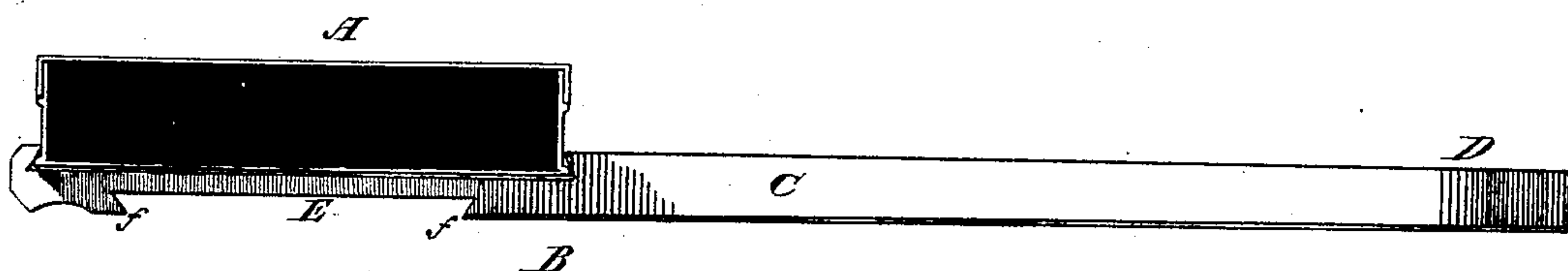


Fig. 2.



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Specification describing a new and Improved Blacking-Box Holder, invented by ROBERT R. FORREST, of Washington, in the county of Washington and State of Pennsylvania.

This invention relates to a new and useful improvement in mode of holding blacking-boxes during the process of blacking boots and shoes; and it consists in a spring handle or holder, constructed of band-iron of any shape, or round wire, or of wood, applied as hereinafter more fully described.

In the drawing, Figure 1 represents the bottom of a blacking-box with my improved spring-handle applied. Fig. 2 is a sectional view looking from the line *x x* of Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A is the blacking-box. B is the bottom of the box. C is the spring-handle. This spring-handle may be made of round, flat, or any other shaped iron, brass, or other metal, formed by doubling such metal, so that the bend will form a spring, as seen at D. On one or both sides of the legs of this spring-handle I form a recess, E, to receive the bottom of the box. The ends of the recess or recesses are dovetailed, leaving sharp points *ff*, as seen in Fig. 2. The recess E is a little less in length than the diameter of the box,

so that when the legs of the handle are spread, as seen in Fig. 1, and the box is inserted, the box will be securely griped and held between the points *ff*. When the edge of the bottom of the box is made to project or form a lip, as seen in the drawing, the box would be held securely if the points *ff* were not sharp. A simple under-cut would be sufficient, but I prefer the sharp edges *ff*, as they will penetrate the tin sufficiently to hold the box without any projection. The tendency of the legs to close together as the holder is held in the hand will hold the box securely under all circumstances.

By the use of this handle or holder the fingers need not be soiled, and the operation of blacking the boots is greatly improved, and rendered much less objectionable than it is when the box is managed in the ordinary manner.

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

The box-holder C, made elastic, and with recess E, as and for the purpose described.

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