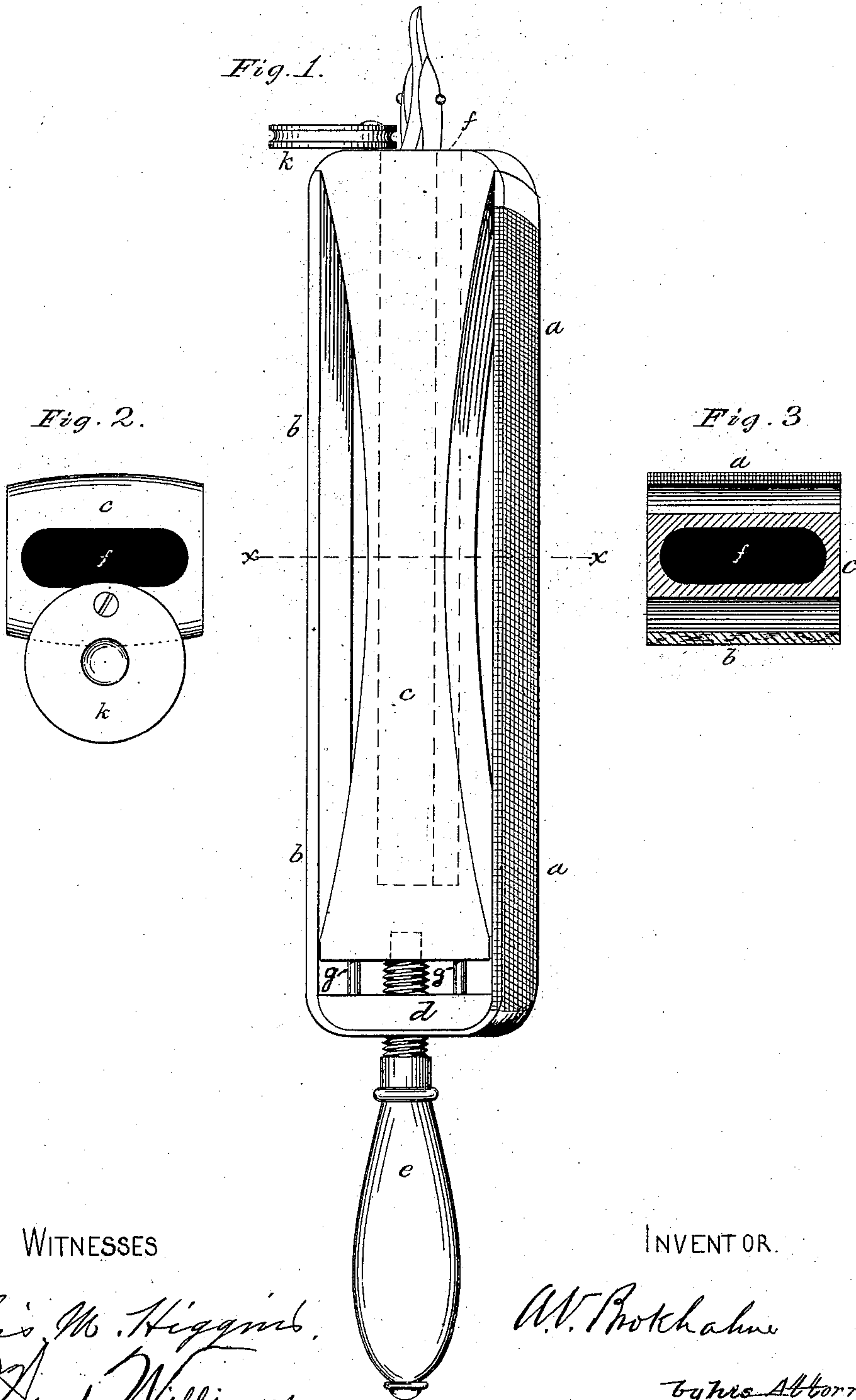


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IMPROVEMENT IN RAZOR-STROPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED V. BROKHAHNE, of New York city, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Razor-Strops, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists in a razor-strop having a sustaining core or body provided on each side with flexible stropping-bands, and with an internal longitudinal cavity opening from the end of the body and adapted as a case for the razor, with a movable lid or cover fixed to one end of the body over the opening of the receptacle, and with a handle projecting from the opposite end of the body, as hereinafter set forth.

In the drawings annexed, Figure 1 presents a longitudinal view, partly in perspective, of my improved strop. Fig. 2 is an end elevation, and Fig. 3 a cross-section on line *x x*.

In the drawing, *a* represents a band of moderately coarse but regularly-grained or closely-woven canvas, and *b* a band of fine leather, which are disposed, respectively, on opposite sides of the strop. *c d e* is the extensible core or body of the strop, on which the stropping-bands *a b* are sustained. *c* is the main portion of the body, which is concaved on the sides under the bands *a b*, to permit the free deflection thereof under the action of stropping. One end of the bands *a b* is fixed to the fore end of the part *c*, while the opposite ends are fixed to the part *d*, which is constructed to act as a nut, and which is guided by pin *g*, projecting therefrom and moving in holes in the part *c*, while the threaded stem of the handle *e* passes through the nut and bears against the part *c*. The turning of the handle *e* thus separates the parts *c d* to stretch or put a tension on the bands *a b*, maintaining them properly taut for the purpose of stropping.

The combination of canvas and leather is found to be one of the best for the purposes of a razor-strop, as the surface-grain presented by the canvas is such as to more perfectly and

rapidly develop that fine serratedness which is characteristic of a proper razor-edge, while the leather gives the fine finish or keenness thereto, which is essential.

An extensible sustaining core or body is particularly necessary where canvas is employed, as the canvas is more sensitive to the effects of the weather than other materials, and especially requires a means of adjustment to maintain it at the proper tension.

The main body part *c* of the strop is formed hollow, or with a longitudinal cavity, *f*, which extends nearly its entire length and opens on the free end thereof, as indicated in the drawings. The hollow body thus forms a safe and convenient receptacle for the razor, as indicated, by which it is preserved from injury and always kept at hand.

The opening of the cavity *f* is fitted with a lid, *k*, fixed on the end of the body, which consists preferably of a disk pivoted at one side of the opening, and which covers or exposes the opening, to retain the razor in place or admit of its insertion or removal as the disk is turned one way or the other.

I do not claim, broadly, a razor-strop having a longitudinal cavity opening on the end of the strop and adapted to receive the razor; but

What I claim as my invention is—

A combined razor-strop and razor-case formed of a sustaining core or body, provided on each side with flexible stropping-bands, and formed with an internal longitudinal cavity, *f*, opening at the end of the body to receive the razor, with a movable lid or cover, *k*, fixed on the end of the body over the mouth of the cavity, substantially as herein shown and described.

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