

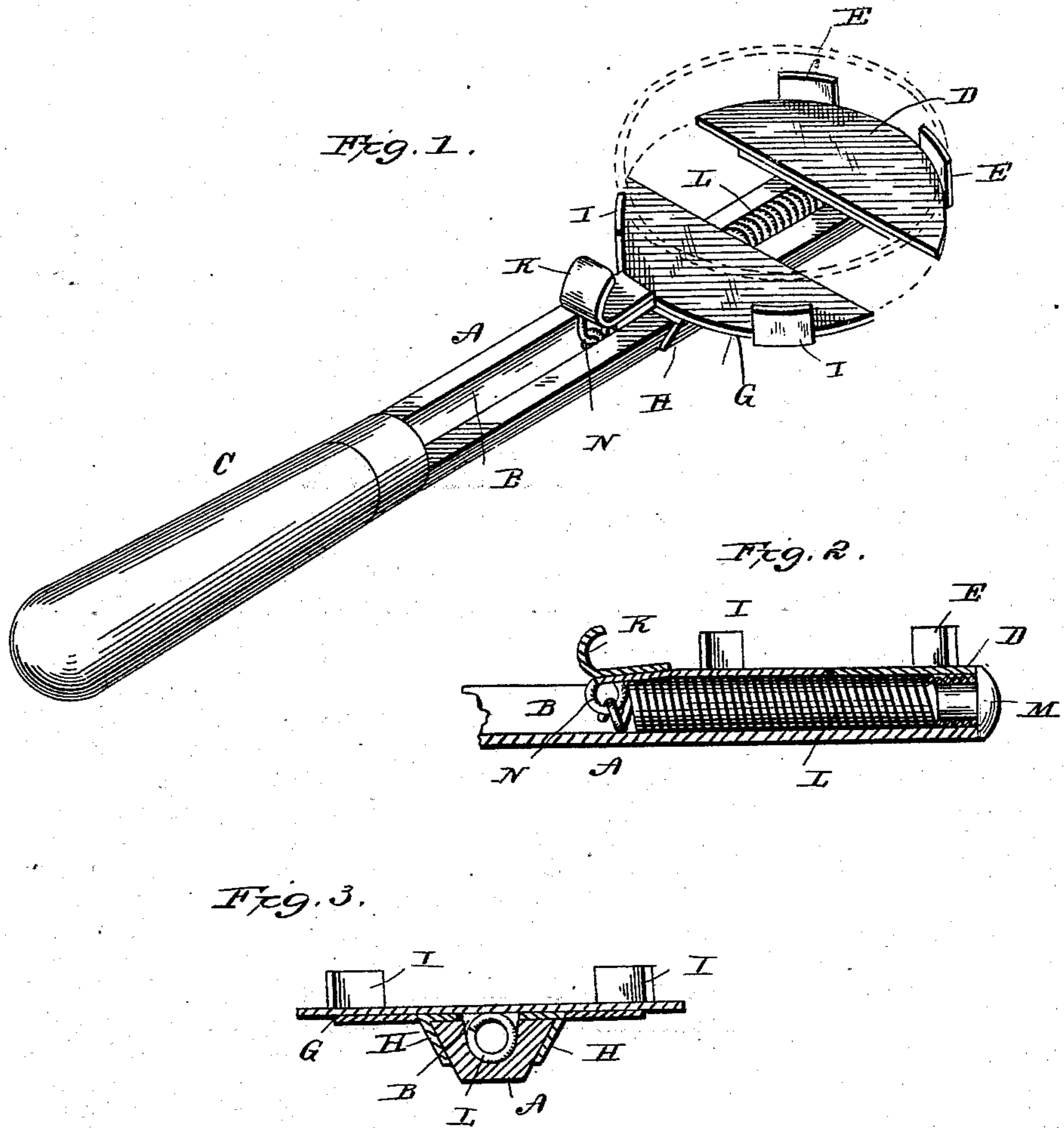
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## BLACKING-BOX HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FREDERICK N. LACEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Council Bluffs, in the county of Pottawattamie and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Blacking-Box Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to certain improvements in blacking-box holders; and it has for its object to provide a device by means of which the box may be conveniently held with one hand while applying blacking to the brush, without soiling the fingers. These objects I attain by the means illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved device; Fig. 2, a longitudinal sectional view of a portion thereof, and Fig. 3 a transverse vertical sectional view taken at the line of junction of the two plates which support the box.

The letter A indicates a metallic shank, which is provided with beveled sides and a longitudinal groove, B, for the purpose hereinafter specified. One end of said shank is secured in a suitable handle, C, and the other end has secured to it a semi-elliptical plate, D, which is provided with lugs E at its curved edge. This plate is rigidly secured to the shank.

The letter G indicates a movable plate, which is of the same shape as the stationary plate, before mentioned. The said plate is provided on its lower side with inclined lugs H, which embrace the sides of the shank and slide thereon, permitting the plate to move on the shank for the purpose of adjusting the box to its seat. The said plate is provided with lugs I at its curved edge, and with an exten-

sion, K, which may be engaged by the thumb or finger in order to draw the movable plate away from the stationary plate in order to secure the box.

The letter L indicates a spiral spring, which is located in the groove in the shank below the plates. One end of said spring is secured to a stud or pin, M, fastened in the forward end of the shank, and the other is secured to a hook or loop, N, on the under side of the movable plate, as shown in Fig. 2. This spring operates to draw the movable plate normally toward the stationary plate.

The operation of my device will be apparent from the above description. To insert the box the movable plate is drawn back, and the box placed upon the plates with its edges between the lugs. The movable plate is then released, and the spring causes it to clamp the box between the lugs on the respective plates.

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

The combination, in a blacking-box holder, of a beveled shank slotted longitudinally and secured to a suitable handle, a semicircular plate secured to the end of the shank and provided with upright lugs, a sliding semicircular plate provided with similar lugs, and inclined lugs below embracing the beveled sides of the shank, a spring fastened in the slot in the shank and to the movable plate, and a thumb-piece attached to the movable plate, the whole arranged to operate substantially in the manner specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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