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Fig. 1.

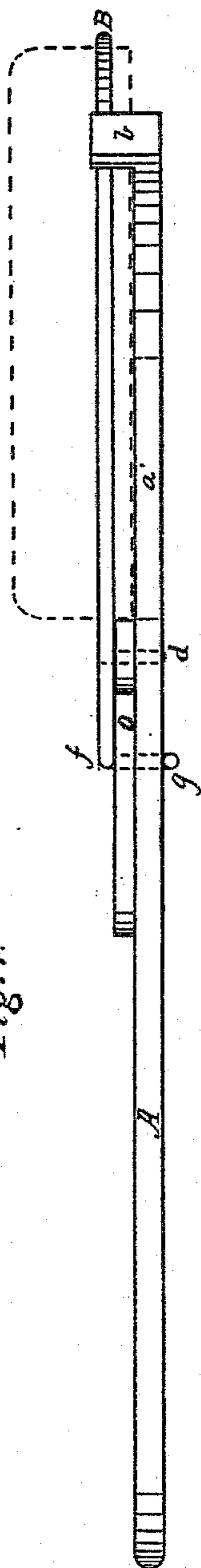
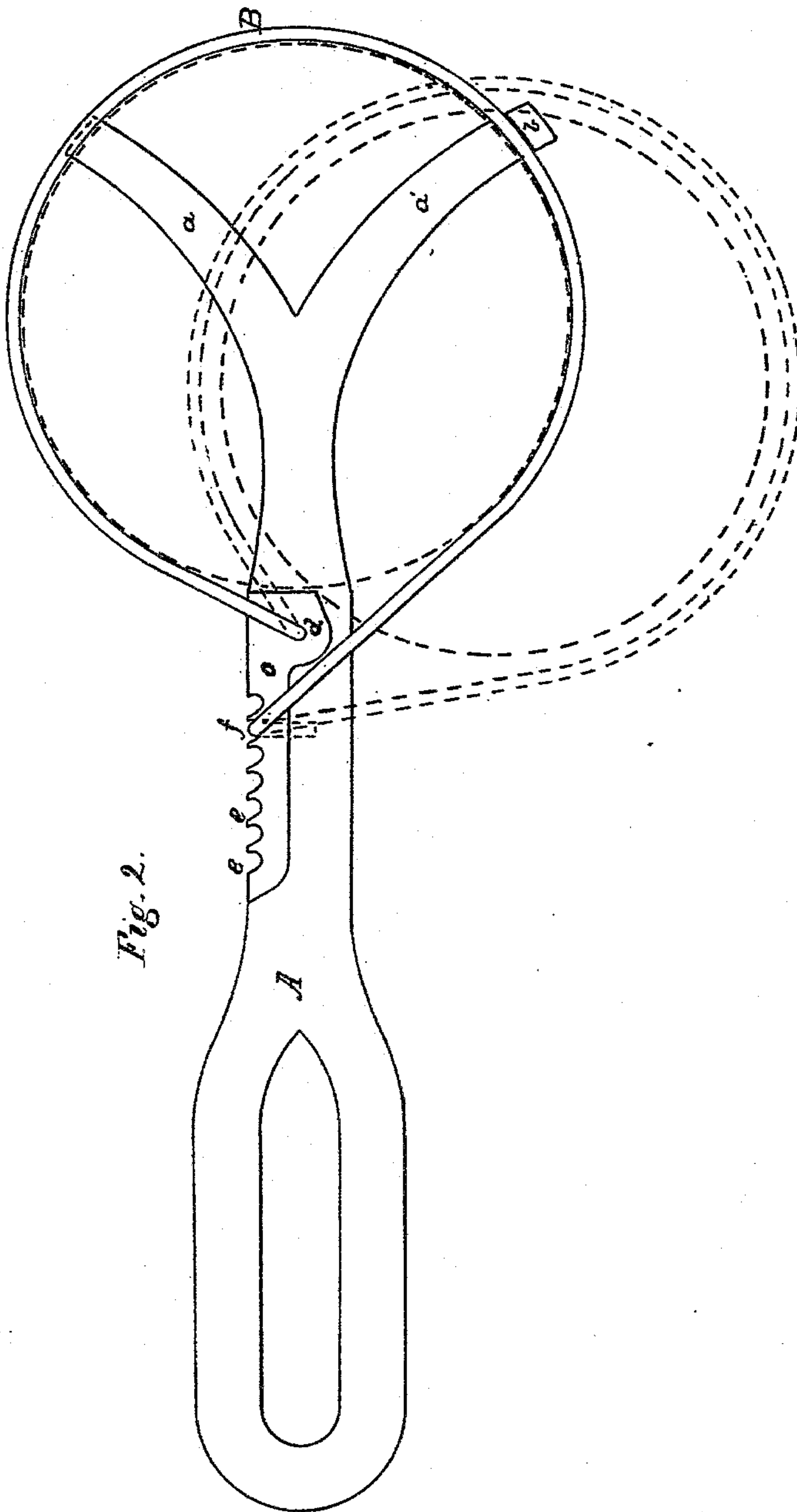


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. SKINNER, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Yonkers, in the county of Westchester and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders for Blacking-Boxes; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and convenient holder for various sizes of blacking-boxes, and to prevent soiling the fingers when using the same.

Figure 1 shows an elevation, and Fig. 2 a plan view, of the holder.

A, the plate that forms the handle, is divided into two branches, *a* and *a'*, the latter having a lug, *b*, cast on one side. These form the back on which the box rests. *o* is another lug cast on the handle, on one side of which are the catches *e e*. At *d* a hole is drilled to receive one end of the circular wire clasp B. The other end of the wire is doubled over the

lug *o*, at *f* and *g*, (thus preventing its springing up,) and engages with the catches *e e*.

The operation of inserting the box is as follows: The wire B is slipped over the lug *b* and turned to the right till it is in the position shown in the dotted lines in Fig. 2. This movement expands the circle, so that the box can easily be inserted. The wire and box are then pushed back till the rim of the box presses against the lug *o*, when the wire is sprung over the lug *b*, holding the box firmly in place.

It will be seen that by altering the position of the hook *f* in the catches *e e* the circle will be made larger or smaller, as required, to suit different-sized boxes.

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

In a holder for blacking-boxes, the back A, in combination with the adjustable wire clasp B, the lugs *b* and *o*, and the catches *e e*, substantially as described.

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