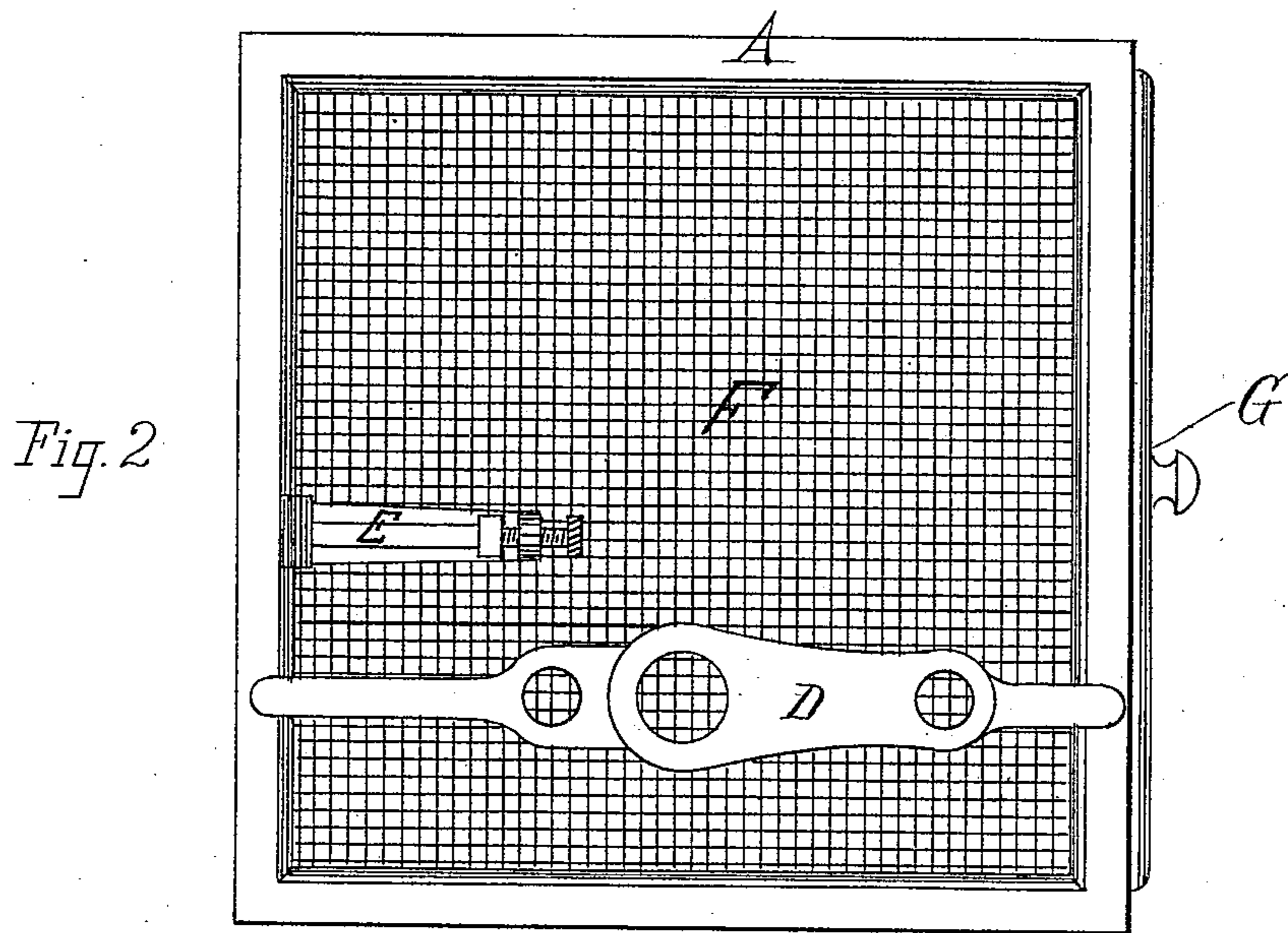
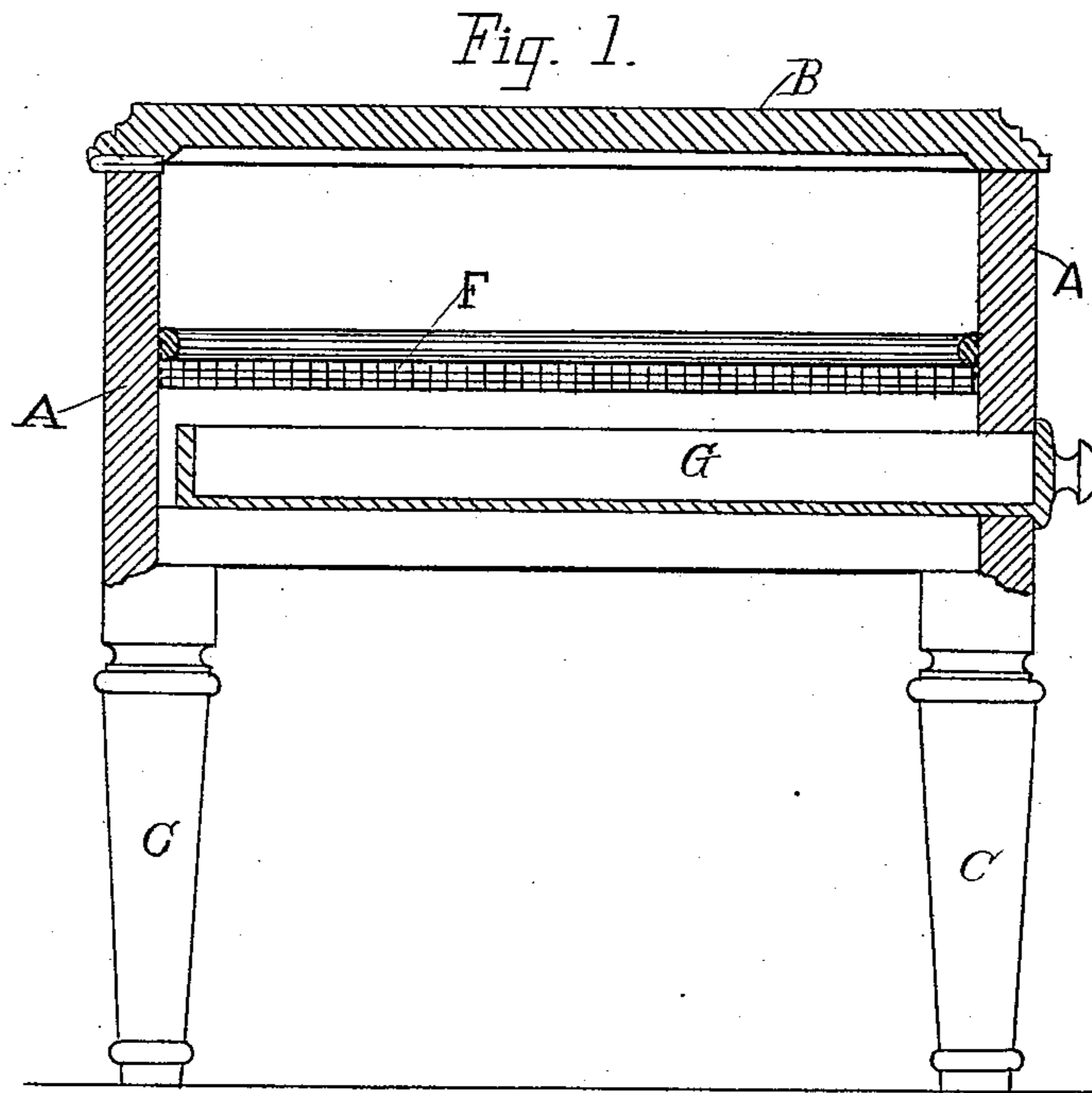


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN M. WHEELER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Toledo, Lucas county, Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Blacking-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to cases designed to receive boxes of shoe-blackening and blackening-brushes, and to serve as a foot-support while the shoe is receiving its blackening and polish. The lids of these cases are usually upholstered, and, when the case is not otherwise in use, serves as a convenient stool or foot-rest. The interior of the case, besides serving as a receptacle for blackening and brushes, is also provided with a frame designed to support and steady the sole of the shoe. In blackening-cases of this kind it is found that the dirt from the shoes falls into the bottom of the case, and that the brushes and other contents of the box resting on the same bottom thereby become dirty and unfit for use.

The object of my invention is to remedy the difficulty here pointed out and to provide a case which is readily and easily cleaned. I attain this object by means of the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings made part hereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a central vertical cross-sectional

view of my device, and Fig. 2 is a plan view of my case with the lid removed.

A is the box, B the lid, and C the legs, of the case.

D is a foot-rest, and E the blackening-box holder, beneath which is an open-meshed wire-screen F, horizontally disposed and removable. Beneath the screen is drawer G.

The operation of the device is obvious. Particles of dirt falling upon the screen drop through into the drawer, which can be readily removed and emptied. The screen forms a false bottom, upon which brushes, cloths, &c., may rest without becoming soiled by contact with the dirt in the case.

Other forms of screens—such as parallel slats, perforated plates, and the like—will readily suggest themselves; but these are merely the obvious mechanical equivalent of the wire-cloth screen shown in the drawings.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a blackening-case, the box A, provided with a drawer G, screen F, and foot-rest D, substantially as shown and described, for the purpose specified.

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