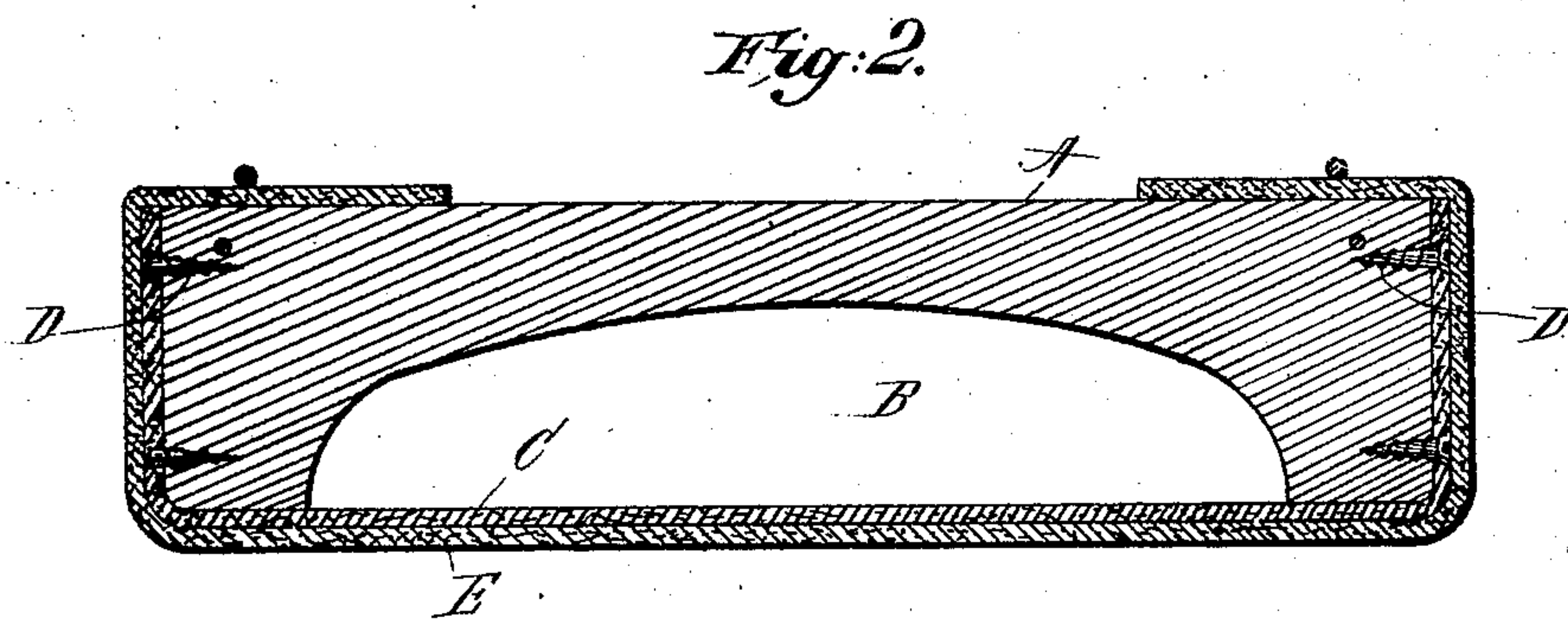
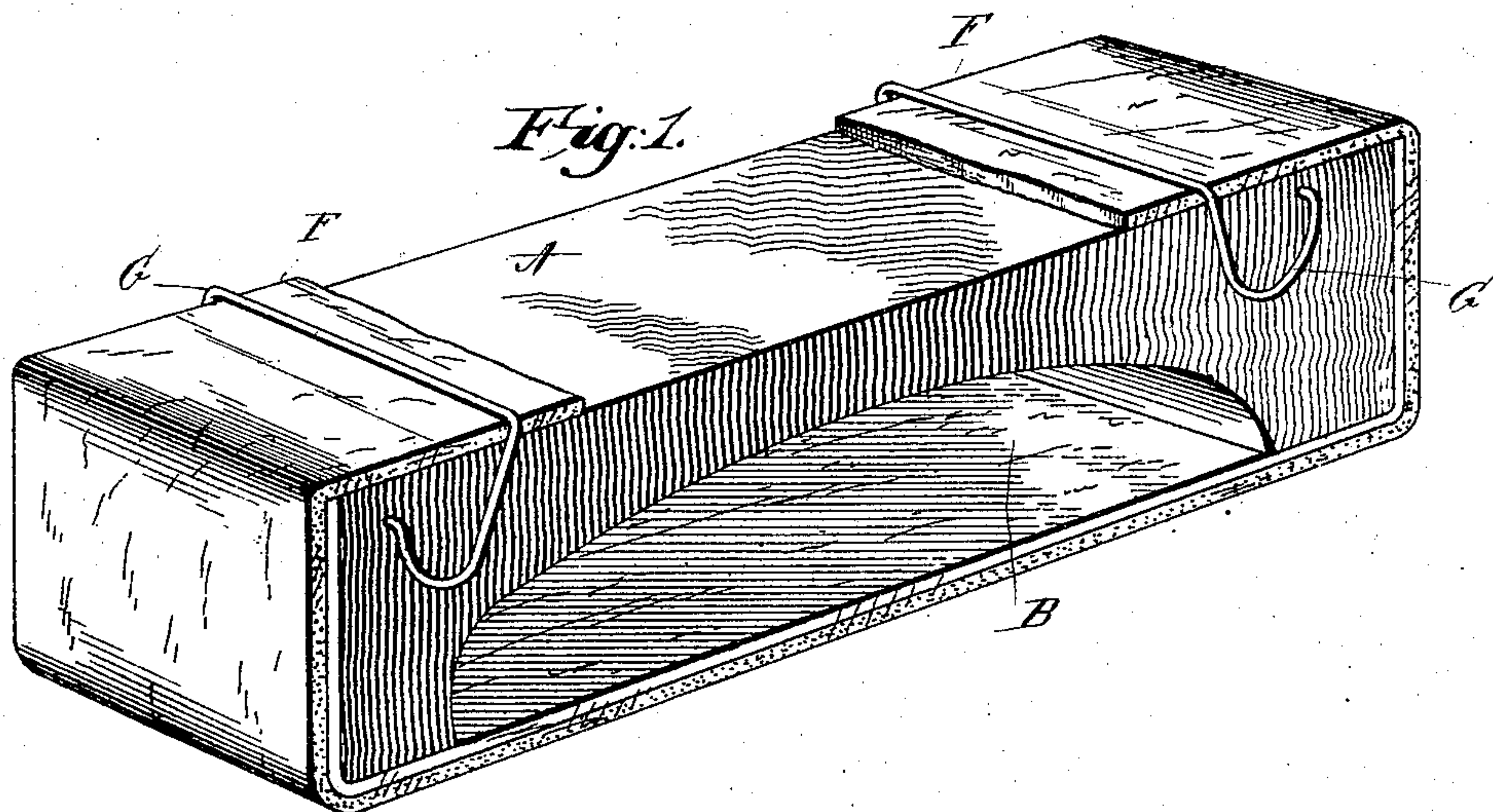


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## SHOE-POLISHER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN FURMAN BROUGH-  
ER, a citizen of the United States, and a resi-  
dent of New York, in the county of New York  
5 and State of New York, have invented cer-  
tain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-  
Polishers, of which the following is a specifi-  
cation, reference being had to the accompany-  
ing drawings, forming a part thereof, in which  
10 similar letters of reference indicate corre-  
sponding parts in both figures.

This invention relates to devices for polish-  
ing shoes after the blacking has been applied  
thereto with a brush; and it consists in the  
15 construction, combination, and arrangement  
of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

The object of the invention is to provide a  
simple and effective device for the purpose  
specified; and said invention is fully disclosed  
20 in the following specification, of which the  
accompanying drawings form a part, and in  
which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my im-  
proved shoe-polisher, and Fig. 2 a central  
25 longitudinal section thereof.

In the practice of my invention I employ  
an oblong block A, which is preferably about  
two inches square in cross-section and from  
six to ten inches in length, although these  
30 dimensions may be modified to any desired  
extent, my invention being not limited to  
these features of the construction.

One side of the block A is cut away, as  
shown at B, forming a semielliptical longi-  
35 tudinal space therein, as clearly shown in  
Figs. 1 and 2, and secured to the ends of the  
block and extending over this open space is  
a belt or band C, of leather or other similar  
material, the ends of which extend out over  
40 the ends of the block and are firmly secured  
thereto by screws or other means, as shown  
at D, Fig. 2.

In practice I employ a polisher consisting  
of a strip E, which is composed of felt, woolen  
45 or cotton fabric, or any similar or preferred  
material, the ends of which are carried up  
over the ends of the block A and a short dis-  
tance along the upper side thereof, as shown  
at F, Fig. 1, where they are secured by means

of spring-clamps G, consisting of wire loops 50  
bent into the form shown and the separate  
ends of which are secured to the side of the  
block, and the side or loop portion being car-  
ried over the block, so as to operate as clamps  
55 in the manner described, to hold the ends of  
the polisher in place.

In operation the block A is grasped in the  
hand and used practically in the same man-  
ner as a brush, as will be readily understood,  
and the result produced thereby is more sat- 60  
isfactory than with polishers consisting of  
strips of cloth or other similar material held  
in the hand in the usual manner, or other  
similar devices now in use.

The strength of the spring-clamps G is such 65  
as to hold the ends of the polishing belt or  
band firmly in place, and it is evident that  
changes in the form, construction, combina-  
tion, and arrangement of the parts of my im-  
provement may be made without departing 70  
from the spirit of my invention or without  
sacrificing its advantages; and I therefore  
reserve the right to make such alterations  
therein as fairly come within the scope of the  
invention. 75

Having fully described my invention, I  
claim and desire to secure by Letters Pat-  
ent—

The combination with a shoe-polisher of a  
block rectangular in cross-section having 80  
nearly the whole of its under surface longi-  
tudinally concaved; and having stretched  
over said concavity a resilient strip of equal  
width with said block and secured thereto by  
screws, and surmounting the whole of said 85  
strip a polishing-strip folded over the ends  
of said block and secured to the same by  
spring-clamps, substantially as shown and  
described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as 90  
my invention I have signed my name, in pres-  
ence of two witnesses, this 16th day of July,  
1895.

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