

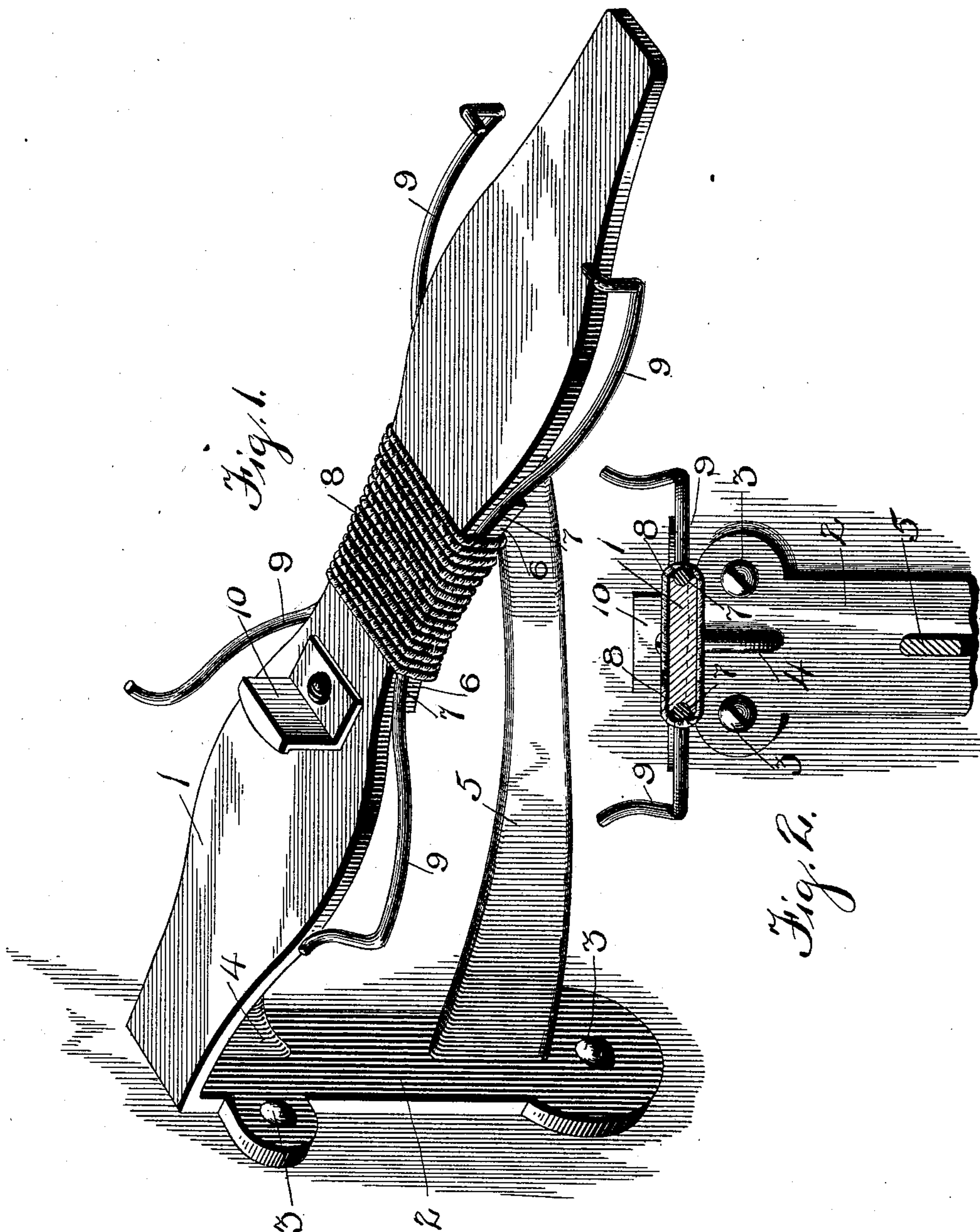
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER S. FISHER, a subject of Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain, residing at Fredericton, county of York, Province of New Brunswick, Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Polishing Brackets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in shoe-polishing brackets.

The object of my invention is to provide brackets of this class by means of which a shoe will be readily held and supported in a convenient position for polishing.

A further object is to provide a device which is neat and attractive in appearance, durable in construction, simple and efficient in operation, and which can be made at a moderate cost.

To these and other ends my invention consists in the improved construction and combination of parts hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which similar numerals of reference indicate similar parts in both views, Figure 1 is a perspective view of one of my improved brackets, shown in position on the wall or other support. Fig. 2 is a central vertical sectional view looking toward the fastening end of the bracket.

1 designates a plate, preferably formed in the manner shown in Fig. 1, from the rear end of which extends downwardly an angular extension 2, said extension being provided with suitable holes for the reception of screws or other fastening means 3. The plate 1 is braced by means of the webs 4 and 5, the latter extending from the lower end of the extension 2 to a point near the front end of the plate 1, this construction forming a strong support, by means of which it will be practically impossible to have the front end of the plate 1 moved downward during the operation of polishing.

The central portion of the plate 1 is thickened, as at 6, and has its edges provided with

a groove 7, within which are secured by any suitable means, as wire 8, spring-arms 9, said arms extending in a forwardly and rearwardly direction from said groove and extending outwardly at a suitable tangent to the periphery of the plate 1. The ends of the forwardly-extending portions of the spring-arms 9 are bent upwardly and bent inwardly, as best shown in Fig. 1, this construction allowing of the inwardly-extending portion of said arm to catch on and grip the upper side of the sole when the boot or shoe is placed in position for polishing, thereby holding the front portion of the shoe in a fixed position and preventing it being raised. The rearwardly-extending portions of the arms 9 are bent inwardly and upwardly and then outwardly, as shown, these upwardly-extending portions being adapted to embrace the heel of the boot or shoe and prevent its lateral movement in an obvious manner. To prevent the rear portion of the boot or shoe from rising, the plate 1 is provided with a suitable heel-engaging portion 10, which is removably secured to the plate at a proper point.

The upper end of the plate 10 is provided with a rearwardly-extending flange having a cutting edge for engaging the inner surface of the heel of the shoe, whereby the heel is prevented from rising up off the said plate, as well as being held from slipping forward.

In operating my improved bracket the boot or shoe is first provided with a suitable last in order that the boot or shoe may be held in proper position during the operation of polishing. The boot or shoe is then inserted on the plate 1 between the arms 9, the rear ends of which engage with the heel portion, at the same time the heel-engaging portion 10 contacting with the front face of the heel to prevent it rising or slipping forward, while the inwardly-extending portions of the front ends of the arms 9 are placed on the projecting edge of the sole, thus holding the shoe or boot in a rigid position. The boot or shoe is then polished, after which it is removed from the bracket and the last taken therefrom.

Inasmuch as the bracket is adapted to be placed about the height of the waist-line of the user, it will be apparent that the polishing of the shoes can be accomplished with great

ease and without the necessity of bending over, as in the ordinary practice. Other advantages are obvious and are not pointed out at this portion of the specification.

5 It is obvious that the ends of the arms 9 may be suitably cushioned by means of a tip of rubber or other suitable material arranged thereon, and detailed illustration or description thereof is deemed unnecessary. It is
10 also to be understood that the securing of the arm in position may be accomplished by means other than the wire shown in the drawings, it being essential that said arm be held securely and in such manner that the
15 front and rear end of each of the arms will have an independent movement.

While I have herein shown a preferred form of carrying my invention into effect, yet I do not desire to limit myself to such preferred
20 details of construction, but claim the right to use any and all modifications thereof which will serve to carry into effect the objects to be attained by this invention in so far as such modifications and changes may fall within
25 the spirit and scope of my said invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

A shoe - polishing bracket, comprising a plate; an angular extension formed thereon, said extension being adapted to be secured to 30 a supporting-wall; supporting-webs connecting the under side of said plate and angular extension; spring-arms extending forwardly and rearwardly from the center of said plate, said arms being located on the side thereof, 35 each end of said arms, being adapted to engage with the boot or shoe; means for securing said arms fixedly to said plate; and a heel-engaging portion secured to the upper side of said plate, said heel-engaging portion 40 being adapted to contact with the front face of the heel of the boot or shoe, to prevent it being raised, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two witnesses.

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