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Fig. 1.

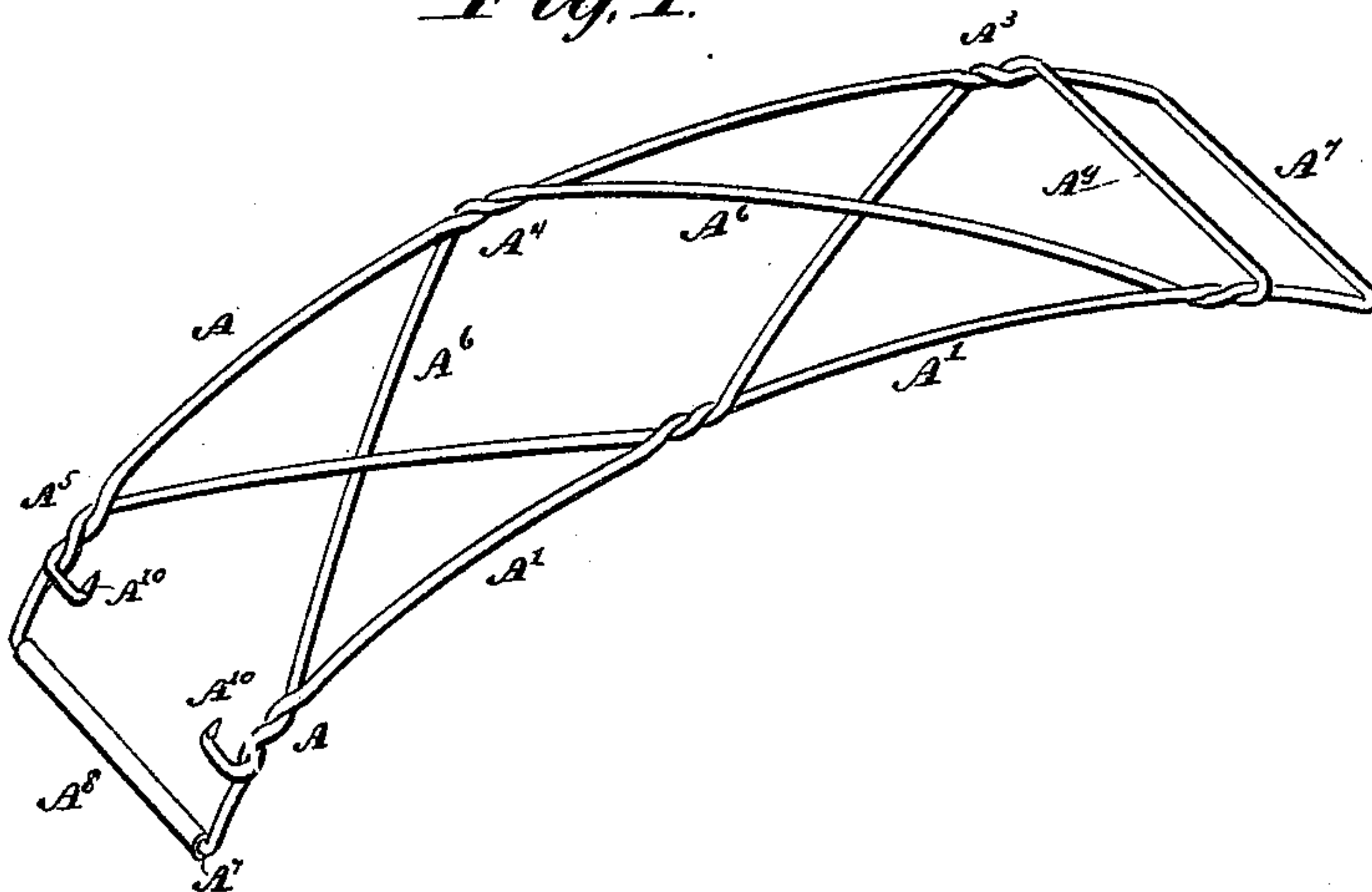
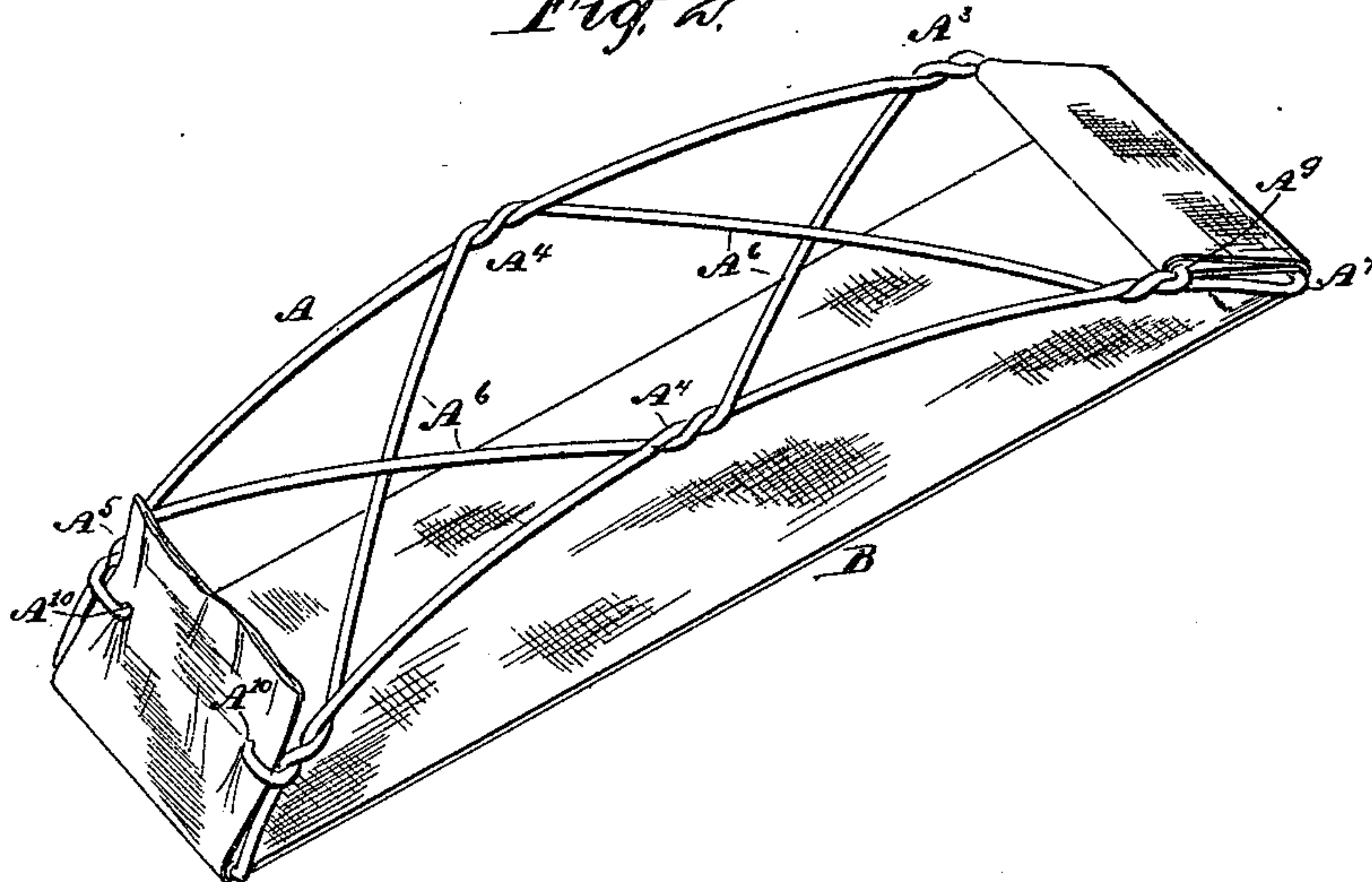


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. POORE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cedar Rapids, in the county of Linn and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Polishing Devices; and I do hereby declare the following to be 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.

The object of this invention is to provide a simple and efficient device for polishing tan shoes and the like; and the nature of the invention will clearly appear in the description and claims following, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a wire-holder for a polishing-cloth. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the same with the cloth in position for use.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

As is well known, the polishing of tan shoes is best done with a cloth, which ordinarily is held in both hands and drawn rapidly and forcibly back and forth across the shoe. This operation is one of much difficulty and discomfort if done by the wearer of the shoe; and it is the design in this invention to enable the operator to polish his own shoes with no greater effort or trouble than is involved in blacking them.

Referring to the drawings, A designates a wire-holder, which in practice is formed of two pieces of wire A¹ and A². These are formed into a rectangular curved frame, as shown, the wires being preferably intertwisted at A³, A⁴, and A⁵, and portions of one or other of the wires forming diagonal braces A⁶. The outer part of the holder terminates in cross-bars A⁷, and one of these is provided with a thimble A⁸ to hold the ends of this piece of wire. The other wire also forms a cross-bar A⁹ at one end, a little distance back from the adjacent cross-bar of the outer wire. At the

other end it terminates in inwardly and backwardly turned tangs A¹⁰, somewhat back from the outer cross-bar at this end. It is to be understood that the above description is to be taken in a general sense, as though the outer rectangle were one wire and the inner one another, as of course they might be if twisted a little differently from that shown. The twist shown in the drawings is such, as will be seen, as to make the wire alternately outer at one end and inner at the other; but the principle is the same in either case. To this holder is attached a cloth B in the manner shown in Fig. 2. One end is first threaded under the cross-bar A⁹ and a little way over the cross-bar A⁷. The body of the cloth is then brought over both of these cross-bars, thence over the thimble A⁸, and thence between the tangs A¹⁰, to which it is finally secured after being drawn taut. The holder may then be held in one hand, like an ordinary brush, and the shoes neatly and quickly polished by rubbing the tightly-drawn cloth over them.

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

1. In a polishing device, a cloth-holder comprising a curved, rectangular frame having a cross-bar near one end, adapted to take a fold in the polishing-cloth, and inwardly and backwardly turned tangs near the other end, substantially as described.

2. In a polishing device, a cloth-holder composed of intertwisted wires forming a curved, rectangular frame, with a cross-bar near one end, adapted to take a fold in the cloth, and inwardly and backwardly turned tangs near the other end, to which the opposite end of the cloth is secured, substantially as described.

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

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