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Fig. 1.

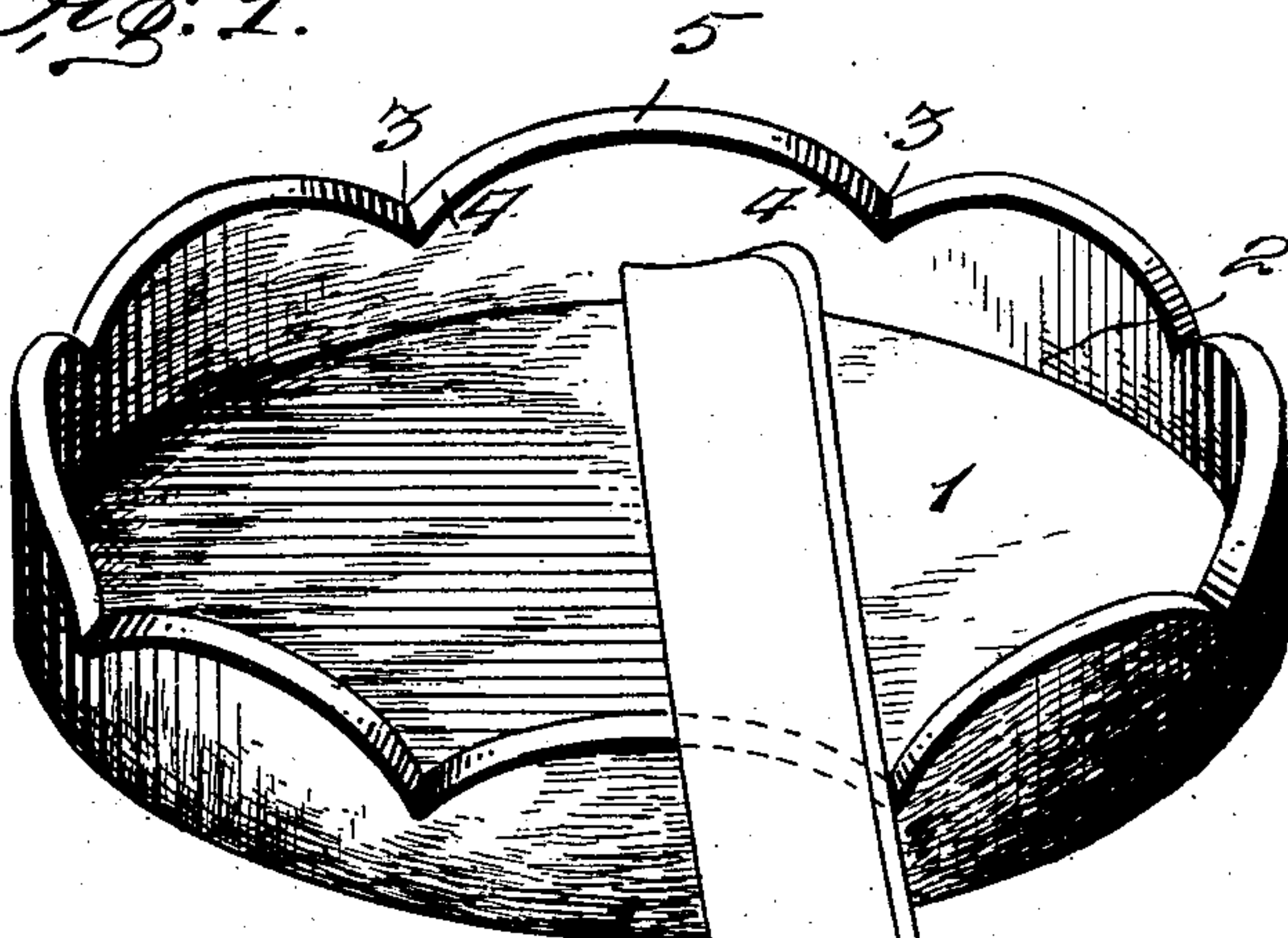


Fig. 3.

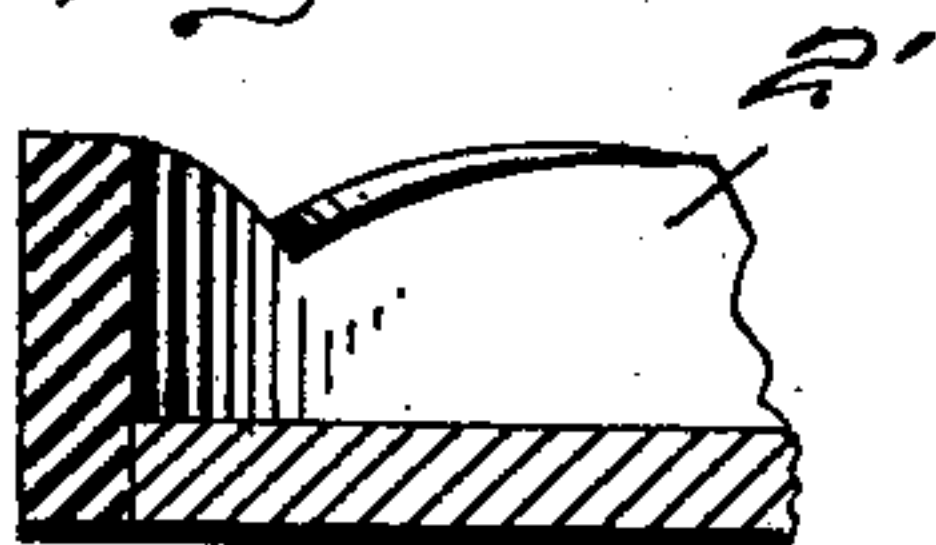


Fig. 4.

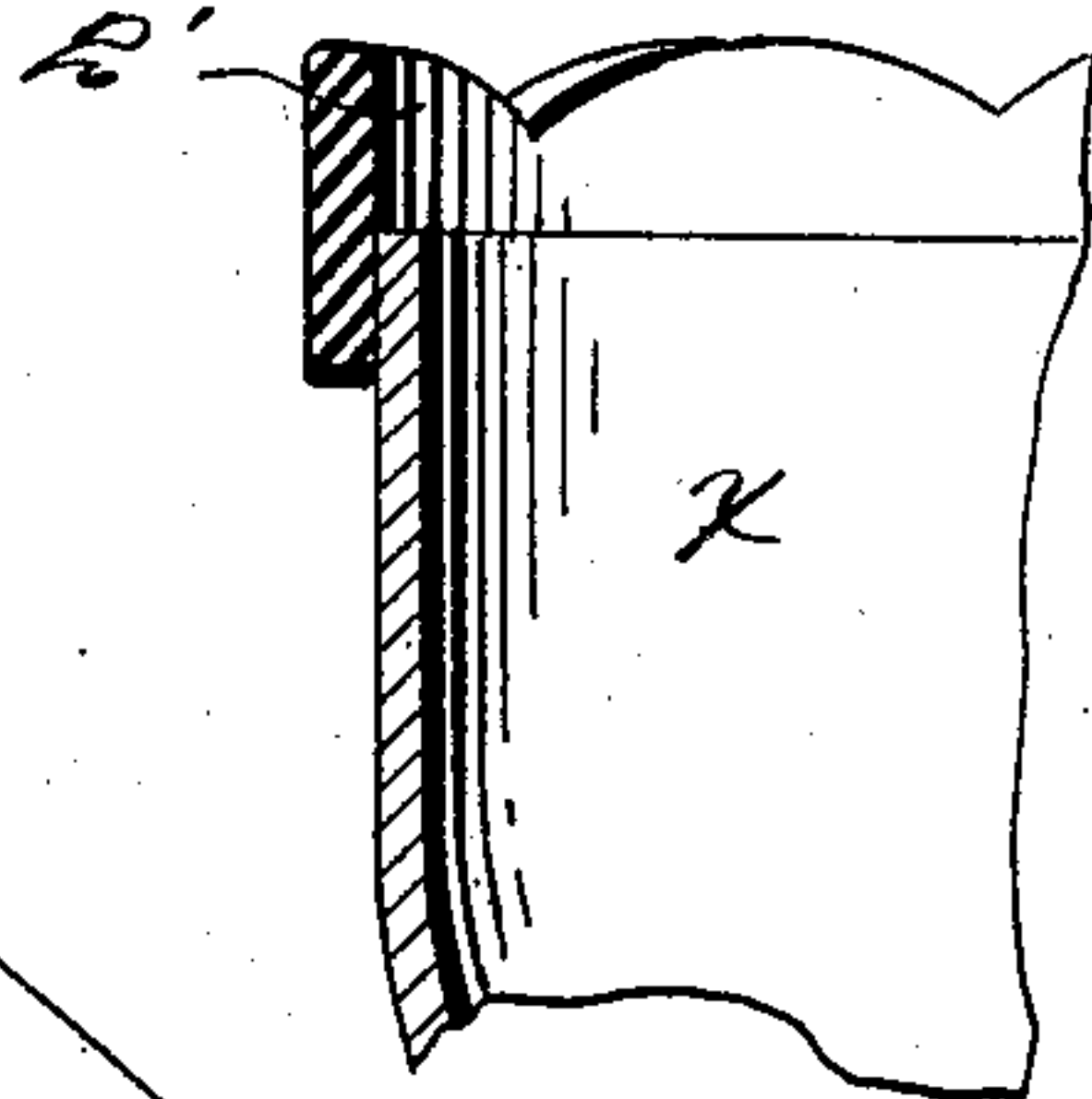
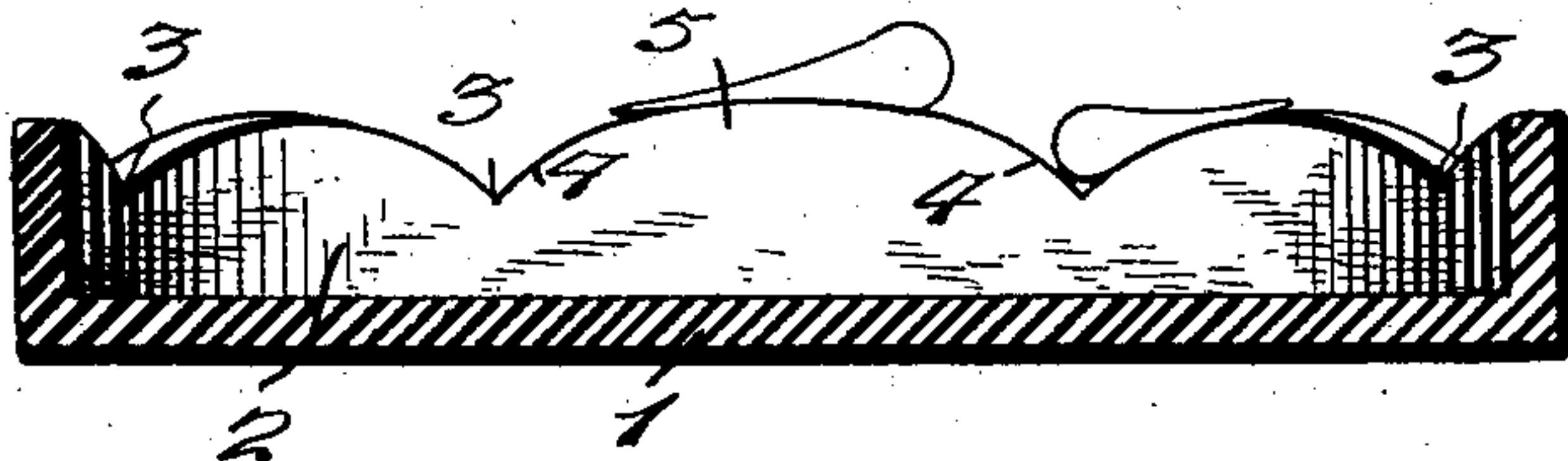


Fig. 2.



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## RAZOR-CLEANER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY SCHWEITZER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Altoona, in the county of Blair and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Razor-Cleaner, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to certain improvements in barbers' appliances, and has for its object to construct a device which may be employed as a razor-cleaner, a lather-cup, or a supporting-tray for a shaving-mug, bottle, or other article, as more fully described hereinafter.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a razor-cleaner constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a detail view illustrating a slightly-modified construction of the device. Fig. 4 is a similar view illustrating the application of the cleaning strip or ring to the top of a shaving-mug.

The device forming the subject of the present invention is formed of rubber or other suitable material and is made in the form of a shallow cup having a bottom portion 1 and an upturned flanged edge 2. The upper surface of the edge is scalloped, as shown in the drawings, the upper surface being arranged at a right angle to the vertical edge portion of the cup and forming a broad surface over which the razor may be drawn to remove the lather and leave the razor in a perfectly dry condition.

The scallops are divided by notches or recesses 3, and the upper edge of each scallop is arranged on a curved line, of which the opposite end portions 4, adjacent to the notches 3, are arranged on arcs of small radii, while the intervening curve 5 is disposed in an arcuate line of larger radius, these differently-curved surfaces being intended for contact with razor-blades of different shape in cross-section.

When the device is used as a razor-cleaner, the back of the blade is placed in one of the notches or recesses, and the blade, if narrow and full concaved, is turned over until it

comes into contact with one of the curved surfaces 4, which fits closely against the concaved surface of the razor and removes all lather therefrom when the razor is drawn outwardly from the edge of the cup, the surface of the blade being left perfectly dry. For a half-concave or comparatively flat blade the larger curved surfaces 5 may be used with the same effect.

The cup is preferably formed of an integral piece of rubber, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the edge of the cup being of sufficient thickness to maintain its shape while the razor is being drawn over the upper surface; but in some cases the bottom may be formed of wood or other material and the flanged portion formed of a separate ring or strip 2', as indicated in Fig. 3.

The device may be employed as a lather-cup, if desired, and for this purpose may be of any desired depth, or the strip 2' (shown in Fig. 3) may be secured to the upper edge of any ordinary form of cup  $\alpha$ , as shown in Fig. 4, or the scallops may be of the same or of different size and curvature, as will be readily understood.

When not in use as a razor-cleaner or a lather-cup, the device may be employed as a mat or tray to fit over the bottom of a shaving mug or bottle to lessen the danger of accidental breakage, or it may be employed as a cup or receiver for other articles.

While the construction herein described, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, is the preferred form of the device, it is obvious that various changes in the form, proportions, size, and minor details of the structure may be made without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A razor-cleaner comprising a cup-like body of which the vertical flange portion is formed of a yielding material, the upper edge of the flange being scalloped to form curved surfaces adapted to fit the concaved sides of a razor-blade.

2. A razor-cleaner comprising a cup-like



body of which the vertical flange portion is  
formed of thick yielding material, said flange  
portion having an scalloped upper edge, the  
curved surfaces being each formed on arcu-  
5 ate lines of different radii and adapted to fit  
into the concave or semiconcave sides of razor-  
blades.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as  
my own I have hereto affixed my signature in  
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