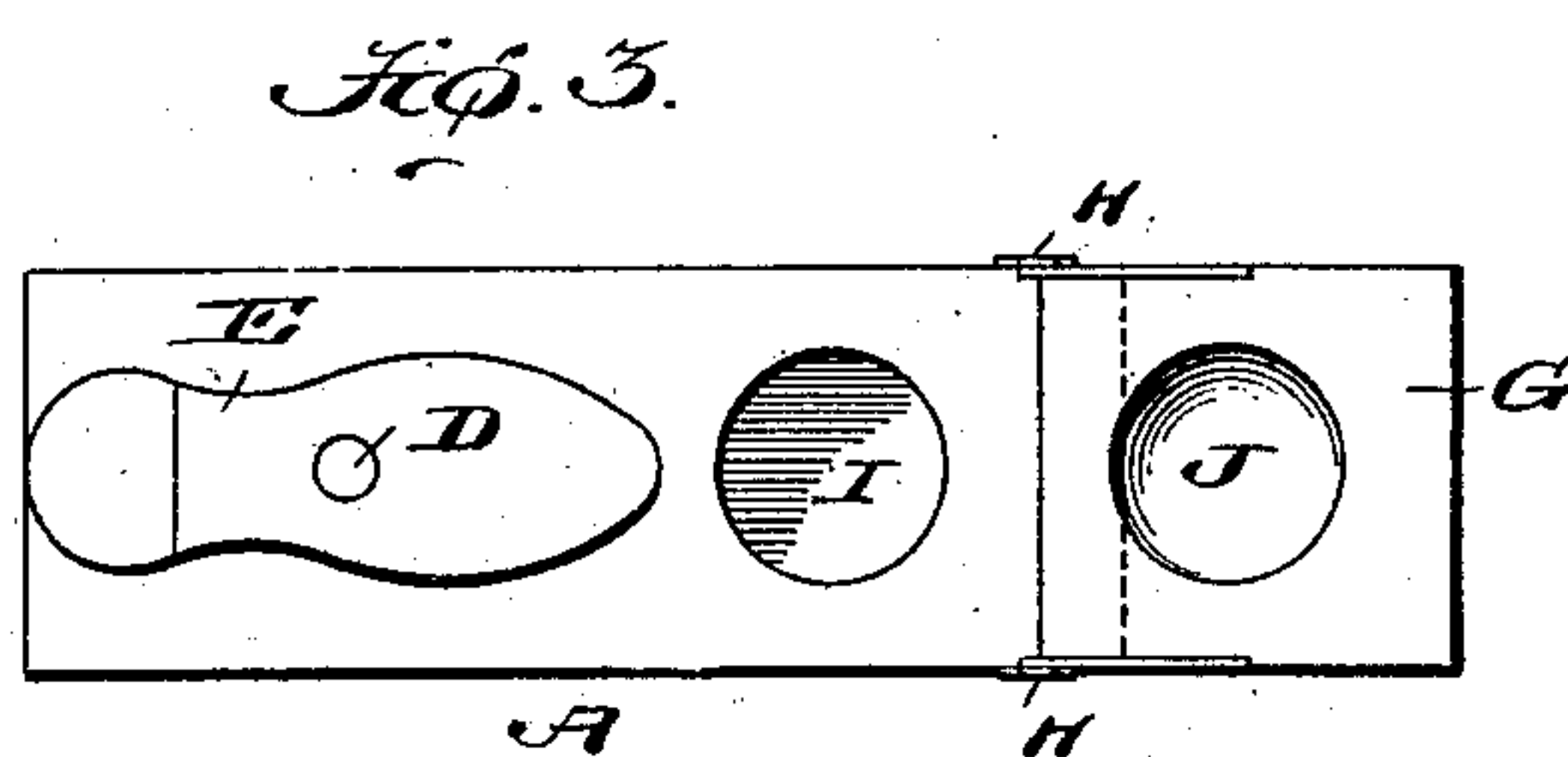
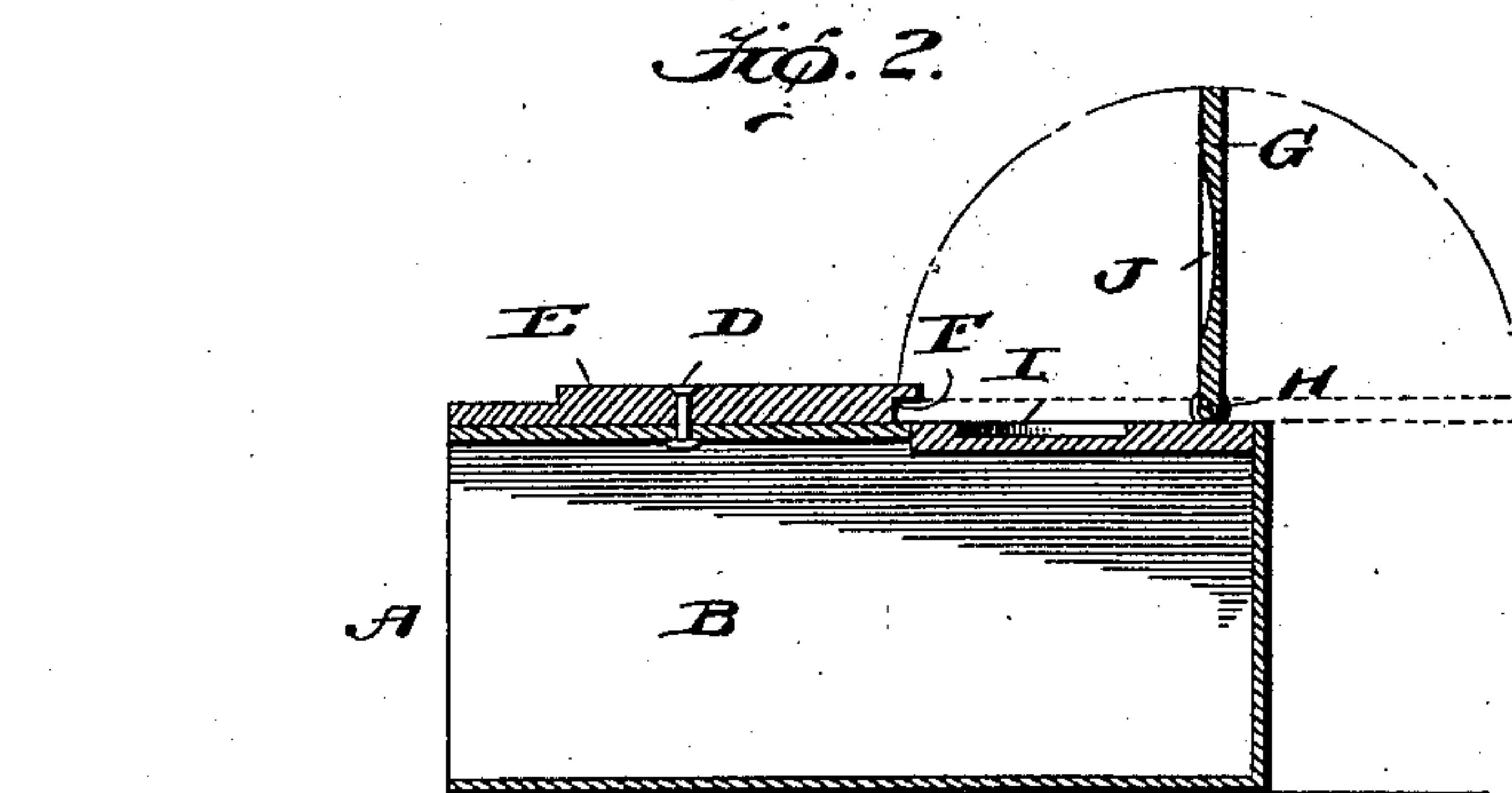
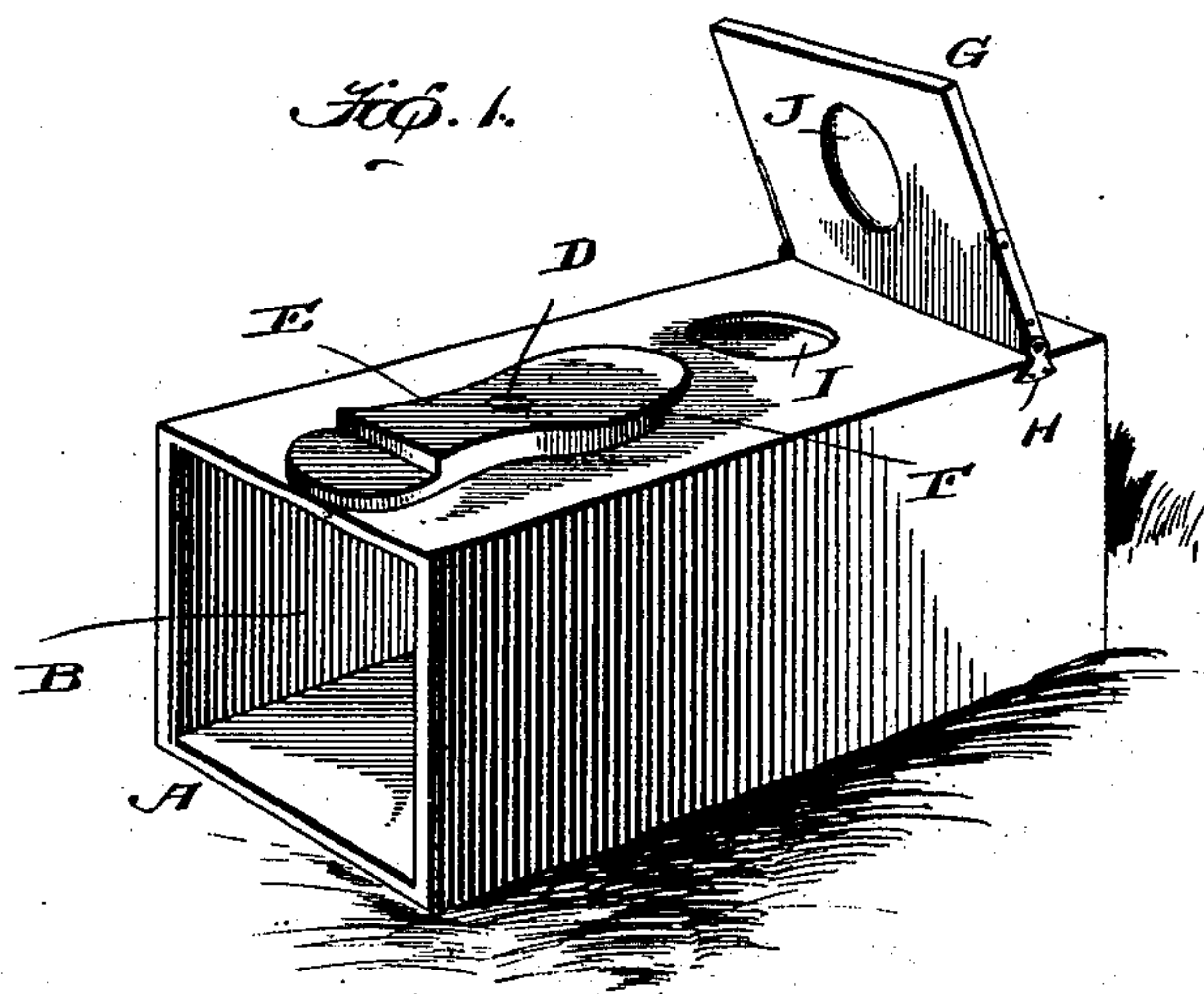


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. HARPER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Butler, in the county of Butler and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Blacking Stands, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a box which will afford a neat and convenient receptacle for brushes, blacking, &c., a recess in the lid for the mixing of the polishing material before application, so as to insure a uniform consistency of the polishing material to the object to be polished, providing a foot-rest pivoted to the top of the box, which when not in use serves as a latch or keeper for the lid, and combining in the box a device of small compass for convenient household and street use.

A box having the above objects in view is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved box, showing the lid covering the blacking-receptacle raised. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of my box with the lid open.

Like reference-letters indicate like parts in all the figures.

A represents the box proper, having an open end, B, for the reception of the brush and other articles, the opposite end, C, being closed. On top of the box is a pivoted foot-rest E, which is provided with an undercut portion constituting a latch F, adapted to engage a lid G, hinged at H to the box, which lid normally covers a blacking-receptacle I, located immediately under said lid when closed. This lid is recessed as at J, which recess registers with the recess formed in the box. The location of the hinge H is such that a portion of the top of the box is adapted to receive and support the lid when the latter is thrown open, as shown in Fig. 3, to retain the lid in horizontal position, so that the re-

cess J is readily accessible. Normally the blacking is carried in the receptacle I, and the lid G is closed upon the same, while the foot-rest E is so positioned as to cause its latch F to hold the lid in place. When it is desired to obtain access to the blacking, the foot-rest E is swung to one side, thereby releasing the lid G, which may be raised, permitting the blacking to be removed, and which may then be closed again and secured by the foot-rest E, as before, when the customer may place his foot on the rest and have his shoes polished in the ordinary way, or the lid G may be left open and the foot-rest E swung back into position for the reception of the customer's shoe.

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

1. A shoe-blackening stand comprising a movable foot-rest, a blacking-receptacle and a movable lid adapted to close the receptacle, the foot-rest adapted to retain the lid in closed position.

2. A shoe-blackening stand comprising a suitable support, a recessed lid movably secured thereto, a foot-rest independent of the lid and movably mounted upon the support apart from the lid, the foot-rest adapted to engage and retain the lid in closed position.

3. A shoe-blackening stand comprising a portable box having an opening for permitting access to its interior and provided with a recess located in one wall thereof, a lid hinged to the box and adapted to close the recess and a pivoted foot-rest mounted upon the box independently of the lid, the foot-rest provided with a latch adapted to engage and retain the lid in closed position.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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