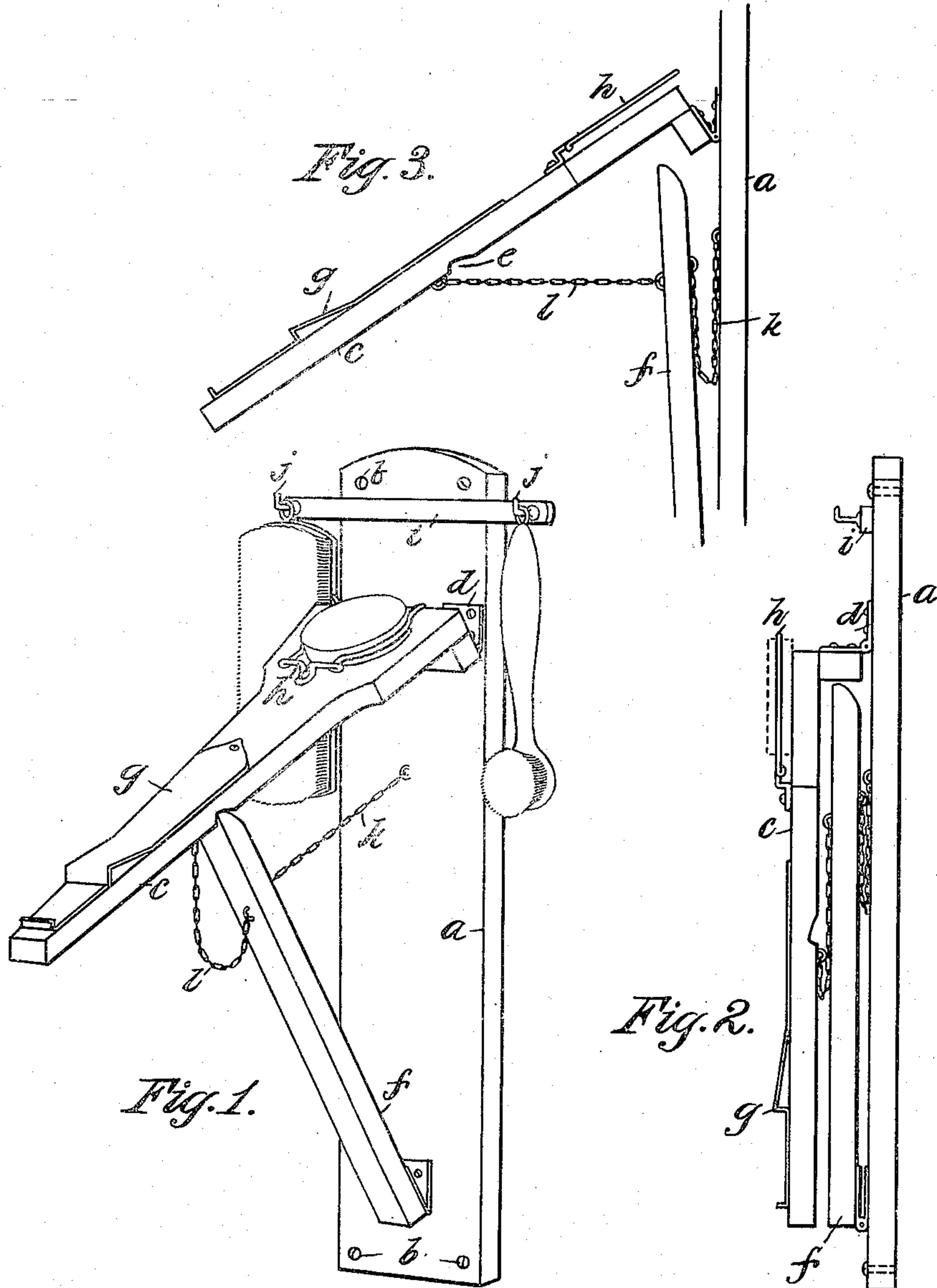


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS I. BENNETT, a citizen of the United States, residing in the town of Nutley, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Collapsible Blacking-Stands; 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 pertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in collapsible blacking stands; and it consists in certain features of construction and in combination of parts hereinafter described and pointed out in the claims.

While the essential and characteristic features of my invention are necessarily susceptible of modification, the preferred embodiment of the invention, is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which;

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my collapsible blacking stand with its parts in position for use. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same showing the parts collapsed, and Fig. 3 is a fragmentary view showing the stand in a semi-collapsed position.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

In the drawings, *a* represents the back plate as a whole which may be made of metal or wood and of any ornamental design, but is ordinarily made of wood and is adapted to be screwed in place upon the wall by screws *b*.

c represents a bracket hinged near the top of the back plate *a*, by any suitable means, as for instance, a pair of hinges *d* illustrated in the drawing. The bracket *e* on its under surface approximately mid-way of its length, is provided with a transverse groove or slot *c* for the reception of the upper end of the pivoted brace or support *f*, which is pivotally connected to the lower end of the back plate *a* in any convenient manner. The bracket *c* is provided on its outer surface with a

foot rest *g* of any desired shape, and made of any suitable material.

h represents a blacking holder secured on the bracket *c* near its upper edge, which consists essentially, of a strip of spring material, preferably wire, bent into a desirable shape, in order that any of the various sized boxes of blacking may be grasped and held firmly by the holder. Near the upper edge of the back plate *a*, so as to be in convenient position for use, I place a support *i* provided with hooks *j* upon which to hang a dauber and the polishing brush as is clearly shown in Fig. 1.

It will be noted that the bracket *c* is hinged to the back plate *a*, so as to be folded back into a practically vertical position near the plate *a* when the device is not in use. In order to limit the movement of the brace or support *f*, I connect said brace or support *f* to the back plate *a* by means of the chain *k*. A similar chain *l* is connected with the brace *f*, and the under side of the bracket *c* which causes the brace *f* to fall out of its vertical position and into the transverse groove or recess *e*, when the bracket *c* is drawn away from the back plate of the device. When not in use, the bracket *c* and the brace *f* may be turned back into a vertical plane.

I claim:

In a collapsible blacking stand, the combination of a back plate, a bracket hinged to the upper portion of said back plate, a brace hinged to the lower portion of said back plate, a flexible connection between said back plate and said brace, a second flexible connection between said brace and bracket, whereby the elevation of said bracket will cause the extension of said brace beneath said bracket to support the same in extended position.

This specification signed and witnessed this 27th day of February, 1906.

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