

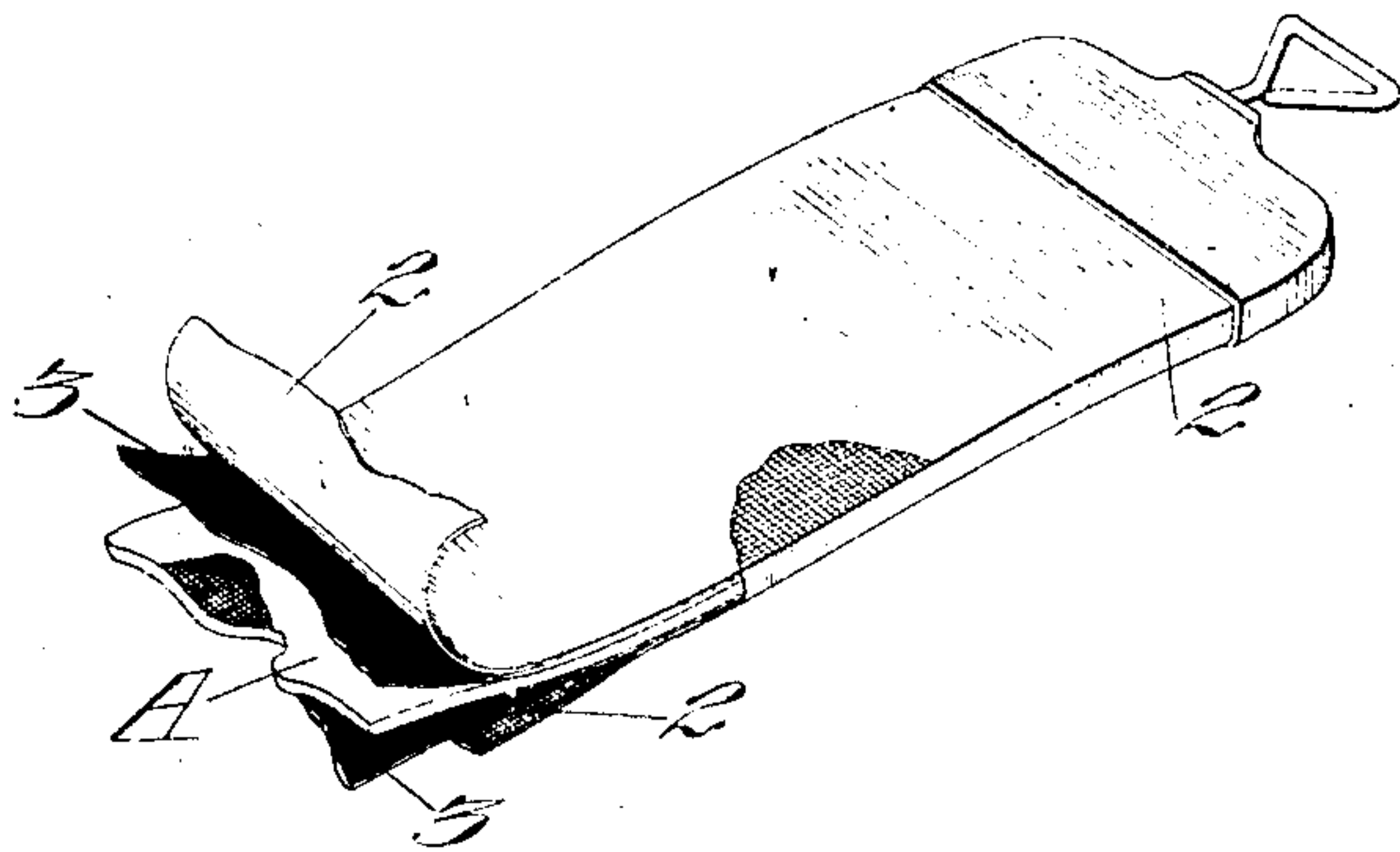
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. BABCOCK, citizen of United States, residing at Portland, in the county of Multnomah and State of Oregon, have invented new and useful Improvements in Razor-Strops, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved construction for razor strops.

10 It consists in the combination and arrangement of parts which will be more fully explained by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

The figure illustrates my invention.

15 In the construction of my razor strop I form it with a central portion A, which is preferably made from a shoddy material, that is a material part wool and part cotton. This I do because the woolen fabric alone is too soft, while cotton alone is too hard, and by using approximately half of each for the center, it gives a more elastic base and better results.

25 Upon both sides of the base A is fixed a strip of fine satin 2. This strip is secured to the base by the use of a rubber material 3 interposed between the two. This rubber is sufficiently soft so that it may be compressed into the material of the silk itself, and this forms one side of the strop. The other side is also formed of satin and united to the center or base portion by rubber in a similar manner to the first named side. Both sides are then filled by a body of soap which is worked into the satin so as to form a filling therefor, and this completes the strop and forms a finish on both sides ready for use, and also to give it an

appearance like leather. By this combination I provide a sufficiently soft and at the same time firm base, the rubber serves to unite the satin to the base, and at the same time to soften the fibers of the satin, and render it suitable as a strop for sharpening razors. The fibers of the satin make a more even surface than can be formed with leather, and it gives the razor a more uniform edge, and one which is better retained than the edge formed by the use of canvas or leather strops. The outer edges of the strop are fastened together with a solution of gum arabic, and polished to make them appear like a strip of leather.

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

55 An improved razor strop consisting of a central portion of a mixture of wool and cotton fibers in about equal proportions, a strip of satin fixed to opposite sides of the base, a thin layer of soft rubber compressed into the fibers of one of the strips of satin, a corresponding layer of rubber between the body and the other strip of satin and compressed into the fibers of the latter, and an exterior filling of soap rubbed into the fibers of the second-named piece of satin and forming the finishing side of the strop.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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