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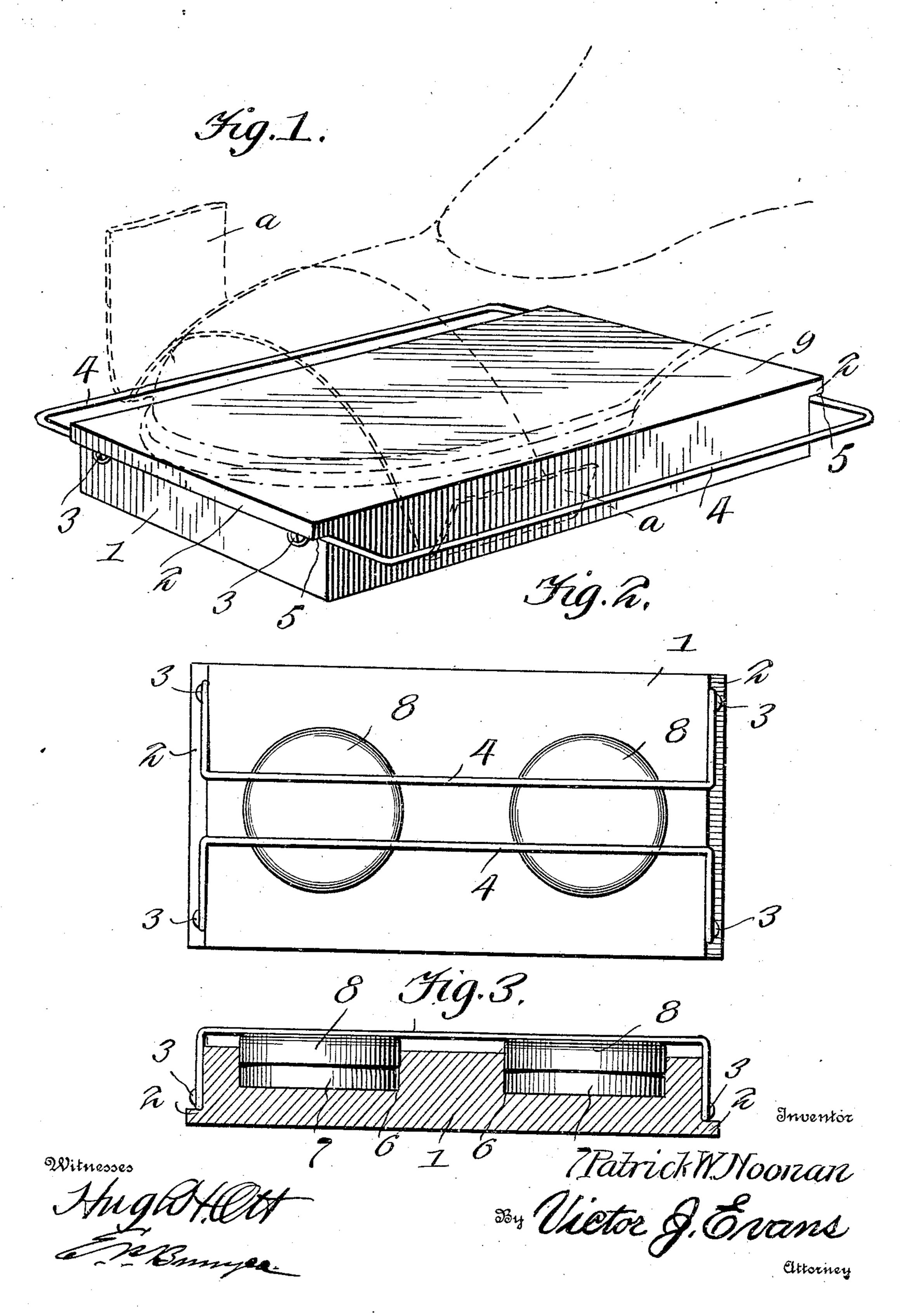
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Patrick W. Noonan, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Webb City, in the county of Jasper and State of Missouri, have invented new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Shiners, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to shoe shiners, and one of the principal objects of the same is to provide a shoe shiner in which the guide wires for the polishing cloth are hinged to the base and are adapted to be folded underneath the same to occupy but little space when not in use and to also hold the covers of the blacking boxes in place, said blacking boxes being disposed in recesses in the bottom of the base member of the shiner.

Another object of the invention is to provide a base having pivoted guide wires for the polishing cloth, said base having a ledge or step for the guide wires when in operative position.

These and other objects may be attained by means of the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which,—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a shoe shiner made in accordance with my invention, said shiner being shown in use. Fig. 2 30 is a bottom plan view of the shiner with the guide members disposed underneath the bottom of the base for holding the blacking boxes in place. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section of the same.

Referring to the drawing, the numeral 1 designates the base which is preferably formed of a block of wood of the required dimensions, said block having at its opposite ends outwardly projecting flanges 2.

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40 Pivoted at 3 underneath the flanges 2 are the inwardly bent arms 3° of the guide members 4 for the polishing cloth. These guide members when thrown outward in position for use, as shown in Fig. 1, are held in proper horizontal position by means of the stop shoulders 5 formed by the projecting

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the base 1 are recesses 6 designed to hold blacking boxes 7 or boxes of polishing mate-50 rials, said boxes each being provided with a cover 8. When the shiner is not in use the guide members 4 are swung underneath the base member 1 for holding the covers 8 on the boxes 7, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, thus 55 also disposing the guide arms within the contour of the base 1.

In use, the guide members 4 are thrown out from the position shown in Fig. 2, said members being stepped by the shoulders 5. 60 The boxes 7 are then removed from the base for use in polishing the shoes, and the polishing cloth a is passed over the shoe and underneath the guide members 4, the operator grasping the ends of the polishing cloth 65 a and pulling it back and forth alternately by one hand and then the other. The upper surface 9 of the base 1 may be utilized for advertising purposes.

From the foregoing it will be obvious that 70 a shee shiner made in accordance with my invention is simple in construction, will hold the polishing materials in place within the base, and that the guide members for the polishing cloth may be swung underneath 75 the block for holding the covers on the boxes of polishing materials, said guide members when thrown out being held in horizontal positions by the shoulders 5.

I claim:—

A shoe shiner comprising a block or base having projecting end flanges, guide members having inwardly extending arms at their ends pivoted underneath the flanges, said block having recesses in the underside 85 thereof for containing boxes of polishing materials, said guide members being adapted to be swung underneath the block and boxes for holding said boxes.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature 90 in presence of two witnesses.

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