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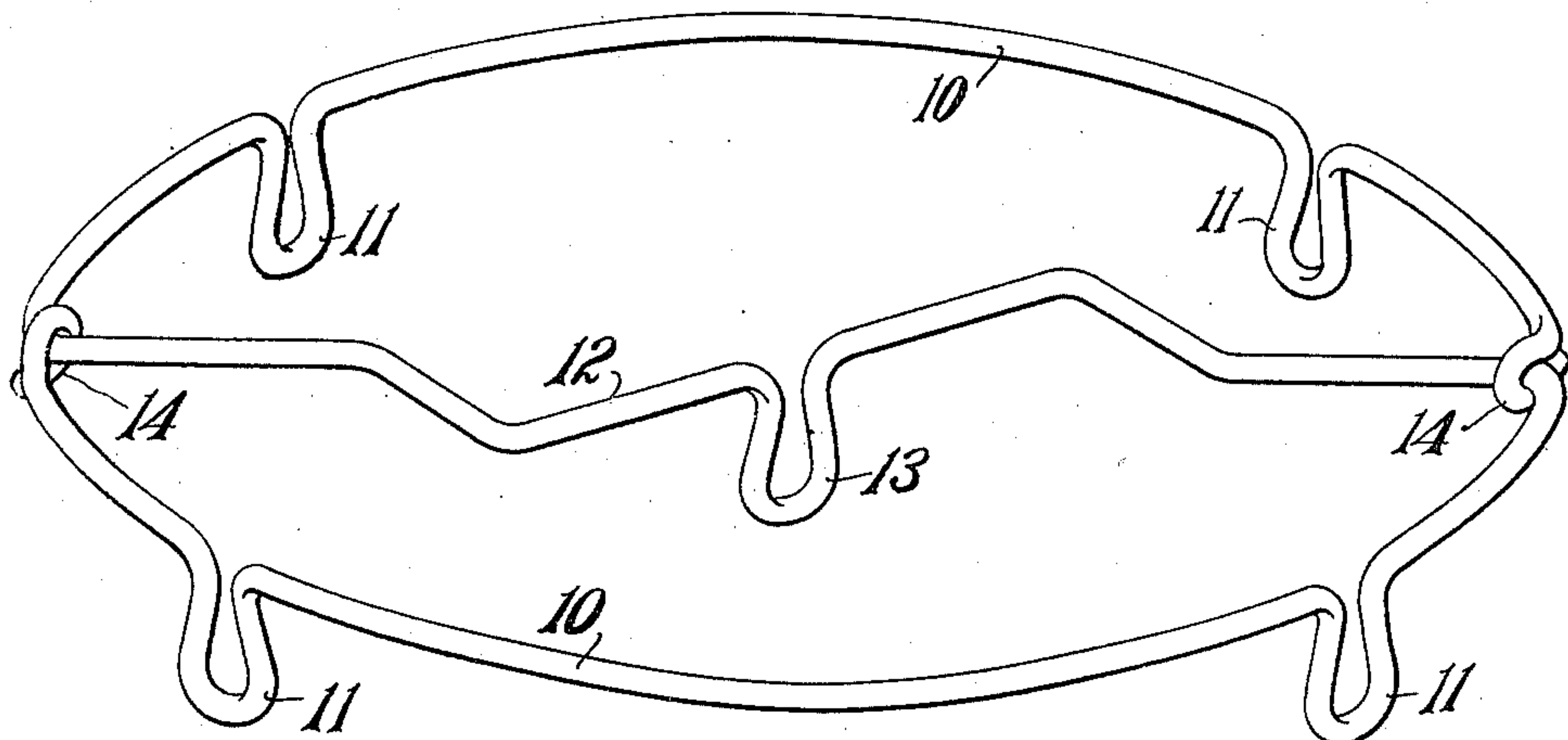


FIG. 1.

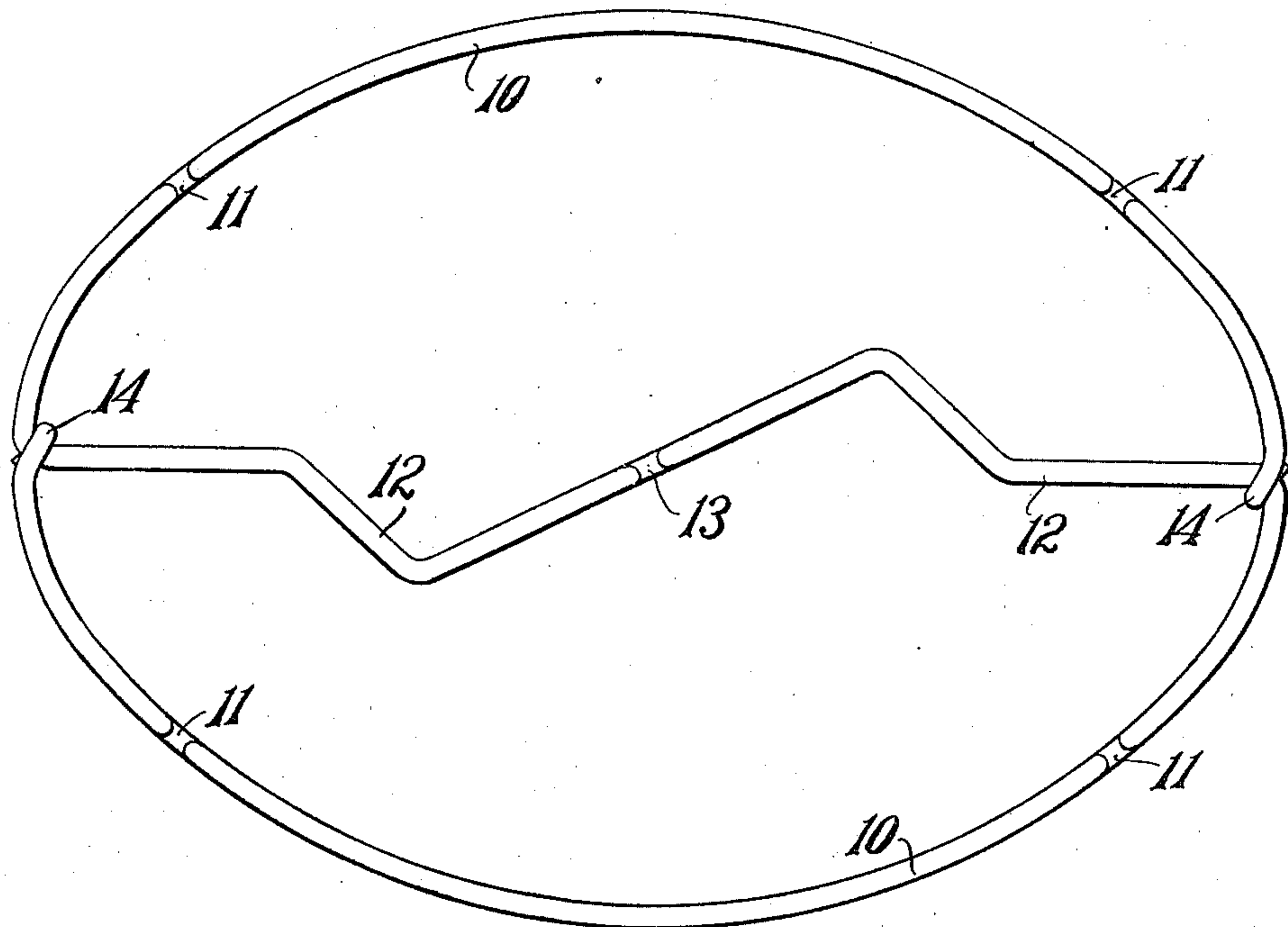


FIG. 2.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ROBERT YOUNG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fitchburg, county of Worcester, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Polishing Foot-Rests, of which the following is a specification.

The primary object of this invention is to provide a simple, cheap and substantial foot-rest for shoe polishing purposes, its construction being such as to adapt the device for several other uses, some of which will be hereinafter referred to.

The article is preferably made of one continuous wire, tinned, and of about No. 10 gage, and consists of a low skeleton stand or rack having a marginal portion or border with a plurality of downward loops forming supporting feet, and of an intermediate portion or cross-bar preferably of a zigzag character, also provided with a looped foot, such bar constituting a central support for the foot of the user. On opposite sides of the device the marginal wire has unobstructed portions of considerable length beneath which passes the strip of flannel or other fabric extending, with frictional action, over the shoe being polished.

The general outline of the device is curved, preferably of an oval form. The articles nest together very compactly for storage or shipment. For permanent use two opposite marginal feet may be held down on a box by small staples.

In the drawing, Figure 1, is a perspective view and Fig. 2 a plan, nearly full size, of one of my improved stands in its best form.

As here shown the single wire of which it is composed forms the border or curved margin 10 having near its ends a plurality of short legs or feet 11, made by bending the wire downwardly in loops of uniform length,

and it also comprises a cross bar 12, shown as extending lengthwise of the device, and broadened in a zigzag form at the middle for the foot of the user to rest on, a similar loop 13 being there provided. The wire ends 14 are shown hooked on to the marginal wire 10. The stand is preferably about one inch high.

For personal use the device may be mechanically fastened in the desired position or simply held down by the foot of the user within the shoe being polished. The operator having applied the blacking and suitable brush action will complete the polishing by reciprocating a strip of fabric passed over the shoe upper and beneath the broad side portions of the marginal wire 10, the ends of such strip being alternately pulled back and forth as is well known.

This little device is useful and convenient for various purposes, such as a support for flat-irons, for baking-pans in an oven, or meats being roasted and for many household uses.

I claim as my invention:

A device of the class described formed of a single wire and comprising a central cross-bar having lateral oppositely disposed zigzag foot contacting portions and inclosing longitudinal rails formed by bending in opposite directions the two ends of said central portion in outward bows and each engaging the central bar at the opposite end, said central bar having a supporting foot bent up in a loop and said longitudinal rails each having similar supporting foot loops formed therein.

In testimony whereof, I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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