

How to Use The Burnishing Board

The paper must be stretched TIGHTLY so that it will lie perfectly flat upon its base. If the paper is wrinkled or loose, the face of the slug will become rounded.

The abrasive paper is inexpensive and should be frequently renewed. Less effort will be required and better results obtained with new paper.

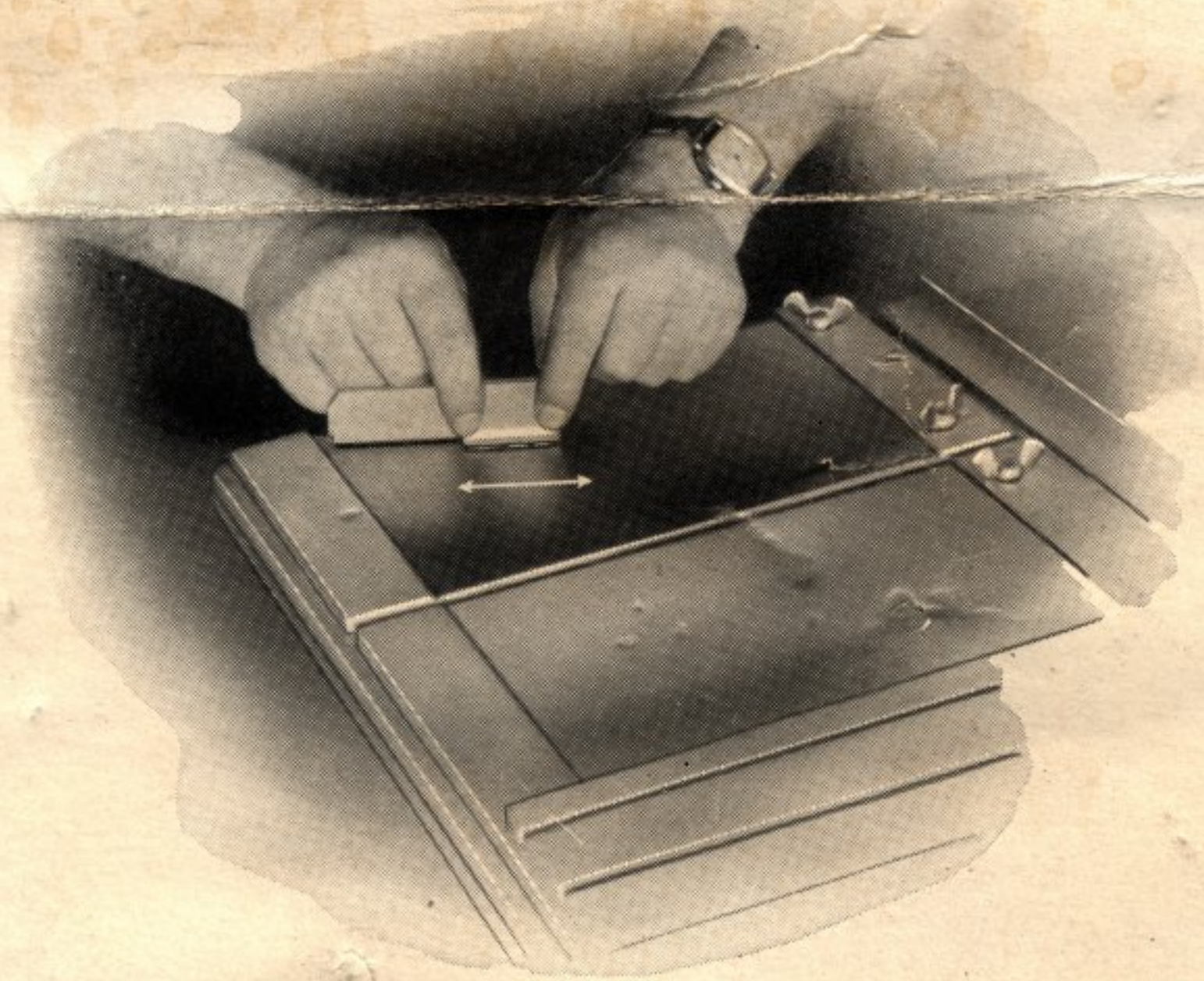


Fig. 1

1. Grasp the shank of the slug between the thumb and forefinger of each hand at the ends of the face or head of the slug and not at the ends of the shank. This is particularly important where there are only a few characters on one end of the slug. The correct holding position for such a slug is shown in Fig. 1.

2. Have the ends of the thumbs and fingers rest against the head of the slug as shown in the illustrations. (This will hold the face of the slug flat upon the surface of the paper.)
3. Exerting ONLY A LITTLE downward pressure, rub the slug diagonally across the surface of the coarser paper as shown by the arrows. Make a point of pressing down equally with both hands.

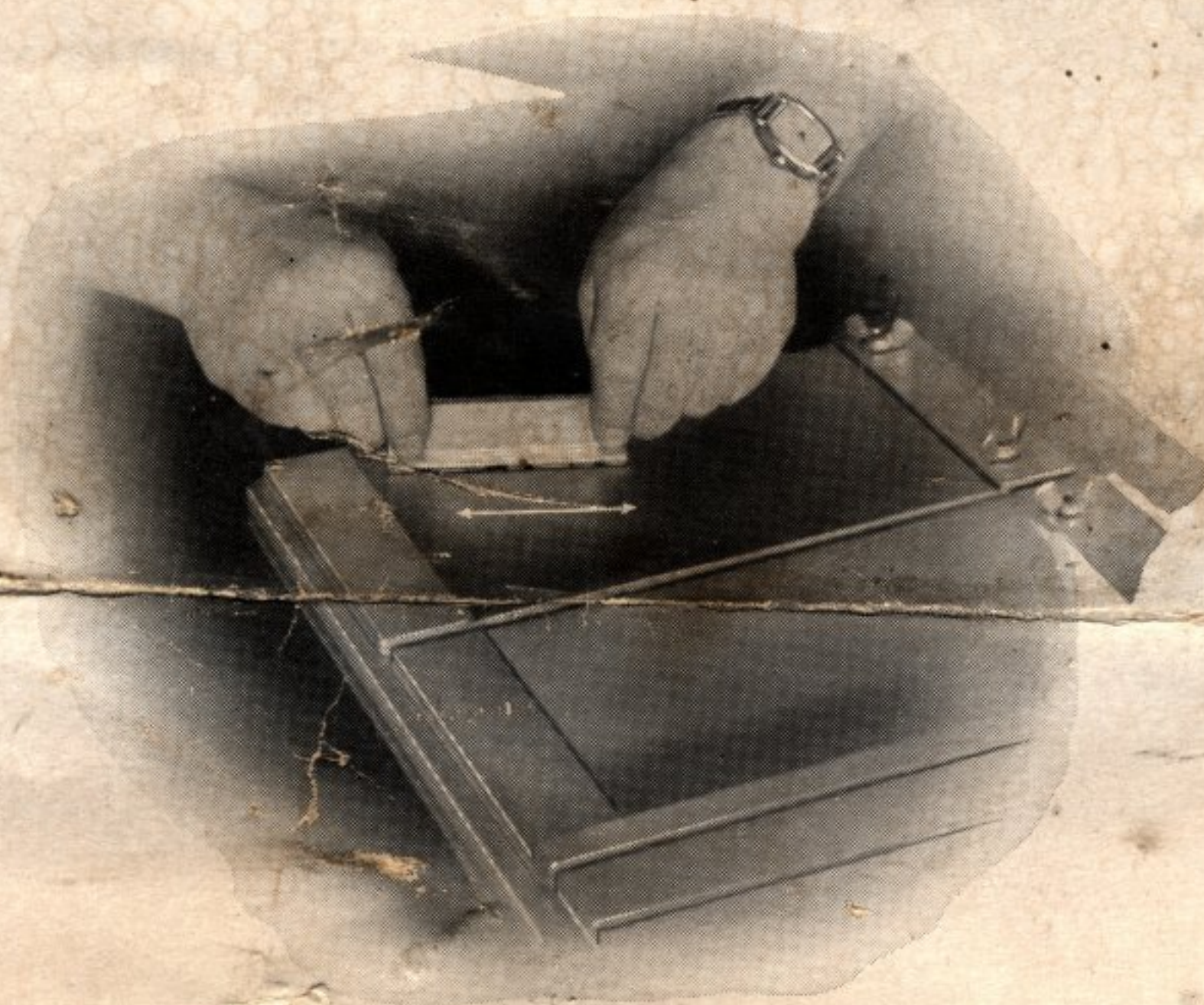


Fig. 2

4. For the medium size and medium weight faces, take only two or three full length strokes. For the larger, bolder faces, five or six strokes may be required.
5. Now turn the slug end for end in the hands and repeat the rubbing process, using the same number of strokes as before.
6. After the face is sufficiently burnished on the coarser paper, take three or four light strokes diagonally across the surface of the finer (finishing) paper.

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