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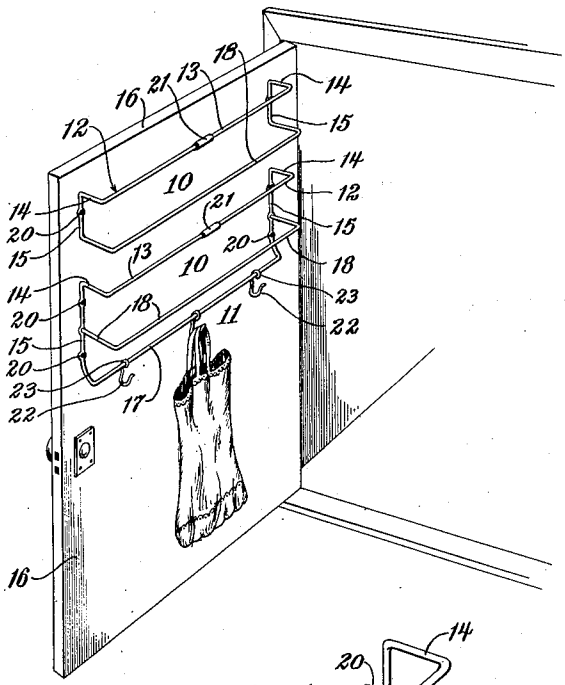


Fig. 1.

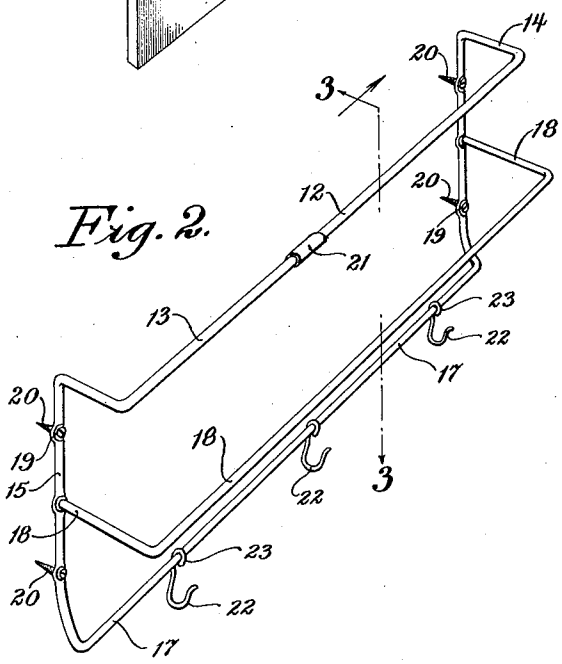


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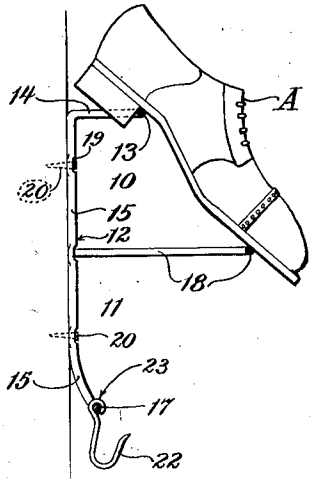


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RANDOLPH BRUNSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at East Orange, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented new and useful Improvements in Shoe Racks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a combined shoe rack and garment hanger.

The principal object of the invention is the provision of an article of the nature mentioned adapted to be secured to a suitable support such as the back of a door, whereby a plurality of shoes may be supported in a convenient and neat manner, and yet permit the customary hanging garments, such as coats or the like to also be hung thereon.

A still further object of the invention is to construct the shoe rack having a frame formed of a single piece of relatively heavy wire which is sufficiently strong as to support a plurality of shoes, thereby rendering the structure cheap of manufacture, simple of construction and highly efficient for the purpose intended.

With these and other objects in view, the invention resides in certain novel construction and combination and arrangement of parts, the essential features of which are hereinafter fully described, are particularly pointed out in the appended claims, and are illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention shown applied to the back of a closet door.

Figure 2 is an enlarged perspective view of my invention per se.

Figure 3 is a vertical sectional view on the line 3—3 of Figure 2.

My invention is primarily adapted for use in the home or hotel where a limited amount of space is to be found for the purpose of supporting a plurality of shoes and garments such as coats, neckties, stockings and the like upon the back of a closet door, so that when the door is in a closed position the same are hidden from view. Of course these devices could be placed upon the back of any door and yet not detract from the neat and artistic arrangement of a room.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, the reference numeral 10 designates my improved shoe rack in its entirety, and the numeral 11 designates a garment hanger formed therewith for hanging garments such as coats or the like. It is understood that the shoe rack 10 may be used without the garment hanger 11, at times where more than one shoe rack is desired, and then the racks are arranged one above the other as shown in Figure 1 of the drawing. The garment hanger 11 is supported by the lower shoe rack so that the garments may hang in their natural vertical condition.

The shoe rack 10 is constructed from a single piece of relatively heavy wire 12 which is round in cross section and sufficiently strong as to support a number of shoes without sagging. The wire 12 is bent to form a horizontal supporting rod 13, bent inwardly at the ends as at 14, for a short distance, then downwardly as at 15 so as to form a pair of vertical legs for coacting engagement with the supporting structure in the nature of a door 16. The lower end of the legs are bent outwardly for a purpose to be explained. The material is then bent to form a bar 17 which constitutes the garment support and which is parallel to the rod 13. Riveted, soldered or otherwise secured to the legs 15 is a U-shaped bracket 18 which receives the bottom of the shoes when the rack is in use. The structure is secured to the door 16 by forming openings 19 in the legs 15 which openings receive screws 20. If desired, clips may be employed which encircle a portion of the rod and which are in turn fastened to the supporting structure. The meeting ends of the material from which the frame is formed may be welded together or may be connected by a sleeve 21.

In Figure 3 there is shown a shoe A supported by my rack and it will be seen that the heel of the shoe engages the rod 13 and the sole portion rests upon the bracket 18. This will give a neat appearance to the arrangement of the shoes and position the same for immediate removal.

A plurality of garment hooks 22 each provided with an eye 23 are slidably supported by the bar 17 whereby a garment or article of clothing may be conveniently supported. By bending the legs 15 outwardly, it will be seen that the hooks are free to slide without contact with the supporting structure.

From the foregoing description it is believed that the use and manner of forming the several parts has been clearly explained and a further explanation is not deemed

necessary. However, I wish it understood that I do not limit myself to the use of the articles for the home, as the same may be equally useful in displaying footwear in stores.

What is claimed as new is:—

1. A shoe rack comprising a frame formed of a single length of material bent to form a pair of horizontally disposed rods for spaced relation upon a support, the uppermost rod adapted to extend further from the support than the lower rod, a U-shaped bracket supported by said length of material, said uppermost rod co-acting with said U-shaped bracket to support a plurality of shoes thereon.

2. A shoe rack comprising a single piece of relatively stiff wire bent to form a pair of horizontal supporting rods disposed out of vertical alignment in cross section, and portions bent from said wire for connecting said rods, said portions adapted to lie against a supporting structure.

3. A shoe rack comprising a single piece of relatively stiff wire bent to form a pair of horizontal supporting rods disposed out of vertical alignment in cross section, and portions bent from said wire for connecting said rods, said portions adapted to lie against a supporting structure and openings formed in said portions for receiving fastening elements for securing the shoe rack to the support.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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