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SHOE REST.

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Fig. 1.

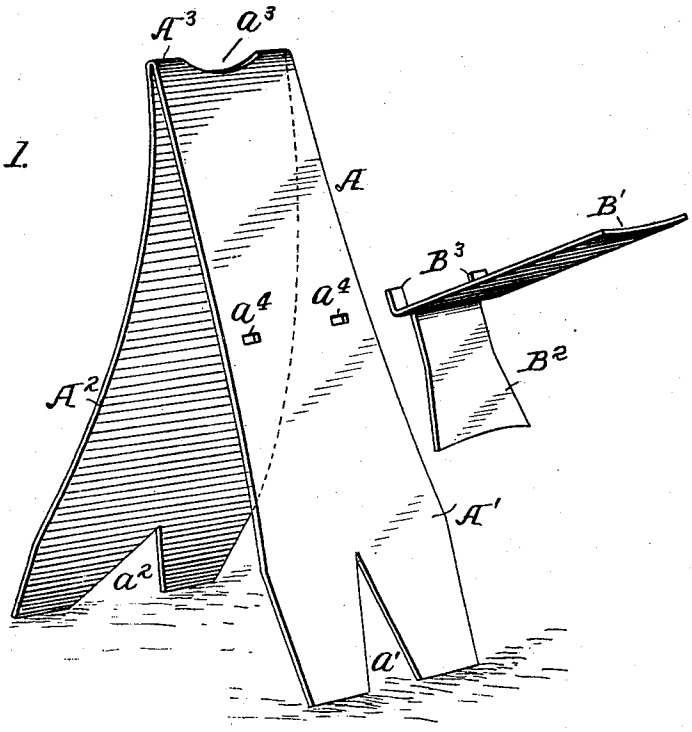


Fig. 2.

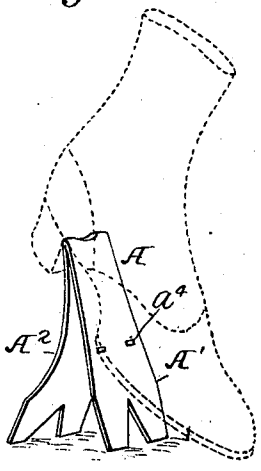


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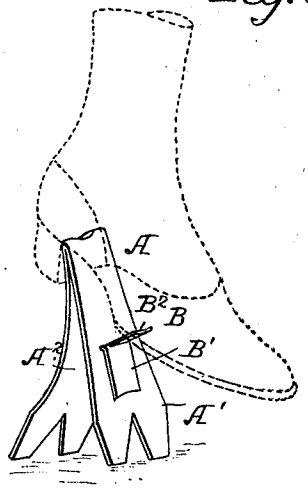
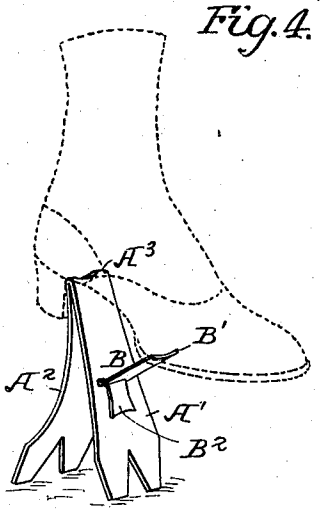


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT V. WINTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fairfield, county of Jefferson, and State of Iowa, have invented new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Rests, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to shoe-rests—such, for example, as are adapted to support and exhibit a shoe or similar article; and it has for its object to provide a simple, cheap, and effective construction whereby the article may be exhibited in different positions and relations; and to these ends it consists in a rest or support constructed and arranged substantially as hereinafter set forth and adapted to be utilized in the manner described.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the shoe-rest as a whole, showing the support and attachment in perspective, but detached from each other. Figs. 2, 3, and 4 are perspective views showing the rest in different relations for supporting the article to be displayed.

In carrying out my invention I provide a rest or display device which is especially adapted for boots or shoes, but which of course can be used for other articles, and it is to be understood that the details of construction and arrangement may be varied to adapt the device for different articles without departing from the spirit of the invention, and in the present case I shall specifically describe the preferred construction and arrangement of the parts when the device is utilized to support and display boots and shoes.

The device comprises a support A, shown in the present instance as made of a single piece of material, such as metal, bent between its ends to form two portions, as A′ A^2, which may be said to constitute the legs of the bifurcated support, and one of these legs, as A′, is practically straight, while the other leg, as A^2, is preferably curved to form a brace for the support. The two legs are joined at the upper portion either integrally or otherwise, forming a rest portion A^3 to receive a portion of the articles to be displayed, and this point of union between the two legs is preferably cut away, as at a^3, forming a recess or notch. The lower ends of the legs are preferably notched, as at a' a^2, forming feet, so to speak, which aid in maintaining the support in its upright position.

The support as above described may be used in itself as a rest for the articles to be displayed; but in order that the article may be displayed in various relations I provide an attachment B for the support, and this attachment is made adjustable and is adapted to be placed in various relations to the support A. This attachment B comprises, essentially, two arms B′ B^2, which are arranged at an angle to each other and preferably made integral, as from a sheet of metal, and they are of different sizes with respect to each other. The attachment is also provided with some sort of means to secure it to the support, and in the present instance I have shown ears B^3 B^3, which are bent in a direction opposite to the short arm B^2 and project beyond the plane thereof and are shown as being integral with the two arms of the attachment. These ears are adapted to engage the support, and in the present instance I have shown the support as provided with openings a^4 to receive the ears of the attachment. When it is desired to utilize the arm B^2 as a rest for the article, the ears B^3 are inserted through the openings a^4 of the support and project practically at right angles therefrom, and in that case the arm B′ lies parallel to and rests upon the face of the leg A′, as best shown in Fig. 3, while the short arm B^2 projects outwardly at substantially a right angle to the face of the leg. When it is desired that the arm B′ shall form a portion of the rest, the ears B^3 are projected through the openings a^4 and extend upward practically parallel with the rear face of the leg A′, and the arm B^2 rests upon the outer face of the leg A′, as best shown in Fig. 4, while the long arm B′ projects outward at substantially a right angle thereto and forms a rest for the shoe.

It will be seen that the shoe or other article may be placed upon the rest in various positions, so as to display the articles in different relations, and in Fig. 2 the shoe is shown mounted upon the support with its shank portion bearing upon the portion A^3 of the rest and the ball of the shoe upon the

face of the leg A'. In Fig. 3 the attachment is in place so that the ball of the shoe rests upon the edge of the short arm B^2, and the shoe is inclined more nearly toward the horizontal, while in Fig. 4 the attachment is put in place in another way, so that the ball of the shoe rests upon the edge of the arm B', and the shoe is still more nearly horizontal.

It will thus be seen that by an exceedingly cheap and simple construction I provide a rest for shoes or other articles whereby they may be displayed in various relations or positions so as to present the article in the best aspect, and the rest is portable and adjustable, so that it can be adapted to suit the wishes or taste of the user in displaying the article.

What I claim is—

1. A shoe-rest consisting of a single piece of metal bent between its ends to form two legs diverging from each other toward their lower ends, the upper ends of said legs being recessed to receive and support the shank of a shoe, and an attachment detachably connected with one of said legs for supporting the sole of the shoe, substantially as set forth.

2. In a shoe-rest, the combination with a two-legged support, of a detachable attachment having two arms arranged at an angle to each other and of different lengths and provided with means for attaching it to the support in different relations.

3. In a shoe-rest, the combination with a two-legged support, one of the legs being provided with openings, of an attachment comprising two arms and having ears adapted to engage the openings in the support.

4. A shoe-rest, comprising an integral support having two legs, one of the legs being provided with openings, of an attachment having arms of different lengths arranged at an angle to each other, and provided with ears projecting in a plane parallel to the shorter arm and adapted to engage the openings in the support, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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