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SHOE HOLDER DEVICE

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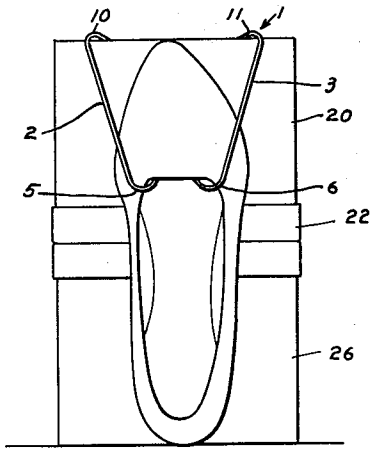


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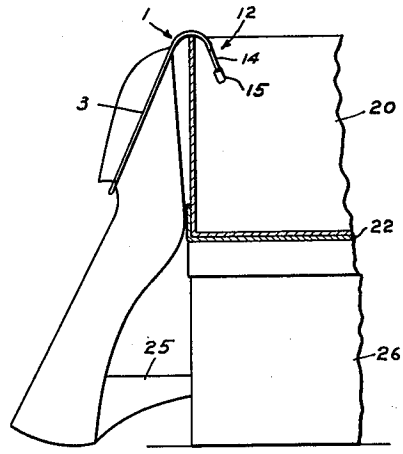


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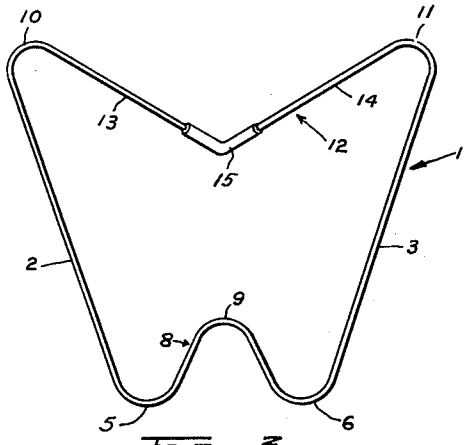


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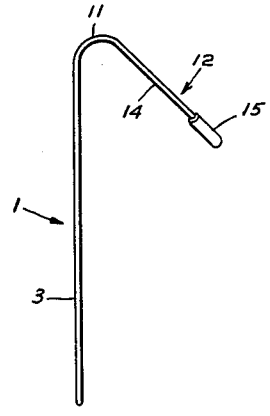


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This invention relates to a shoe holder device.

The object of this invention is to provide a shoe holder by which a shoe may be displayed upon the shoe boxes arranged on the racks in a shoe store.

Another object of this invention is to provide a shoe holder which can be suspended from an end of an open shoe box and which will securely hold a shoe against the box.

Another object of this invention is to provide a shoe holder of the type described which is simple in construction, cheap to manufacture and efficient for the purpose intended.

Other objects and advantages will appear as the specification proceeds and the novel features of the device will be particularly pointed out in the claims hereto annexed.

In this specification and the annexed drawing, the invention is illustrated in the form considered to be the best, but it is understood, that the invention is not limited to such form; and it is also to be understood that in and by the claims following the description, it is desired to cover the invention in whatsoever form it may be embodied.

This invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

FIG. 1 is a front elevation of the shoe holder hanging from a shoe box and supporting a shoe.

FIG. 2 is a side elevation of the FIG. 1, showing the shoe box in section.

FIG. 3 is a front elevation of the shoe holder, and

FIG. 4 is a side elevation of the shoe holder.

In detail, my shoe holder 1 is made from a suitable wire stock and comprises a substantially V-shaped body consisting of two sides 2 and 3 extending upwardly and divergently at an angle.

The lower ends of said sides 2 and 3 are bent upwardly and inwardly, as shown at 5 and 6 respectively, and form a tongue portion 8 terminating with a rounded top 9.

The upper ends of the sides 2 and 3 are bent backwardly and downwardly, as shown at 10 and 11, to form a hook portion 12, consisting of two hook sides 13 and 14, the end of which are joined by a small piece of plastic tubing 15, though soldering, welding, or other means may be employed for securing said ends.

The hook sides 13 and 14 and the body sides 2 and 3 form an angle equal to about 45° in the projection shown in FIG. 4.

The holder 1 is used in the following manner:

A shoe box 20 is opened, a shoe 21 is taken out of the same and the box top 22 is placed under the box. The hook portion 12 of the holder is placed on the front end wall of the box so that the bent portions 10 and 11 rest on the upper edge of said front end. Then the lower end of the holder is swung upwardly and the toe of the shoe is slipped upwardly between the body sides 2 and 3 for inserting the tongue portion 8 under the vamp of the shoe. Thereupon the holder 1 and shoe 21 are swung downwardly to permit the heel 25 of the shoe to abut the shoe box 26 on which the box 20 rests as shown in FIG. 2.

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The holder 1 securely holds and retains the shoe 21 without danger of being knocked off the holder by an accidental contact therewith. The holder does not squeeze or deform the outer part of the shoe at any point and therefore does not leave any marks thereon. The shoe is held in a vertical position firmly against the box, and consequently, the shoe and the holder occupy the minimum of space outside the box. As the whole shoe is conveniently displayed, the style, color, heel and the size of the same may be observed at a glance, which helps immeasurably in searching for and selecting the desired shoes, thus eliminating the opening of shoe boxes and examining the contents thereof.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A shoe holder for suspending a shoe from a shoe box, comprising a body portion consisting of a pair of upwardly divergent sides sufficiently spaced at the top to accommodate the toe portion of the shot therebetween, and sufficiently narrow at the bottom to enter the shoe;

a hook connecting the tops of said sides, and extending backwardly and downwardly at a substantially 45° angle to the plane of said sides for swingably suspending the shoe holder on a box front;

a tongue connecting the lower ends of said sides and extending upwardly therebetween for entering the toe portion of the shoe for suspending the shoe thereon with its sole against the box.

2. A shoe holder for suspending a shoe from a shoe box with its sole against the latter, comprising a piece of wire bent into a closed configuration, symmetrical in relation to its vertical axis and consisting of two straight upwardly divergent sides spaced from each other to accommodate the toe portion of a shoe, said sides, and having their upper portions bent backwardly and downwardly;

a hook portion extending from one bent portion to the other and connecting the same, the plane of the hook forming a 45° angle with the plane of the sides for hanging the holder on a shoe box side with freedom of swinging on said bent portions; and

a tongue formed between the lower ends of said sides and connecting the same, said tongue protruding upwardly substantially in the same plane as said sides for entering the toe portion and holding the shoe with its sole against the box.

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