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DISPLAY FORM.

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Fig. 1.

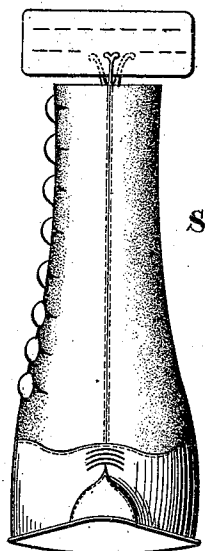


Fig. 2.

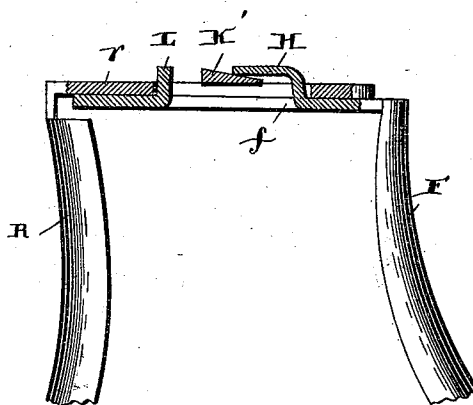


Fig. 3.

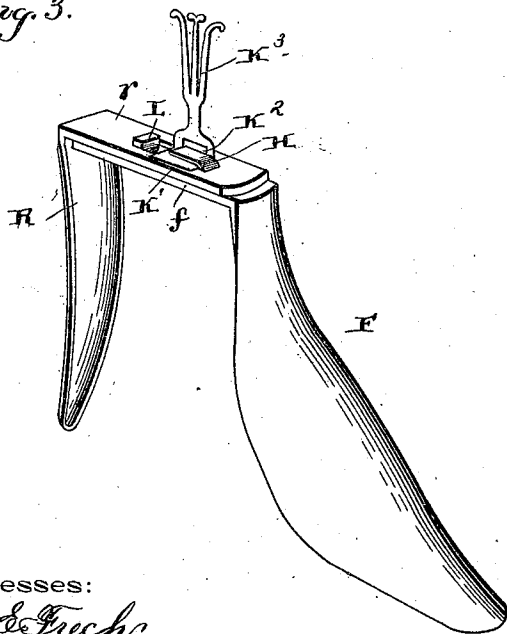
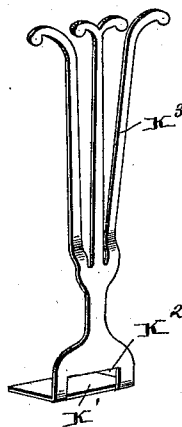


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. RAMSEY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha county, State of South Dakota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Forms; and my preferred manner of carrying out the invention is set forth in the following full, clear, and exact description, terminating with claims particularly specifying the novelty.

This invention relates to store furniture, and more especially to that class thereof known as "display-forms;" and the object of the same is to produce a device of this character adapted to be removably placed within a slipper, shoe, or boot, so as to distend the same fully as it stands within the show-window or at some point on exhibition.

To this end the invention consists in the construction of the display-form hereinafter described, as well as in the use of a card-holder, which is adapted for both connecting the parts of the form and holding a price-card, all as set forth below and as shown in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a shoe distended by this display-form, the parts of the whole being connected by a card-holder and the latter carrying a card. Fig. 2 is a section of the display-form removed from the shoe, showing the use of a wedge. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the two parts of the form, and this view shows the card-holder turned at right angles. Fig. 4 is a perspective detail of the card-holder.

This display-form is made in three parts, which we will call the "front" part, "rear" part, and the "key," and the latter may, if desired, be of the shape shown in Fig. 4; so as to constitute a card-holder as well as serve as a key. All parts are of light metal and of the desired sizes, shapes, and proportions; but the drawings show about the proper relative sizes and shapes to fit into an ordinary shoe S, as seen in Fig. 1. However, it will be understood that by making the parts shorter they may be fitted into a low-quarter shoe or slipper, or by making them longer they may be fitted into a boot, all without departing from the spirit of my invention.

The front part F comprises a body shaped to conform with the interior of the shoe when

buttoned, extending from the toe of the shoe upward and curving slightly to the rear, as seen in Fig. 3, to its upper end, where it makes an angle and extends straight to the rear in a flat piece *f*. In this flat piece are made incisions or cuts, so as to produce an oblong hole, and the metal at the rear end of this hole is bent straight up into a lug L, while the metal at the front end of the hole is bent up and then turned to the rear over the hole to form a hook H.

The rear part R is about the size and shape shown in Fig. 3 and comprises a substantially upright body terminating at its upper end in a flat piece *r* of a size and shape to lie over the flat piece *f*, which piece *r* is provided with a rectangular hole O of suitable size to receive the lug L and hook H.

K' is a small metal key, which may be laid upon the piece *r* just forward of the lug, and then moved forward under the hook H to lock the two parts together. By preference, however, I use the key K in most instances in place of the small metal key or wedge K', and this key K comprises a flat lower end, (marked K',) because it is of about the same size and serves the same function as the wedge K', from the front edge of which piece the body K of the card-holder rises vertically, this body being provided with a hole K² just above the foot or piece K', which hole is of a proper size to receive the hook H, and the upper end of this body being provided with a number of spring-fingers K³ or equivalent devices for receiving and holding a card.

To put the form into the shoe, the front piece F is first passed down and pressed forward into the toe of the shoe and held there. The rear piece R is then passed down against the rear of the shoe until the angle between its body and its flat upper portion *r* rests upon the rear end of the flat piece *f*. The front end of the piece *r* is then borne down until the opening O passes over the lug and hook and the piece *r* lies flat upon the piece *f*, and finally the key is inserted under the lug H to hold the parts firmly in this position. If the wedge K' is used as a key, the top of the shoe may then be stuffed with fancy-colored tissue or cotton to hide the form from sight; but usually the form of key shown in Fig. 4 will be employed, and this is inserted by passing

the hole K² under the rear of the hook H and moving the whole forward, so that the end of the foot K' will pass under the hook as did the similar part K', just described. When this device is used, the fingers K³ will stand upright, as seen in Fig. 1, and a price-card may be held therein, as shown.

It will be obvious that when the shoe stands with its side toward the street one end of the foot K' of the card-holder can be passed under the hook instead of passing the hole K² over it, and the card-holder will then lock the parts together and yet hold a card in position to be read from the side of the shoe instead of the front.

This display-form distends all parts of the shoe, so that it presents a neat appearance in the window, and the key which is preferably used also serves as a card-holder. The form is easily put in place or taken out and can be quickly and cheaply manufactured.

What I claim as new is—

1. In a display form for shoes, the combination with one member having a body fitting within the shoe, a flat upper end, a lug rising from the latter, and a hook also rising from the latter and projecting toward the lug; of a second member having a body fitting within the shoe and a flat upper end provided with a hole adapted to pass over said lug and hook, and a key removably engaging beneath the hook, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a display form for shoes, the combination with one member having a body fitting within the shoe, a flat upper end, and a hook rising from the latter and projecting to-

ward the rear; of a second member having a body fitting within the shoe and a flat upper end provided with a hole adapted to pass over said hook, and a key removably engaging beneath the hook, as and for the purpose set forth.

3. In a display form for shoes, the combination with one member having a body fitting within the shoe, a flat upper end, and a hook rising from the latter; of a second member having a body fitting within the shoe and a flat upper end provided with a hole adapted to receive said hook, and an upright card holder having a horizontal foot adapted to be engaged beneath said hook, as and for the purpose set forth.

4. In a display form for shoes, the combination with one member having a body fitting within the shoe, a flat upper end, a hook rising from the latter; of a second member having a body fitting within the shoe and a flat upper end provided with a hole adapted to receive said hook; and a key consisting of a flat piece adapted to engage under said hook, an upright member connected with one edge of said flat piece and having a hole for the passage of the hook, and card holding device carried by this upright member, as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my signature on this the 24th day of April, A. D. 1895.

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