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Fig. 1.

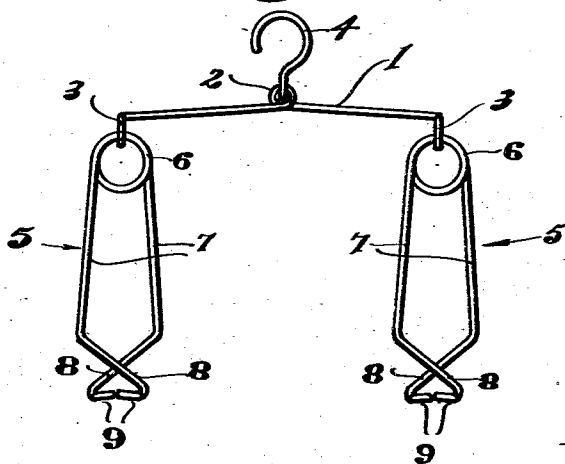


Fig. 2.

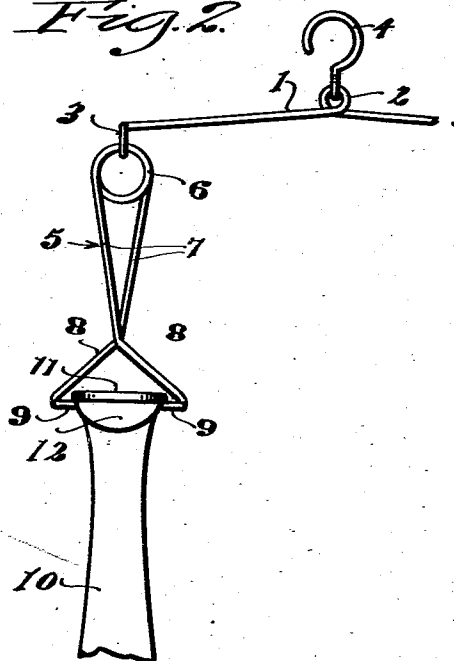
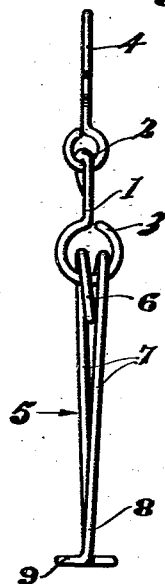


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1 Claim. (Cl. 211—34)

The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in boot or shoe hangers, and has for its primary object to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, novel means whereby a pair of boots, or shoes, may be conveniently suspended in an inverted position from a clothes rack or other suitable support.

Another very important object of the invention is to provide a hanger of the aforementioned character which embodies unique means for firmly gripping the boots or shoes between the soles and the uppers thereof.

Other objects of the invention are to provide a boot or shoe hanger of the character described which will be comparatively simple in construction, strong, durable, highly efficient and reliable in use, compact and which may be manufactured at low cost.

All of the foregoing and still further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from a study of the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing wherein like characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, and wherein:

Figure 1 is a view in side elevation of a boot or shoe hanger constructed in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 is a fragmentary view in side elevation, showing a boot suspended from one end portion of the hanger.

Figure 3 is a view in end elevation of the device.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, it will be seen that the embodiment of the invention which has been illustrated comprises a metallic rod 1. At an intermediate point, the rod 1 is turned in a manner to provide an upstanding loop 2. The rod 1 terminates, at its ends, in depending eyes 3. A hook 4 is connected to the loop 2 for suspending the rod 1 from a clothes rack or other suitable support.

Duplicate clamps 5 are loosely suspended from the eyes 3 of the rod 1. The clamps 5 are each formed from a single length of suitable resilient wire having formed at an intermediate point a coil 6 in which the eyes 3 are engaged. Crossed

legs 7 extend from the ends of the coils 6, said legs including diverging free end portions 8 which terminate in inturned or reversed loops constituting what may be considered jaws 9.

It is thought that the manner in which the hanger is used will be readily apparent from a consideration of the foregoing. Briefly, the pairs of jaws 9 of the clamps 5 are normally closed, as seen in Figure 1 of the drawing. To mount a boot, for example, as at 10, on the hanger, the upper portions of the crossed legs 7 of one of the clamps 5 are squeezed together, thus opening or spreading the jaws 9. The jaws 9 are introduced between the sole 11 and the upper 12 of the inverted boot 10 and the clamp 5 is released for firmly gripping said boot. Of course, the boots or shoes balance themselves on the ends of the rod 1.

It is believed that the many advantages of a boot or shoe hanger constructed in accordance with the present invention will be readily understood, and although a preferred embodiment of the device is as illustrated and described, it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction may be resorted to which will fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed is:

A boot or shoe hanger of the character described comprising a metallic rod having an upstanding loop midway its length, a hook loosely connected to the loop for suspending the rod from an overhead support, depending eyes at ends of the rod disposed transversely thereof, and clamps loosely suspended from the eyes for suspending a pair of boots or shoes from the rod, said clamps each being formed from a single length of resilient wire bent midway its length to form a coiled spring engaged through eyes of said rod and legs extending downwardly from the opposite sides of the coil, said legs having their lower portions bent to extend in crossed relation to each other and terminating in inwardly extending horizontally disposed loops projecting toward each other and constituting jaws for gripping a shoe from opposite sides of its sole and suspending the shoe in inverted position.

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