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SHOE RACK.

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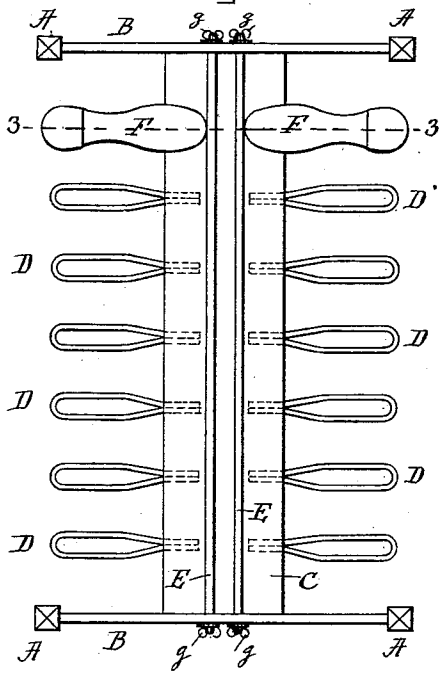
Fig. 1.



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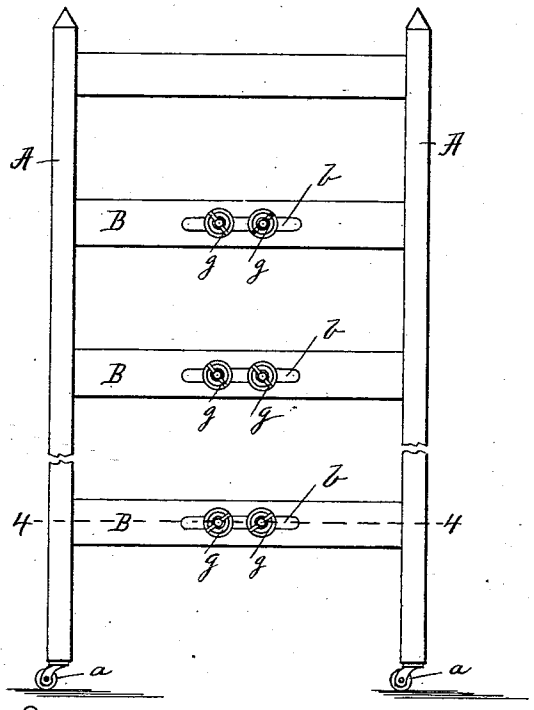

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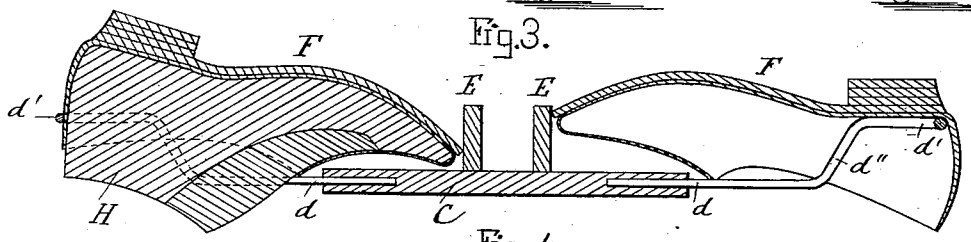

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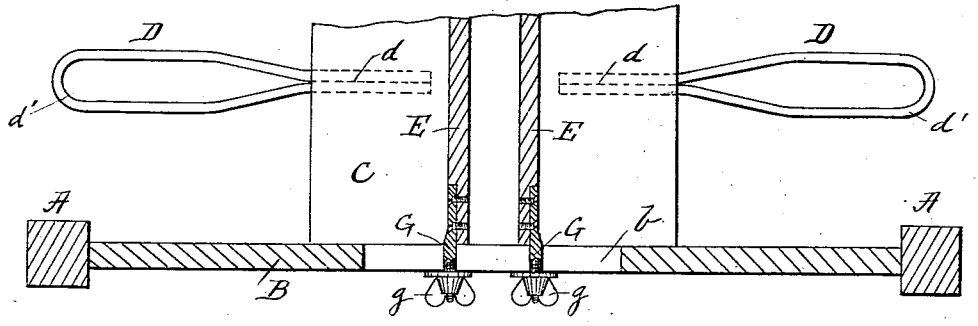

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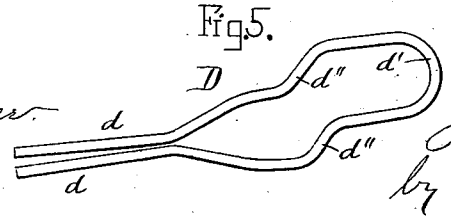

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SHOE-RACK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. RHODES, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Danvers, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Racks, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in shoe-racks for supporting and holding boots, shoes, or slippers while in the various stages of being manufactured, or while being transported from one class of workmen to others in the workshop where the boots, shoes, or slippers are being made, as will hereinafter be more fully shown and described, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 represents a top plan view of the improved rack. Fig. 2 represents an end elevation of the same. Fig. 3 represents an enlarged section on the line 3 3, shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 represents an enlarged section on the line 4 4, shown in Fig. 2; and Fig. 5 represents a detail perspective view of one of the shoe or last supporting hooks or pegs.

Similar letters refer to similar parts wherever they occur on the different parts of the drawings.

A A represent the corner-posts of the rack-frame, which are secured at a proper distance apart by means of slats or braces B B B. Each brace B is secured to a corresponding one at the opposite end of the frame by means of a longitudinal rack-board C, to opposite edges of which are secured the shoe or last holders D D, as shown. Each such shoe or last holder is preferably made of metal wire, having shanks *d d* adapted to be inserted in perforations in the edge of the rack-boards C, and having an expanded loop or U-shaped outer end *d'*, which is arranged parallel, or nearly so, relative to the shanks *d d*, and between such loop and shanks I make a bend or offset *d''*, so as to cause the loop *d'* to be raised a proper distance above the shanks, as shown in Figs. 3 and 5.

On top of each board C are arranged a pair of laterally-adjustable toe-guides E E, against which the toe portion of the shoes or slippers F are held while the latter are placed on the holders D, as shown in Fig. 3. Each of said toe-guides E has attached to its ends screw-bolts G G, passing through horizontal slots *b b* in the braces B B, and provided with fastening-nuts *g g* on the outside of said braces, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 4. By this arrangement the said toe-guides E may be adjusted laterally out or in relative to the length of the shoes or slippers that are to be supported on the rack. The said toe-guides E, after being adjusted in position relative to the sizes of the shoes or slippers, are secured in such adjusted position simply by tightening the nuts *g g*.

The slipper or shoe F may be supported directly on the holder D, as shown in the right-hand side of Fig. 3, or if such shoe or slipper is contained on a last H, the latter may be inserted into the U-shaped portion *d'* of the holder, as shown in the left-hand side of said Fig. 3.

The frame A A is preferably mounted on casters *a a* to permit it to be freely moved from place to place, as shown in Fig. 2.

The shoe-holders D, although preferably made of metal wire, may, if so desired, be made of cast or malleable metal without departing from the essence of my invention.

Having thus fully described the nature, construction, and operation of my invention, I wish to secure by Letters Patent and claim—

1. The herein-described shoe-rack consisting of end frames and rack-boards connecting the same in combination with laterally-adjustable toe-guides and shoe or last holders secured to said rack-boards substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A shoe-rack as described consisting in combination end frames, rack-boards connecting the same, laterally-adjustable toe-guides arranged on top of the rack-boards and a series of skeleton or U-shaped holders secured to opposite edges of the rack-boards substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, on this 23d day of November, A. D. 1895.

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