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SHOE HOLDER.

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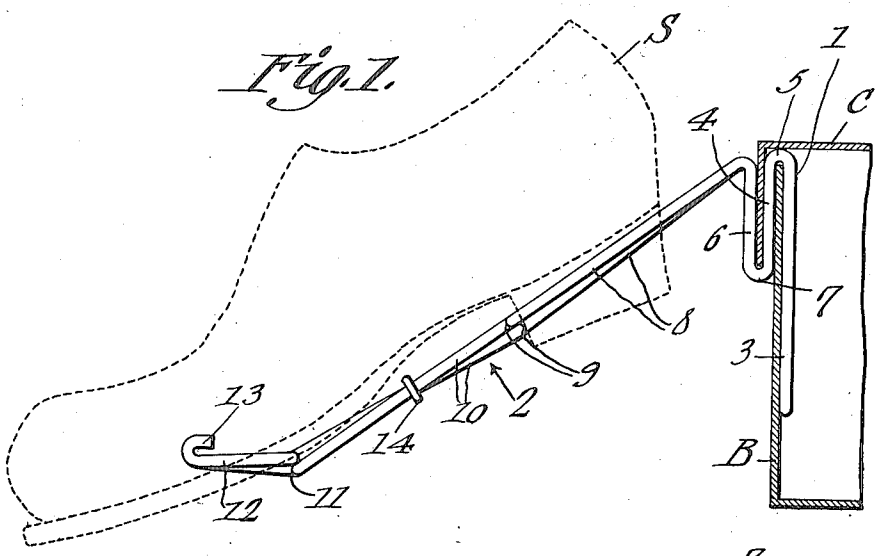
Fig. 1.



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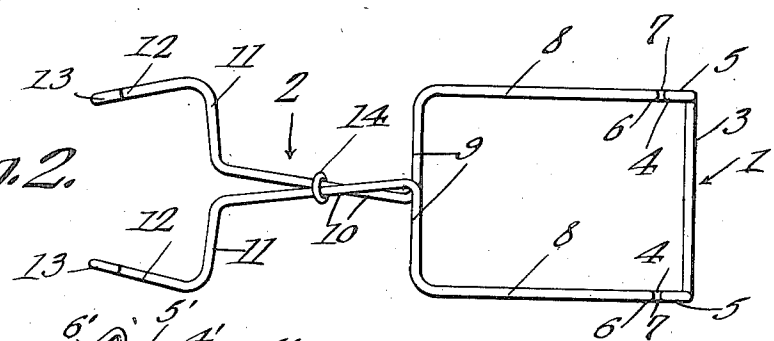

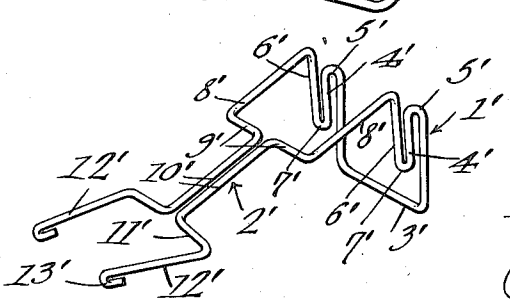

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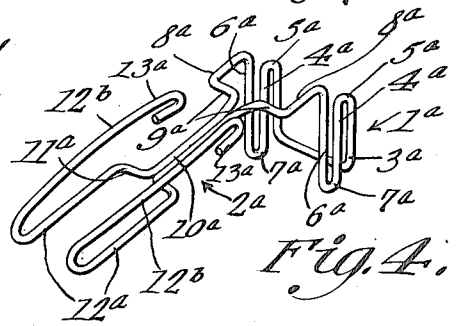

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, BEDFORD S. ROBERTSON and WALTER M. WHITE, citizens of the United States, residing at Rocky Mount, in the county of Franklin, State of Virginia, have invented a new and useful Shoe-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention appertains to shoe or footwear holders, and aims to provide a novel and improved device for supporting a shoe or other article of footwear from a shoe box, and whereby the present holders may be employed for displaying the shoes upon the exterior of the boxes upon the racks within a shoe store.

This invention contemplates the provision of a shoe holder of unique construction, whereby it may be readily applied to the end of a shoe box, to be supported thereby, and which is so designed as to conveniently and effectively support a shoe or other article of footwear for purpose of display.

Another object of the invention is to provide a holder having novel means for engaging the end of the shoe box, and for receiving the cover, and also having novel means for receiving various shoes or articles of footwear.

It is also within the scope of the invention to provide an article of manufacture of the nature indicated, which will be comparatively simple, non-encumbering and inexpensive in construction, which may be readily manufactured or fashioned from wire stock, and which will be convenient, serviceable, practical and efficient in its use.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed, can be made within the scope of what is claimed, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

The invention is illustrated in its preferred embodiments in the accompanying drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of one form of holder in use. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the holder. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a second form of the invention. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a second variation.

The present device comprises broadly, a clip 1 engageable with the end of the shoe box B and having means for accommodating the cover C, and a shoe receiving and holding bracket 2 carried by the clip 1. The clip and bracket are each of special formation, as will presently appear, and are formed or bent from a single length of wire stock, having the requisite rigidity and resiliency for the purpose.

The clip 1 embodies a U-shaped member or portion 3 adapted to fit within one end of the shoe box B, the ends of the member 3 having reflexed or bent back portions 4 forming bends 5 engageable over the upper edge of the end of the shoe box to hold the clip in place upon the said end of the shoe box. The reflexed portions 4 are in turn provided with second reflexed or bent back portions 6 forming the bends 7 for accommodating or receiving the cover C of the shoe box. Thus, the clip 1 may be readily slipped over the end of the shoe box B, and the cover C of the box may be placed thereover without inconvenience, and to assist in holding the clip 1 firmly in place. When the clip is applied to the box, the box may be readily slipped into place in the rack, which will prevent the box from being tilted under the weight of the shoe or article of footwear carried by the bracket 2.

The bracket 2, which is integral with the clip 1, embodies a pair of arms 8 declined from the upper ends of the reflexed portions 6 of the clip 1, and having inturned or converging portions 9 at their lower or free ends, which form with the arms 8, a heel-receiving and holding recess. Crossed portions 10 extend downwardly and forwardly from the inturned portions 9 of the arms 8, and the lower or free ends of the crossed portions 10 are provided with outturned or diverging portions 11 which are adapted to support the sole of the shoe or article of footwear. The outturned or sole-supporting portions 11 are provided at their free or outer ends with holding fingers 12, which extend angularly upward from the plane of the bracket 2, it being noted that the bracket as a whole, is declined from the upper end of the clip 1. The retaining fingers 12 are preferably bent toward one another so as to converge slightly, as seen in Fig. 2, to engage over the edges of the sole of the shoe, and the free ends of the fingers 12 are preferably bent back, as at 13, to provide knobs for preventing the ends of the wire from

injuring the shoe upper. It will thus be noted that the bracket 2 comprises two side members, which are resilient, in order that the retaining fingers 12 may be sprung apart to receive the sole of the shoe, and to engage over the edges of the sole for holding the shoe properly in place.

A ring 14 is disposed upon or embraces the crossed portions 10 of the bracket, and is slidable thereon, whereby when the ring 14 is slid downwardly toward the portions 11, the retaining fingers 12 will be forcibly moved together to clamp the sole of the shoe, and whereby when the ring 14 is moved upwardly toward the portions 9, the fingers 12 will be separated for enabling the shoe sole to be readily placed between or removed from between the retaining fingers 12.

In use, as above intimated, the clip 1 may be readily applied to the shoe box, and the same will readily accommodate the cover of the box. Then, the shoe or article of footwear S may be readily applied to the bracket 2 by dropping or inserting the heel of the shoe between the arms 8 of the bracket so as to rest upon the inturned portions 9 of the said arms. The sole of the shoe may then be placed between and held by retaining fingers 12, so as to seat upon the portions 11. When the shoe is thus applied to the bracket, it will be supported in an inclined forwardly facing position, whereby the entire shoe, and especially the toe and front thereof, will be displayed most effectively, so that the customer or purchaser as well as the salesman may readily select the style of shoe or article of footwear desired from the various shoes or articles of footwear displayed by the present holders. The shoe may be readily applied to and detached from the bracket 2, and the present holder will not be especially conspicuous, as would be objectionable.

In the second form of the invention illustrated in Fig. 3, the clip 1′ and bracket 2′ are of the same general construction as the first form of the invention, but the bracket 2′ has slight changes in details. The clip 1′ embodies a U-shaped portion 3′ having the terminal reflexed portions 4′ providing the bends 5′ for engaging over the end of the shoe box, and the portions 4′ have the reflexed portions 6′ forming the bends 7′ for receiving the cover of the box. The bracket 2′ embodies the arms 8′ extending forwardly and downwardly from the portions 6′ of the clip, and the arms 8′ are provided at their lower or free ends with inturned or converging portions 9′ having the contiguous portions 10′ extending downwardly and forwardly therefrom. The lower or free ends of the portions 10′ are provided with the outturned or diverging portions 11′ having the retaining fingers 12′ whose terminals are bent back, as at 13′. In this form, as well as the first form, the bracket comprises two side members or elements which are offset toward one another intermediate their ends to provide the contiguous portions 10 and 10′ of the respective brackets, and which offset portions provide the heel and sole receiving and holding recesses.

The bracket 2′ of the form illustrated in Fig. 3, is adapted to receive and hold the shoe or article of footwear in the same manner as the bracket 2 above described, with the exception that the sliding clamping ring 14 of the first form is omitted in the second form, so that the retaining fingers 12′ must be held in engagement over the edges of the sole by the resiliency of the wire alone.

In the second variation of the invention, depicted in Fig. 4, the clip 1^a is provided with the U-shaped member 3^a having the reflexed portions 4^a providing the bends 5^a for engagement over the end of the shoe box, and the portions 4^a are provided with the upwardly reflexed portions 6^a providing the bends 7^a for receiving the cover of the box. The bracket 2^a embodies the arms 8^a extending from the portions 6^a of the clip, and having the inturned or converging portions 9^a providing the heel receiving and holding recess or member. Contiguous portions 10^a extend from the inturned portions 9^a, and are provided at their lower or free ends with the outturned or diverging portions 11^a having the downwardly and forwardly extending portions 12^a provided with upwardly and backwardly reflexed retaining fingers 12^b whose terminals are reflexed as at 13^a. With this form, the sole of the shoe or article of footwear is seatable upon the portions 11^a and 12^a, and the reflexed curved retaining fingers 12^b are adapted to embrace the sides of the upper above the edges of the sole, so as to extend from the ball portion of the shoe toward the heel.

From the foregoing, taken in connection with the drawing, the advantages and attributes of the present invention will be obvious to those versed in the art, it being noted that the several forms of the invention have common as well as independent characteristics due to their common and specific features of construction.

Particular attention is directed to the fact that the present device is constructed to hold the shoe in such a position, that a front view of the same is had when the shoe is displayed, the heel of the shoe resting against the front end of the box, and the shoe arranged at such an angle as to give an attractive view of the style of shoe on display.

The construction of the holder is such, as to enable the adjacent shoe boxes to be withdrawn and inserted upon the shelf or rack,

without interfering with the holder, since the holder projects in front of the shoe box to which it is applied.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:—

A shoe holder formed from a length of wire, the intermediate portion of the wire being of such formation as to form a clip embodying a U-shaped member adapted to fit within the end of a shoe box and having reflexed portions engageable over the upper edge thereof, and the other portions of the wire providing a declined bracket carried by said reflexed portions of the clip, the portions of the bracket having offsets extending toward one another to provide a portion between said offsets and clip for the insertion of the heel of a shoe, the free ends of the portions of the bracket constituting the ends of the wire and being bent upwardly to provide fingers engageable over the edges of the shoe sole.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own, we have hereto affixed our signatures in the presence of two witnesses.

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