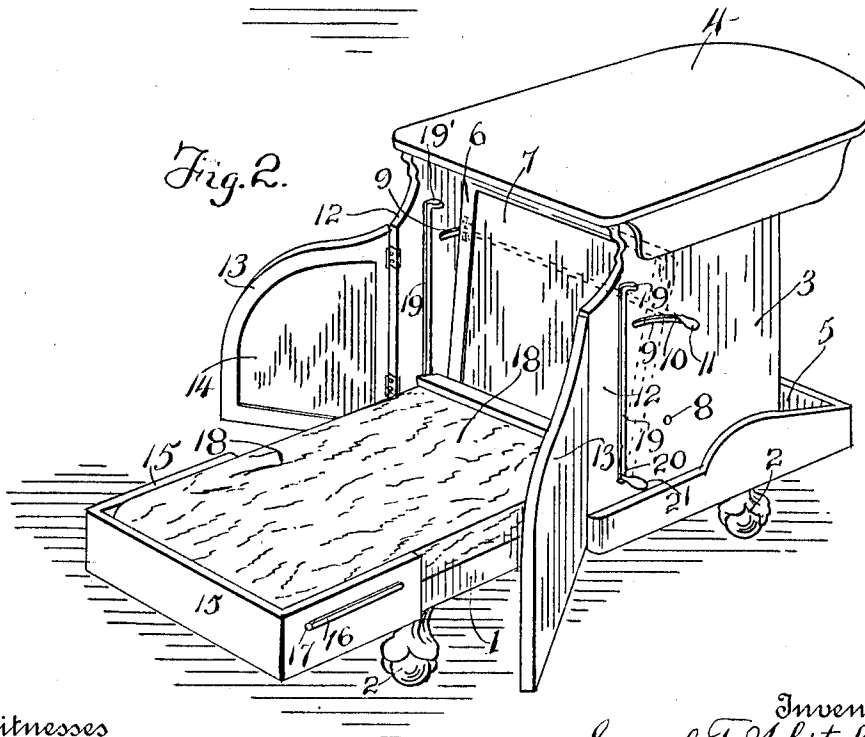
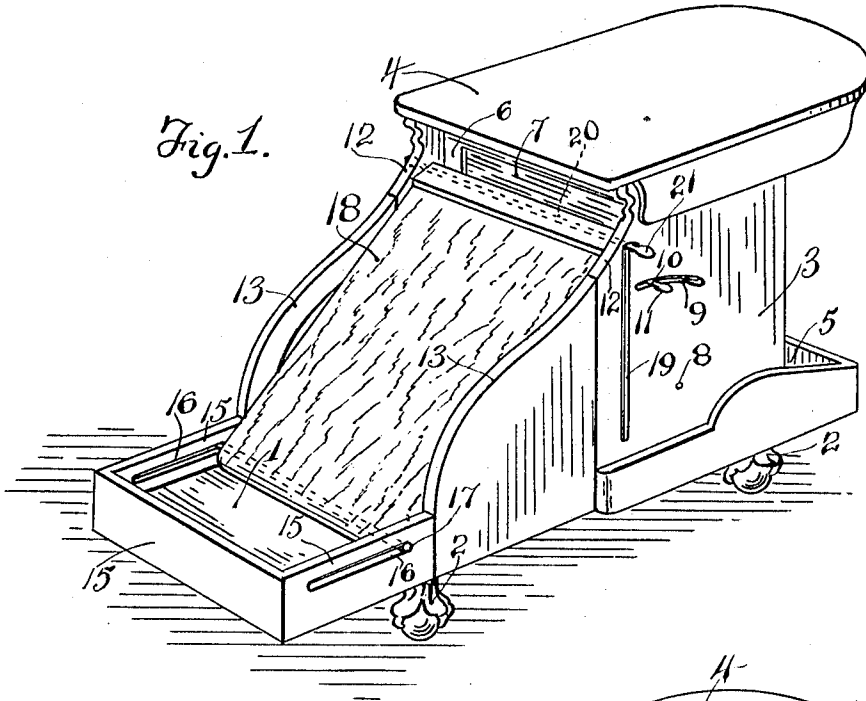


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL T. WHITAKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Muscogee and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Foot-Rests; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in foot rests, and particularly to such as are used commonly in shoe-stores for facilitating the trying on of shoes.

An object in view is the combining of a foot rest proper with means for displaying the fitted shoe fully to the observation of the wearer.

With this and further objects in view as will in part become apparent and in part be hereinafter set forth, the invention comprises certain novel constructions, combinations and arrangements of parts as herein-after specified and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing,—Figure 1 is a perspective view of a foot rest embodying the features of the present invention, the parts being in the position for fitting the shoe to the foot of a customer. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the same with the parts positioned for displaying the shoe after the same has been applied to the foot of the customer.

Referring to the drawing by numerals, 1 indicates a suitable flooring or base mounted on feet 2, 2. Fixed to and upstanding from the base 1 is a boxing 3 upon which is mounted the seat 4 adapted for the use of the salesman. In the rear of the boxing 3 the base 1 is provided with upstanding side pieces forming an inclosure or tray 5 adapted to receive shoe-horns, slicking powder and like articles.

At the forward portion of the boxing a frame 6 is arranged and disposed within the boxing and carries a mirror 7 positioned substantially vertically. The frame 6 carries a pivot rod 8 which extends through the side walls of the boxing 3 and pivotally sustains the frame. At the upper portion of the frame 6 the side walls of boxing 3 are formed with slots 9, 9, and a rod 10, is fixed to the frame 6 at the rear thereof,

and has its ends extending beyond the frame and through the slots 9, each projecting end of rod 10 being provided with an operating handle 11. The slots 9 are, of course, arcuate, being struck from a center corresponding to the axis of the shaft 8, and the slots extending for a distance sufficient for allowing the frame 6 to move from a perfectly vertical position to an inclined position. The boxing 3 is hollow and permits free movement of the frame 6, and the side walls of the boxing stand-out forwardly beyond the top or seat portion 4 forming projections 12, 12, to the outer edge of each of which is hinged a doorlike side section 13, the sections 13 when closed forming continuations of the sides of the boxing 3. Fixed to the inner side of each of the door sections 13 is a mirror 14.

A framing 15 is fixed to and upstands from the forward side and end edges of the base 1, and each of the side portions of the framing 15 is slotted longitudinally, as at 16, and through the slots extends a rod 17 which is fixed to the lower end of a foot-board 18. The rod 17 may be fixed to said board either by extending through the material of the board or by being suitably secured thereto at the rear face thereof. Each of the sides of the boxing 3 is formed with a vertical slot 19, and the upper or rear end of the foot-board 18 carries a transversely disposed rod 20 fixed to the board similarly to rod 17, the ends of the rod 20 extending through the slots 19 and being formed with operating handles 21. Each slot 19 at its upper end is turned rearwardly and formed with an offset or inclined portion 19' adapted in operation to have the ends of rod 21 positioned therein for sustaining the foot-board 18 in its elevated position. Obviously the foot-board 18 may be made of any preferred material and may be cushioned or otherwise finished as preferred.

In operation, the customer places her foot on the foot-board 18, the parts being in the position indicated in Fig. 1, and the salesman seats himself on the seat 4 and fits the shoe to the foot of the customer. Thereupon the salesman merely grasps the handles 21 and moves them forwardly sufficiently to cause the rod 20 to register with slots 19 and then lowers the rod until the foot-board 18 assumes the horizontal position

seen in Fig. 2. The foot of the customer is then disposed between the side mirrors 14 and in front of the mirror 7, so that a full inspection of the shoe may be readily made by the customer; and when desired the door sections 13 may be swung outwardly for giving observation in angular positions. Likewise the mirror 7 may be adjusted by shifting the handles 11 to the required inclination. During the operation of lowering the foot-board 18 the ends of the rod 17 serve to guide and direct the movement of the lower end of the foot-board and serve a similar purpose when the foot-board is being restored to its elevated position. After the customer has made an inspection of the shoe sufficient to demonstrate the satisfactory fit thereof, and when she has removed her foot from the foot-board 18, the handles 21 are grasped by the salesman and elevated and drawn backwardly at the upper ends of slots 19 for replacing the foot-board 18 in the position seen in Fig. 1. The door sections 13 are also then swung to their closed position, that is the position indicated in Fig. 1, and the foot-rest is then in condition for use by the next customer.

What I claim is:—

1. In a foot rest, the combination with a boxing adapted to serve as a seat, a foot piece disposed to lie on an incline from the upper portion of the boxing forwardly and downwardly therefrom, said foot piece having a movable connection with the boxing adapted to sustain the foot piece in its inclined position, and to enable the upper end of the foot piece to be lowered, and a mirror sustained by the boxing in a substantially vertical position in the rear of and concealed by the foot piece when the upper end thereof is in its highest position.

2. In a foot rest, the combination with a boxing adapted to serve as a seat, a foot piece disposed to lie on an incline from the upper portion of the boxing forwardly and downwardly therefrom, said foot piece having a movable connection with the boxing adapted to sustain the foot piece in its inclined position and to enable the upper end of the foot piece to be lowered, a mirror sustained by the boxing in a substantially vertical position in the rear of and concealed by the foot piece when the upper end thereof is in its highest position, and side pieces hinged to the boxing and extending along the foot piece at opposite edges thereof and positioned for the foot piece to be lowered therebetween, each side piece bearing a mirror exposed toward the other side piece and arranged beneath the foot piece when the upper end of the same is in its highest position.

3. In a foot-rest, the combination with a support, of upstanding sides slotted verti-

cally, a foot-board movably sustained by said support, a rod connected to said foot-board and extending through said slots for guiding the foot-board in its movement, means for sustaining the rod at the upper portion of the slot, and a mirror adapted to be exposed when the foot-board is in the position with the rod at the lower portion of the slots.

4. In a foot-rest, the combination with a support, of upstanding slotted side pieces carried by said support, a slotted framing carried by the support, a movably mounted foot piece, a rod connected to one end portion of the foot piece and extending through the slots of the framing for directing the foot piece in its movement, a rod connected to the other end portion of the foot piece and extending through the slots of the side pieces for directing the movement of the foot piece, means for sustaining the foot piece in position with one of the rods at the upper portion of the slots of the side pieces, and a mirror adapted to be exposed when the foot piece is moved to a position with said rod at the lower portion of the slots of the side pieces.

5. In a foot-rest, the combination with a support, of a pivotally mounted mirror disposed substantially in a vertical position, a foot piece movably sustained by said support and adapted to be supported in an inclined position substantially in front of the mirror, said foot piece being adapted to be moved to a horizontal position for exposing the mirror, and means for moving the mirror upon its pivot.

6. In a foot-rest, the combination with a support, of a movably mounted mirror adapted to be moved from a substantially vertical position to an inclined position, and a movably mounted foot-board adapted to be sustained in an inclined position substantially in front of the mirror and to be moved from the inclined position to a horizontal position for exposing the mirror.

7. In a foot-rest, the combination with a support, of side pieces upstanding therefrom, a substantially vertical mirror extending between the side pieces, forward extensions from the side pieces extending beyond the mirror, side sections hinged to the extensions and projecting forwardly therefrom, mirrors sustained by the faces of said hinged sections, and a shiftable foot-board extending between the hinged sections and adapted to be shifted from a position in front of the first-mentioned mirror to a position exposing the same.

8. In a foot-rest, the combination with a base, of a boxing upstanding therefrom, a seat mounted on the upper end of the boxing, a mirror disposed within the boxing, a frame carrying the mirror and pivotally connected to the boxing, the sides of the box-

ing being formed with arcuate slots, a rod
connected to the frame and extending
through said slots, and a movably mounted
foot-board disposed for being shifted from
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In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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