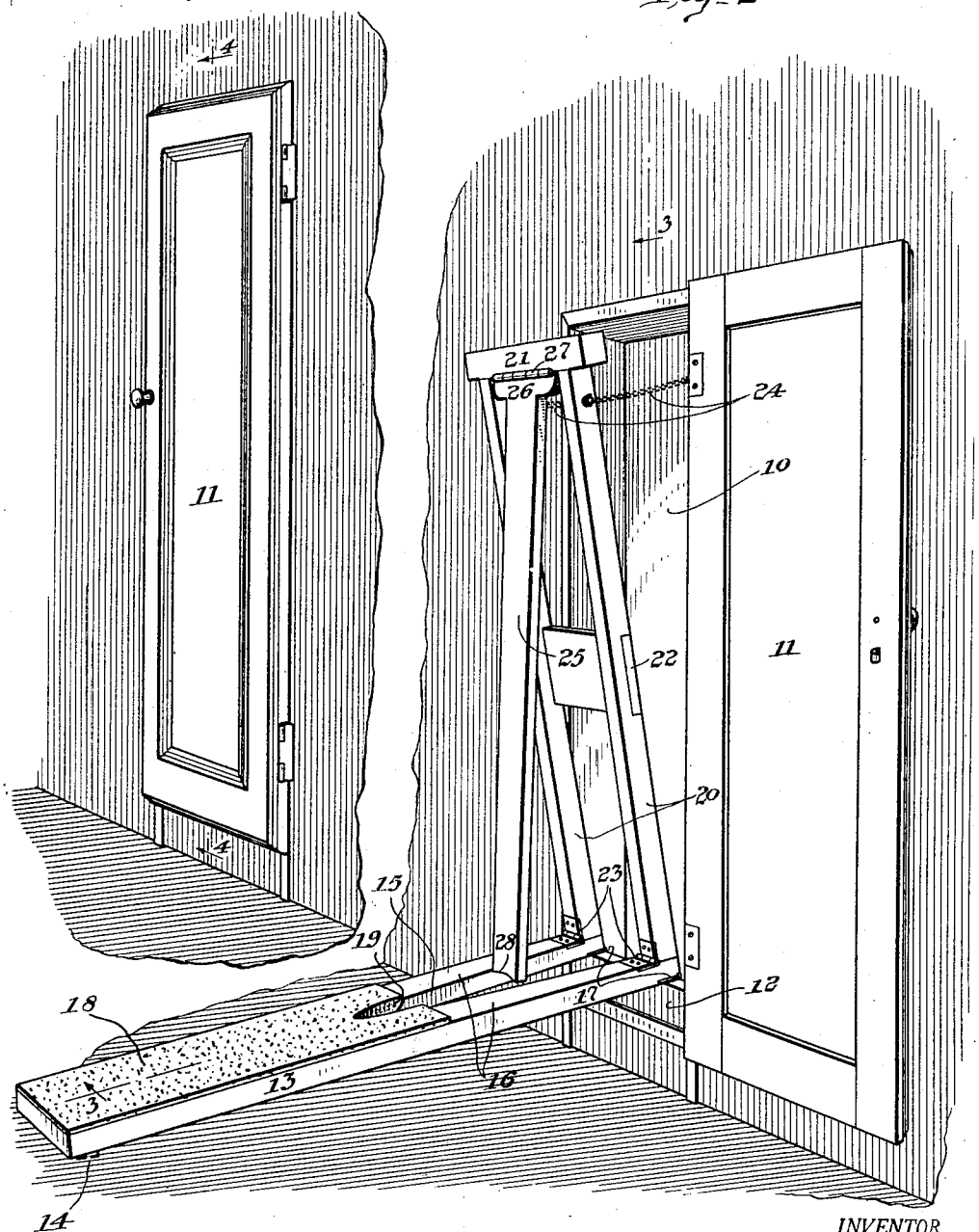
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Fig. 1

Fig. 2



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Fig. 3

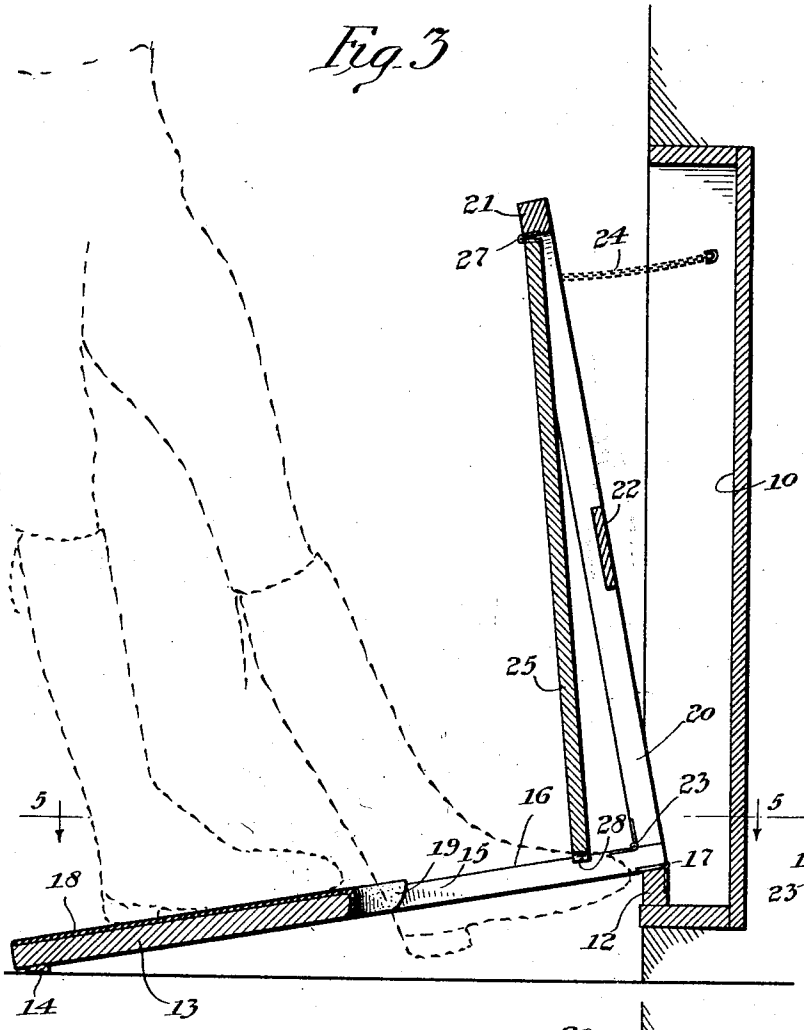
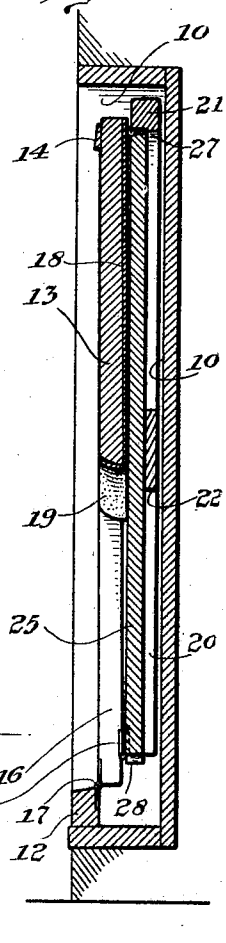


Fig. 4



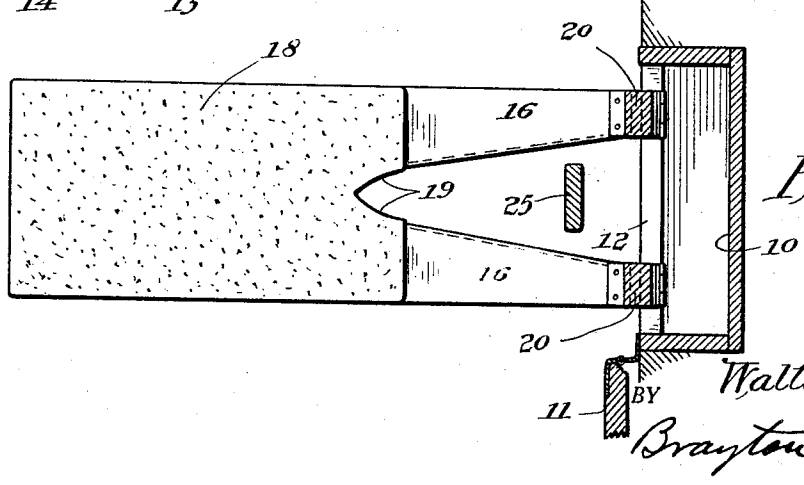


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The invention relates to improvements in boot jacks, especially adapted for use by polo players and the like, the primary object of the invention being the provision of a simple, convenient and efficient construction of this character.

A further object of the invention is the provision of an improved construction of this character which may be readily folded in compact space.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists in the combinations and arrangements of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention will be best understood by reference to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, and in which

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a wall enclosure or cabinet containing a construction embodying the invention;

Fig. 2 a similar view showing a boot jack extended into position for use;

Fig. 3 a vertical section taken substantially on line 3—3 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 a view similar to Fig. 3, but showing the boot jack folded into the wall enclosure; and

Fig. 5 a section taken substantially on line 5—5 of Fig. 3.

The embodiment of the invention illustrated in the drawings comprises a suitable wall enclosure or cabinet 10 let into the wall of a clubroom or the like, and equipped with a suitable door 11 as shown.

Arranged across the bottom of the enclosure 10 is a supporting bar 12 to which is hinged a platform 13 having a raised strip 14 at its outer end adapted and arranged to rest upon the floor of the room, as indicated in Fig. 2. The platform 13 is bifurcated at its inner end to form a heel notch 15 and bifurcations 16, said bifurcations 16 being connected by hinges 17 with the supporting bar 12. By this arrangement, the platform is hingedly mounted in the enclosure 10 so as to be capable of being folded into and out of the same, as shown.

At its outer end, the platform 13 is covered by a pad 18 of sheet rubber, portions 19 of said sheet being extended into the crotch of the notch 15 for effective engagement with the heel of a boot, as indicated by the dotted lines in Fig. 3. For this purpose also the sides of the notch 15 are downwardly and outwardly flared or beveled, as indicated.

Associated with the platform 13 is an upright member in the form of an open rectangular frame having upright side bars 20 connected at their top by a cross bar 21 and reinforced midway by a cross board 22 morticed as shown into their rear sides. At their lower ends the side bars 20 are connected with the tops of the bifurcations 16 by means of hinges 23 which permit of folding of the platform and frame together longitudinally, as indicated in Fig. 4.

Stop chains 24 are connected as shown with the upper portion of the side bars 20 and with the upper sides of the enclosure 10 so as to limit the outward swing of the upright member when the platform is extended into operative position, as indicated in Figs. 2 and 3.

A toestay 25, having a T-head 26 at its upper end is mounted within the frame 20—21 and hingedly connected with the top bar 21 by means of a long hinge 27 as shown. At its lower end the toestay 25 is provided with a toe notch 28 adapted and arranged to engage the toe of the boot in the heel notch 15, as indicated by the dotted lines in Fig. 3.

By this arrangement a simple and efficient boot jack construction is provided which may be readily folded into compact space in the wall cabinet or enclosure 10 when not in use and may be readily extended into the room when desired for use. The specific form and arrangement of parts constitutes a simple and effective one for the purpose.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred form of construction for carrying my invention into effect, this is capable of variation and modification without departing from the spirit of the invention. I, therefore, do not wish to be limited to the precise details disclosed, but desire to avail myself of such variations and modifications as fall within the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A boot jack comprising a support associated with a lower supporting surface; a platform having a heel notch at its inner end and hingedly connected at its inner end to said support to fold upwardly and inwardly or outwardly and downwardly to rest on said surface in outwardly and downwardly inclined operative position; and an upright member hingedly connected with said platform to fold into contact therewith when the platform is swung upwardly but assume outwardly inclined position when the latter is swung outwardly.

2. A boot jack comprising a support associated with a lower supporting surface; a platform having a heel notch at its inner end and hingedly connected at its inner end to said support to fold upwardly and inwardly or outwardly and downwardly to rest on said surface in outwardly and downwardly inclined operative position; an upright member hingedly connected with said platform to fold into contact therewith when the platform is swung upwardly but assume outwardly inclined position when the latter is swung outwardly; and a toestay mounted on said upright member in operative relation with the notch in said platform.

3. A boot jack comprising a support associated with a lower supporting surface; a platform having a heel notch at its inner end and hingedly connected at its inner end to said support to fold upwardly and inwardly or outwardly and downwardly to rest on said surface in outwardly and downwardly inclined operative position; an upright member hingedly connected with said platform to fold into contact therewith when the platform is swung upwardly but assume outwardly inclined position when the latter is swung outwardly; and a toestay hinged to said upright member and automatically swinging outwardly into operative relation with said notch when said platform is swung outwardly.

4. The combination with a wall and floor of a room, there being a recess in the wall, of a support mounted in said recess above the level of said floor; a platform having a heel notch at its inner end and hingedly connected at its inner end to said support to fold upwardly into said recess or outwardly and downwardly to rest on said floor in outwardly and downwardly inclined operative position; and an upright member hingedly connected with said platform to fold into contact therewith when the platform is swung upwardly into said recess but assuming outwardly inclined position when the latter is swung outwardly into contact with the floor.

5. The combination with a wall and floor of a room, there being a recess in the wall, of a support mounted in said recess above the level of said floor; a platform having a heel notch at its inner end and hingedly connected at its inner end to said support to fold upwardly into said recess or outwardly and downwardly to rest on said floor in outwardly and downwardly inclined operative position; an upright member hingedly connected with said platform to fold into contact therewith when the platform is swung upwardly into said recess but assuming outwardly inclined position when the latter is swung outwardly into contact with the floor; and a toestay mounted on said upright member in operative relation with the notch in said platform.

6. The combination with a wall and floor of a room, there being a recess in the wall, of a support mounted in said recess above the level of said floor; a platform having a heel notch at its inner end and hingedly connected at its inner end to said support to fold upwardly into said recess or outwardly and downwardly to rest on said floor in outwardly and downwardly inclined operative position; an upright member hingedly connected with said platform to fold into contact therewith when the platform is swung upwardly into said recess but assuming outwardly inclined position when the latter is swung outwardly into contact with the floor; and a toestay hinged to said upright member and automatically swinging outwardly into operative relation with said notch when said platform is swung outwardly into contact with said floor.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of March, 1931.

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