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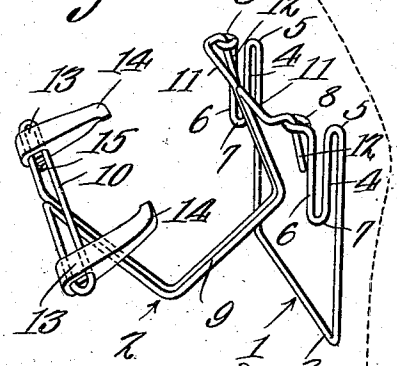


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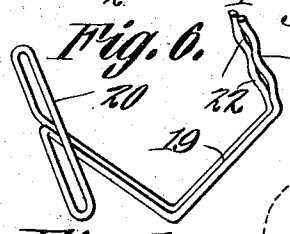


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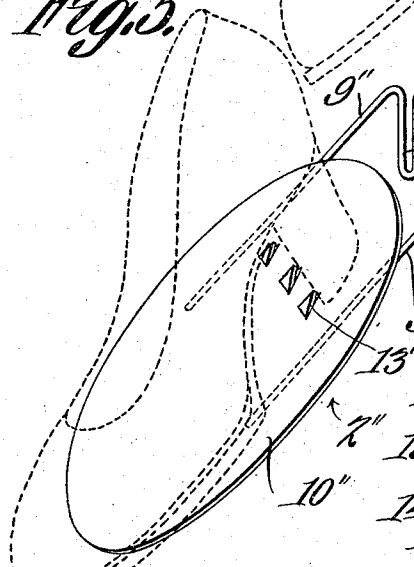


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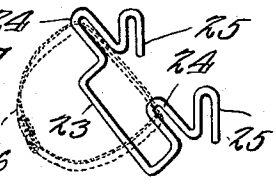


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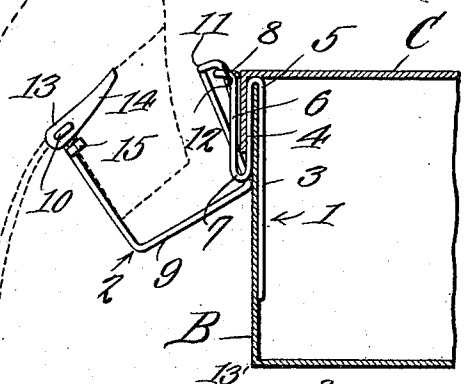


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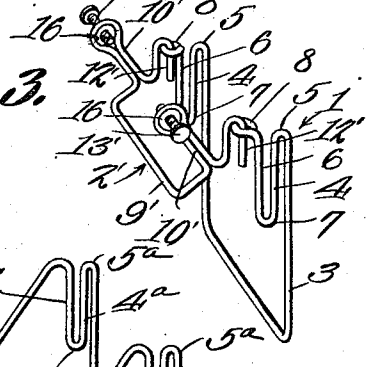
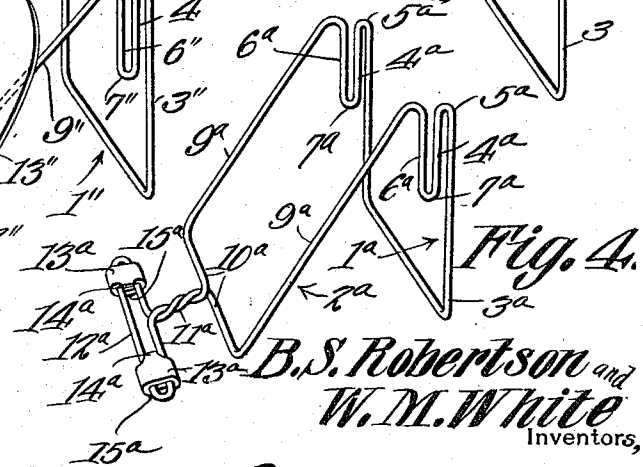


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## SHOE-HOLDER.

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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 and 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 is particularly an improvement over the shoe holder disclosed in our copending application, Serial No. 870,820, filed November 7, 1914.

The object of the invention is the provision of a shoe or footwear holder of novel construction, whereby it is applicable to a shoe box, to be supported thereby and for holding the shoe or other article of foot wear for the purpose of display, whereby the holder may be employed in shoe stores for displaying various styles of shoes, and whereby the customer or purchaser may readily select the style of foot wear desired.

Another object of the invention is to provide a shoe holder adapted to be supported by a shoe box, and of such a construction as to enable the shoe or article of foot wear to be readily taken down or removed, and then replaced, so that the shoe or article of foot wear may be handled or examined by the customer or purchaser.

It is also within the scope of the invention to provide a shoe holder forming a simple and inexpensive article of manufacture, which may be readily constructed from wire stock, and which will be convenient, practical, serviceable and efficient in 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 the accompanying drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of holder. Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof as in use. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a second form of holder. Fig. 4 is a similar view of still another modification. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a fourth form of footwear holder. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a modified form of bracket for attachment to a partition or other support. Fig. 7 is a perspective view of a bracket similar to the shoe box engaging clip of the but having different means for holding the shoe.

Each form of the invention comprises broadly, a clip which is engageable with the end of a shoe box B and having means for accommodating the cover C, and a shoe receiving and holding bracket, the same as with the shoe holder disclosed in the above mentioned application. The clips of the various forms illustrated in the accompanying drawing and described hereinafter are similar to the shoe box engaging clip of the device disclosed in the said application.

Referring specifically to Figs. 1 and 2, wherein one form of the invention is illustrated, the clip is designated generally by the numeral 1, and the bracket by the numeral 2. The clip 1 embodies a U-shaped member or portion 3, it being understood that the clip is bent from a single length of wire stock, and the member or portion 3 is adapted to fit within one end of the shoe box B. The ends of the member 3 have 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 thereon, and the reflexed portions 4 are in turn provided with second reflexed or bent back portions 6 forming bends 7 for accommodating or receiving the rim of the cover C. The clip 1 may be readily slipped over the end of the shoe box, and the cover C of the box may then be readily placed over the box to assist the end of the box in supporting the clip. In this manner, the clip assists the box and cover to reinforce each other for upholding the clip and bracket carried thereby. 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 tilting under the weight of the article of footwear carried by the holder.

The ends of the reflexed portions 6, which form the ends of the wire from which the clip is bent, are formed into eyes 8 to which the bracket or shoe carrying member 2 is detachably engaged. The bracket 2 is also bent from a single length of wire stock,

which is doubled and bent to provide a double U-shaped heel receiving member 9, the outer end of which is provided with a transverse loop-shaped T-head 10 which constitutes the intermediate portion of the wire. The outer or inner end of the member 9 is provided with diverging portions 11 which are provided at their remote ends with depending fingers 12 constituting the ends of the wire, and which are insertible downwardly through the eyes or loops 8 of the clip 1 for attaching the bracket 2 to the clip 1, and to enable the bracket 2 to be lifted out of engagement from the clip when the shoe or article of footwear is to be taken down.

The shoe S is adapted to rest or seat upon the loop or head 10 of the member 9, with the heel entering the member 9, as seen in Fig. 2, and clamping or gripping elements are carried by the arms or end portions of the head 10 to secure the shoe in place. To this end, slotted slides 13 are mounted movably upon the arms or end portions of the head 10 and are provided with rearwardly projecting prongs 14, which have spurs at their rear or free ends adapted to engage the heel of the shoe, or to engage the shoe between the heel and upper, for holding the shoe against displacement. The slides 13 are clamped by the head 10 by means of set screws 15 carried by the slides and adapted to bind against the head 10, so that when the shoe S is placed upon the head 10, the slides 13 may be slid toward one another for clamping or gripping the shoe, and in which event the set screws 15 may be tightened to hold the parts in place.

From the foregoing, taken in connection with the drawing, it is evident that the clip 1 may be readily applied to the box, and after the box has been inserted into the rack, the bracket 2 may be readily applied to the clip to be supported thereby. The bracket 2 may be readily taken down for applying a shoe thereto for detaching the shoe therefrom, or for enabling the shoe carried by the bracket 2 to be handled and examined by the customer or prospective purchaser. By employing a number of the present holders in a shoe store, the various styles of shoes or articles of footwear may be displayed from the boxes, and will be held at such desirable positions, that the front of the shoes or articles will be fully and clearly exposed, as well as the sides of the articles. The advantages accruing from the present holder will be evident to those versed in the art, and will suggest themselves to those familiar with conditions prevailing in shoe stores, since ordinarily a number of boxes must be taken down before the customer can select the desired style of shoe, whereas with the present device the customer need only select from the shoes on display, the style desired.

In the second form of the invention, illustrated in Fig. 3, the clip 1 is of the same construction as above described and as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, but the bracket 2′ is of different form. The bracket 2′ is detachably carried by the clip 1 and is bent from a single length of wire to provide a yoke-shaped member 9′ adapted to receive the heel of the shoe therein. The arms or side portions of the member 9′ are provided with upstanding doubled loops 10′ and the ends of the member 9′ are provided with downturned fingers 12′ engageable downwardly through the eyes 8 of the clip 1. Set screws 13′ are carried by the upstanding loops or arms 10′ to clamp the shoe in place upon the bracket 2′, it being preferable to have the set screws 13′ threaded through bearings 16 which are embraced by the bends or bights of the loops 10′ although the set screws 13′ may be carried by the loops 10′ in any other desirable manner.

In the modified form illustrated in Fig. 4, the clip $1^a$ and bracket $2^a$ are integral, and are formed from a single length of wire. The clip $1^a$ embodies the U-shaped member $3^a$ having the reflexed portions $4^a$ forming the bends $5^a$ and the portions $4^a$ having reflexed portions $6^a$ providing the bends $7^a$. The bracket embodies inclined arms $9^a$ having their upper ends integral with the reflexed portions $6^a$, the lower ends of the arms $9^a$ having converging portions $10^a$ from the adjacent ends of which a twisted portion $11^a$ projects. The bracket $2^a$ has an elongated transverse loop or T-head $12^a$ at the free end of the twisted portion or shank $11^a$, the sole of the shoe being adapted to seat upon the loop or head $12^a$, and the heel being insertible between the arms $9^a$. Slides $13^a$ are movable upon the arms or end portions of the head $12^a$ and are provided with spurs or teeth $14^a$ for engaging over the shoe sole for holding the shoe in place upon the bracket, and set screws $15^a$ are carried by the slides $13^a$ for holding them in position.

The variation illustrated in Fig. 5 embodies a clip 1″ and bracket 2″ carried thereby, the clip 1″ comprising the U-shaped portion 3″ having the reflexed portions 4″ forming the bends 5″, the portions 4″ having the reflexed portions 6″ forming the bends 7″. The bracket 2″ embodies the inclined arms 9″ carried by the portions 6″ of the clip, and a plate 10″ of wood, sheet metal or other suitable material, is secured upon the arms 9″ and is adapted to have the shoe or article of footwear seated thereon, the plate 10″ having upstroke spurs 13″ for engaging the heel to support the shoe or

article of footwear in place. The shoe or article may be readily placed upon the plate 10″ and the heel thereof engaged with the spurs 13″, whereby the shoe or article will be effectively displayed upon the plate or base 10″.

The several forms of the invention have common and independent advantages due to the general and specific features of construction as will be apparent.

With the form of holder illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, the bracket 2 is adapted to swing against the end of the box, to be supported thereby as seen in Fig. 2, and with the form of holder illustrated in Fig. 3, the heel of the shoe or article of footwear is adapted to rest against the end of the box to assist in holding the shoe or article of footwear in proper displaying position.

The bracket illustrated in Fig. 6 is adapted to be secured by means of screws, nails or other securing elements to the upright partition forming a part of the racks in a shoe store for holding the boxes of shoes, the said bracket comprising a double U-shaped member 19 having a transverse loop 20 at one end performing the function of the loop 10 of the bracket illustrated in Fig. 1. The arm 21 of the member 19 remote from the loop or head 20 has the bowed or separated portions 22 forming eyes for the reception of screws, nails or securing elements for securing or clamping the arm 21 to the partition or other support.

Fig. 7 illustrates a bracket similar to the bracket 2′ illustrated in Fig. 3, the wire member 23 having the upstanding loops 24, and the terminal depending fingers 25. The loops 24 are adapted to receive a strap 26 which is adapted to embrace the heel or other portion of the shoe, for supporting the shoe upon the wire member 23.

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

1. A shoe holder comprising a clip and a bracket each formed from a single length of wire, the clip having bent portions to engage over the upper edge of the end of a shoe box, the bracket being of such formation as to hold a shoe, the ends of the bracket and clip having interengaging elements to detachably support the bracket from the clip, and adjustable clamping elements carried by the bracket for clamping the shoe therebetween.

2. A shoe holder comprising a bracket having a U-shaped heel receiving member provided at one end with a transverse T-head and at the other end with means for supporting said member, and clamping elements adjustably carried by the arms of said head to secure the shoe in place.

3. A shoe holder comprising a clip and a bracket each formed from a single length of wire, the clip having bent portions to engage over the upper edge of the end of a shoe box and having terminal eyes, the bracket having a double U-shaped heel receiving member provided, at one end with a transverse loop-shaped T-head and at the other end with diverging portions having depending fingers engageable through said eyes, and clamping elements adjustably carried by the arms of said head to secure the shoe in place.

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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