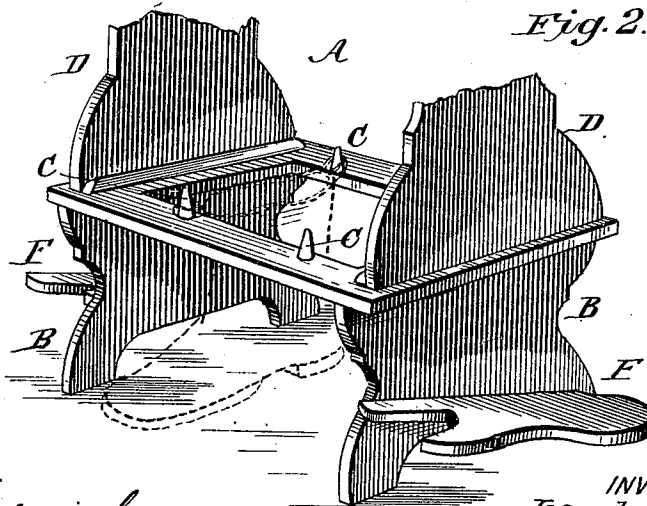
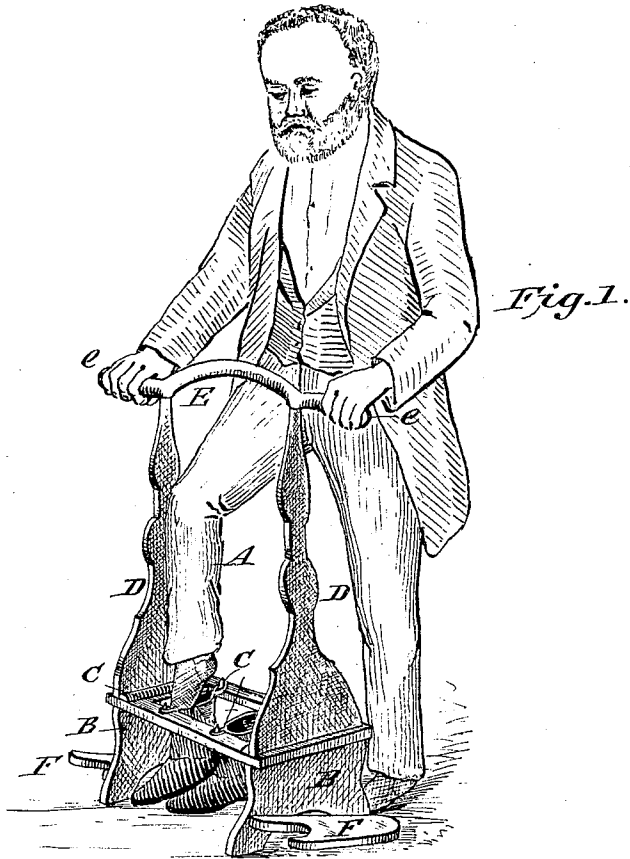


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH DONAUER, of Duluth, in the county of St. Louis and State of Minnesota, have invented a new and useful  
5 Improvement in Shoe Holders and Detachers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved shoe holder and detacher whereby the shoe can be put on or off by the wearer without bending  
10 the body.

Heretofore shoe-holders have been constructed with an open horizontal frame and vertical pegs to receive the straps of the shoe, the said frame being adjustably supported.

15 The frame, however, in this case was very unstable, and, furthermore, it was necessary for the operator to exercise great care and skill in pulling on a shoe held in such frame.

The object of my invention is to produce a  
20 construction in which the holding-frame will be held rigid and a support provided for the operator, whereby he can maintain the requisite positions with ease and comfort, thereby overcoming the objections of holders now in  
25 use.

With this object in view my invention consists in the novel construction and arrangement of the various parts, such as shown in the drawings, set forth in the description, and  
30 pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved device and showing the method of using the same. Fig. 2 is a detail view in  
35 perspective.

In carrying out my invention I employ an open horizontal frame A, essentially rectangular in shape, which is supported a suitable distance above the floor by means of the sides  
40 or legs B, secured at the opposite ends of the frame. Vertical pegs C are arranged transversely opposite each other on opposite sides

of the opening, said pegs being adapted to receive the straps of a gaiter, shoe, or boot, holding the same in a vertical position, the  
45 opening in the top stretched ready to receive the foot of the wearer.

Upright standards D are attached to the frame at its opposite ends, extending a suitable distance, and are connected at their upper ends by the cross-bar E, the ends of said  
50 bar extending beyond the uprights, and are shaped into handle e, adapted to be grasped by the operator when about to place his foot within a shoe held within the open frame. 55  
By means of this upright support attached to the open frame the said frame is held rigid, and the operator, having something to hold to, is enabled to balance himself upon one foot with ease and comfort and without any strain  
60 whatever.

Boot-jacks F are secured to the outer faces of the sides B, said jacks being arranged at any desired height and angle, and when it is desired to remove the gaiter or boot from the  
65 foot the upright supporting-frame will perform the same function as it did when the shoe was being put on.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is— 70

The herein-described shoe-holder and boot-jack, comprising the horizontal open rectangular frame provided with vertical pins upon its opposite sides, the rigid end supports, the boot-jacks rigidly secured to the outer faces  
75 of said end supports, the rigid vertical uprights attached to the frame at its opposite ends, and the top cross-bar provided with handles, all arranged substantially as shown and described.

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