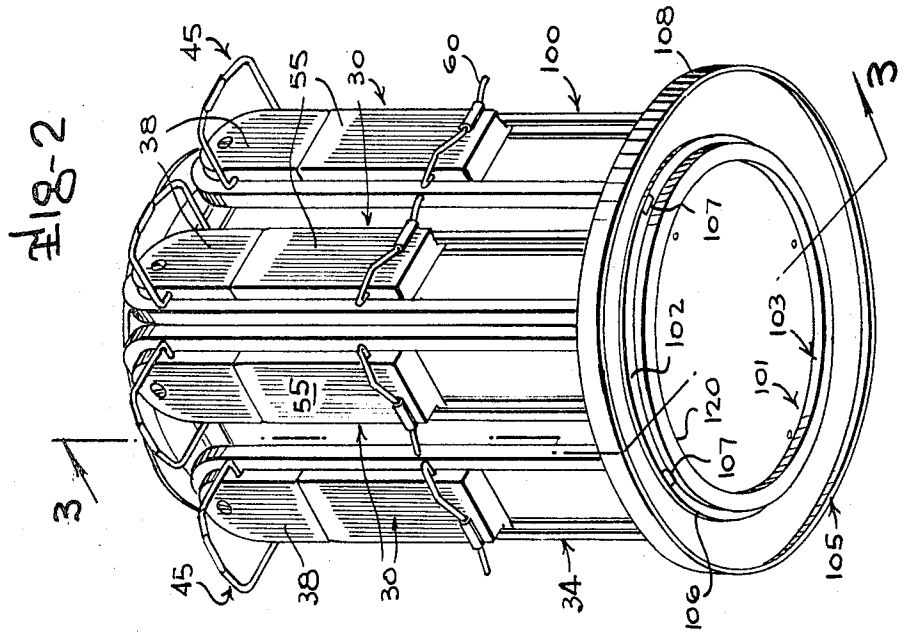
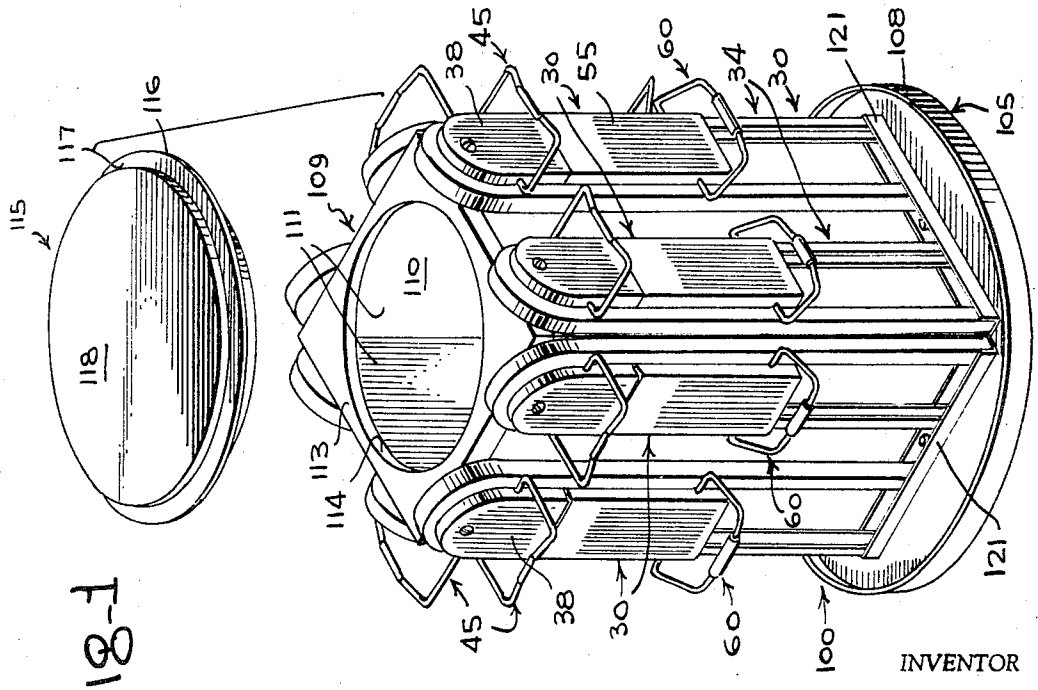
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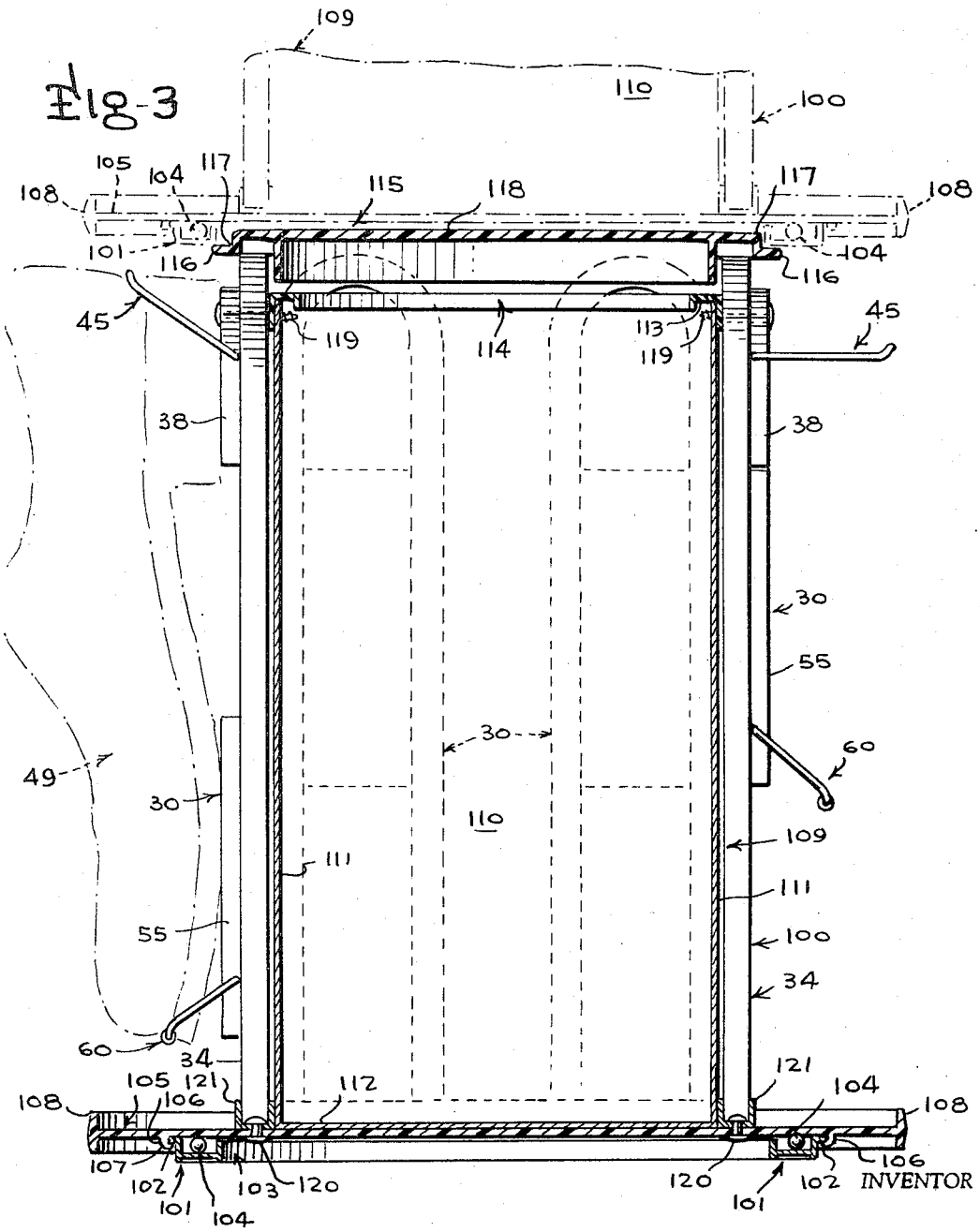
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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A shoe support or rack for straightening and holding shoes, and wherein there is provided a means that automatically adjusts to fit any type and size of men's shoes, there being a removable lid for a storage area for shoe polishing gear or slippers, and the device supports a plurality of shoes at a convenient finger-tip location.

This invention relates to a shoe support and more particularly to a device for conveniently and neatly supporting a plurality of shoes and articles therein.

An object of the present invention is to provide a lazy Susan shoe rack or support which is adapted to hold a plurality of shoes convenient to a person's finger tips, and wherein the units of the present invention can be stacked upon each other if desired or required.

Another object is to provide a device of the character described that fits easily in a closet and will straighten, freshen and dry a person's shoes so that they look and feel like new, and wherein there is provided a means for assuring automatic adjustment to fit any size and type of men's shoes, the present invention eliminating the need for shoe trees, and wherein there is provided a removable lid for storage of shoe polishing gear or slippers.

Still another object is to provide a lazy Susan shoe support that is economical to manufacture and efficient in operation and which is rugged in structure and foolproof in use.

These and other objects of the invention will become apparent from a reading of the following specification and claims, together with the accompanying drawings, wherein like parts are referred to and indicated by like reference numerals, and wherein:

FIG. 1 is a top perspective view of the present invention showing the lid in raised position.

FIG. 2 is a bottom perspective view.

FIG. 3 is an enlarged sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of FIG. 2.

Referring in detail to the drawings, the numeral **100** indicates the lazy Susan shoe support of the present invention which comprises a horizontally disposed stationary ring member **101**, and the ring member **101** has an outer flange portion **102** as well as an inner recessed portion **103** for a purpose to be later described. Bearings **104** are arranged within the ring member **101**, and the numeral **105** indicates a rotary base which is supported on the ring member **101**. Base **105** includes a depending circular portion **106** that has retaining lugs **107** that engage the flange portion **102** so as to prevent accidental separation of the base **105** from the ring member **101**. The numeral **108** indicates a circular shoulder on the outer periphery of the base **105**. As shown in the drawings a hollow housing **109** is fixedly mounted on the base **105**, and the numeral **110** indicates the hollow interior of the housing **109** which is adapted to provide a storage area for shoe polishing gear, slippers and the like. The housing **109** includes flat upstanding portions **111** as well as a bottom wall section **112** and a top section **113**, and the top section **113** has a circular opening **114** therein, FIGS. 1 and 3.

The numeral **115** indicates a removable lid for the

housing **109** and the lid **115** includes an outer offset flanged portion **116** which has a recessed section **117** contiguous thereto, and the lid further includes a main flat section **118**, FIG. 3. As shown in FIG. 3, a plurality of units **100** may be arranged in super-imposed or stacked relationship with respect to each other and with the units in stacked relationship the recessed portion **117** of the lid **115** is snugly received within the central open recessed portion **103** of adjacent ring member **101**.

It will be noted that with the present invention automatic boot and shoe holders **30** are affixed to the outer wall surfaces of the housing **109**, and these holders **30** have a construction and function similar to that shown and described in prior Patent No. 3,210,787. The holders **30** are adapted to be affixed to the housing **109** and base **105** by means of securing elements in any suitable manner as for example by securing elements **119** and **120**.

A detailed description of the holders **30** will be found in prior Patent No. 3,210,787, and it is to be noted that the holders **30** comprise a frame **34**, a plate member **38** secured to the frame, a heel retainer **45** swivelly connected to each plate member **38**, a movable platform **55**, a toe retainer **60** swivelly connected to the platform **55**. Support pieces or frame members **121** may be provided as shown in the drawings. In FIG. 3 the numeral **49** indicates in broken lines a boot or shoe being supported in the present invention, and it is to be understood that a plurality of such shoes or boots are adapted to be supported in the desired manner.

From the foregoing it will be seen that there has been provided a lazy Susan shoe support which is adapted to conveniently support and hold a plurality of shoes, boots and the like thereon. The device is of a compact rugged formation and construction, and the device **100** fits easily in any closet and serves to straighten, freshen and dry a person's shoes so that they feel like new. The holders **30** automatically adjust to fit any size and type of man's shoes, and the present invention eliminates the need for using shoe trees. The removable plastic lid **115** permits access to the hollow storage area **110**, and various types of men's shoes can be stored in the space **110**. The holders **130** are actuated by a special resilient means or rubber as described in detail in Patent No. 3,210,787, and the parts are made of attractive rugged material so that they will not break or become damaged during use.

As shown in FIG. 3, several of the devices **100** can be arranged in stacked double deck relationship, and the device **100** will fit easily in any closet, and a plurality of shoes such as eight pairs of shoes are convenient to a person's finger tips, and this is accomplished by stacking two to four-unit lazy Susans together. The holders **30** and associated parts prevent shoes from curling, and the present invention helps eliminate cluttered closet floors as previously described. The various types of shoes such as regular shoes, ski boots and the like can be arranged therein, and wherein such shoes will be kept neater and, in addition, the shoes will last longer since the sole will be flattened and the upper will be straightened and the shoes can dry properly.

With the parts arranged as shown in the drawings, it will be noted that the base **105** with the housing **109** and holders **30** thereon can be conveniently manually rotated so that any of the various shoes **49** can be brought into position to permit convenient insertion or removal of the shoes from the heel and toe retainers **45** and **60** described in prior Patent No. 3,210,787. In addition, the ring member **101** has a particular configuration to coact with the lid **115** so that several of the lazy Susan units can be stacked one upon the other as previously described.

It is to be understood that the parts can be made of any suitable material and in different types and sizes.

Minor changes in shape, size and rearrangement of details coming within the field of invention claimed may be resorted to in actual practice, if desired.

What is claimed is:

1. In a lazy Susan shoe support, a horizontally disposed stationary ring member, a base rotatably supported on said ring member, a housing affixed to said base, and shoe and boot holders connected to said housing, said housing being hollow and providing a storage space for storage of shoe polishing gear, slippers and the like, and a removable lid mounted on said housing, said lid having means thereon for coacting with an adjacent ring member, whereby a plurality of lazy Susan shoe supports can be arranged in stacked superimposed relationship with respect to each other.

2. In a lazy Susan shoe support, a horizontally disposed stationary ring member having an outer flange portion and an inner recessed portion, bearings within said ring member, a rotary base supported on said ring member, a skirt portion depending from said base and having lugs engaging said flange portion, a circular shoulder on the outer periphery of said base, a hollow housing mounted on said base and said housing being rectangular in cross section, the hollow housing adapted to provide a storage space for shoe polishing gear, slippers and the like, said housing including a bottom wall section and a top section, and said top section having a circular opening therein, a removable lid on said housing and said lid including an outer offset flange portion having a recessed section contiguous thereto, and said lid further including a main flat section, said lid adapted to have portions thereof snugly received and engaged in the circular open recessed portion of the ring member when the supports are in stacked relation, and automatic boot and shoe holders affixed to the outer wall of said housing.

3. The structure as defined in claim **2**, wherein said holders comprise a frame, a plate member secured to said frame, a heel retainer swivelly connected to said plate member, a movable platform and a toe retainer swivelly connected to said platform.

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