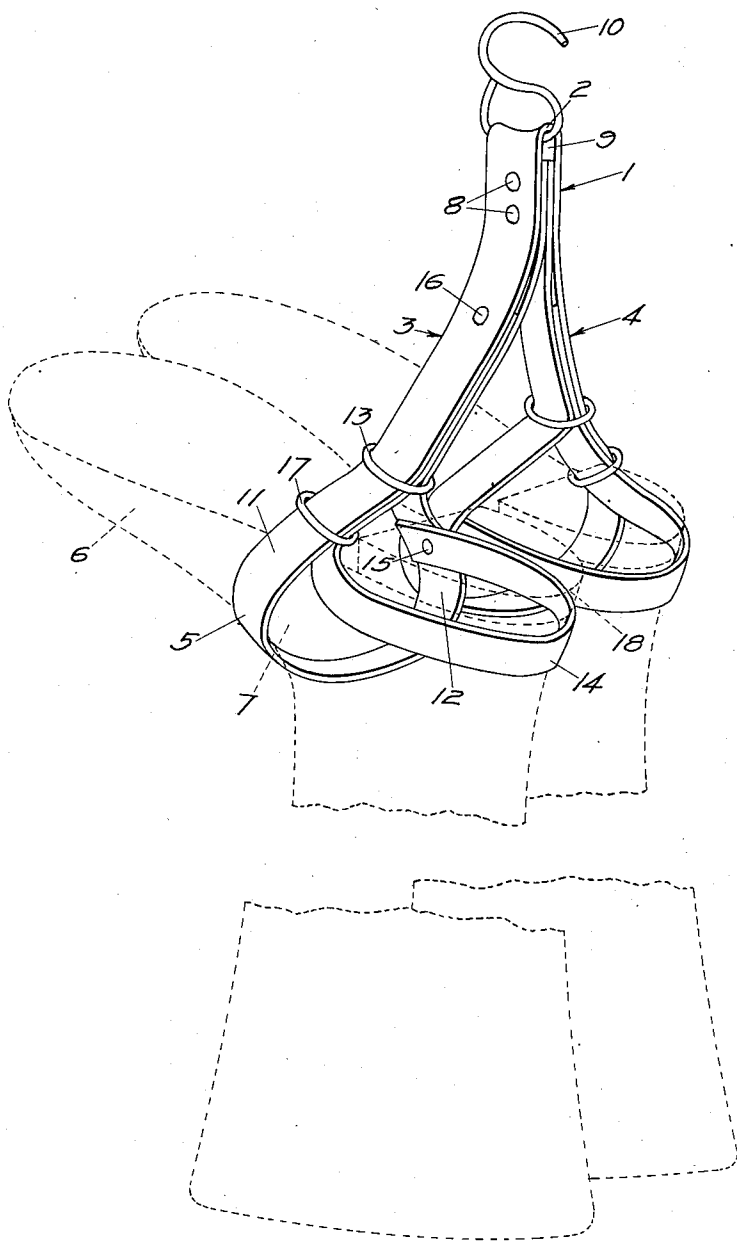


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This invention relates to a boot hanger and carrier and has for one of its objects the provision of compact, economical and convenient means for suspending hip boots or other boots or shoes in inverted position from any suitable support.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a boot hanger and carrier that is substantially all formed from flexible strips and that is easily and quickly secured to and removed from a pair of boots and when so secured will stay on the boots and is adapted to be used as a sling for extending over the shoulder of a person for suspending the boots from such shoulder at the front and rear sides thereof respectively.

While the present invention is suitable for suspending any type of boot or shoe in inverted position, it is particularly useful for hip boots. Hunters and fishermen and others who do use hip boots many times must carry them relatively long distances before putting them on. With the present invention, the boots are easily suspended from the shoulder of the user, with one boot at each side of the shoulder. The means for so suspending said boots (and which means constitutes this invention) is flexible thereby enabling it to conform to the shoulder of the wearer, and as the portion extending over the shoulder is flat it is comfortable.

After hip boots are used, they may, by this invention, be suspended in inverted position thus enabling them to dry quickly and also enabling the long upper part of each boot to hang straight without wrinkles or folding. One of the things most detrimental to the life of hip boots is to permit them to dry and to stand with their long upper parts folded.

Other objects and advantages will appear in the description and in the drawing.

The drawing is a perspective view of the hanger with the boots indicated in broken lines in suspended position.

In detail, the invention comprises an elongated strip of flexible material generally designated 1 which may be conveniently formed from strong canvas or the like. This strip is folded on itself centrally of its length as at 2 to form two similar supports 3, 4 respectively each of which is adapted to receive one boot of a pair in a manner to be more fully described later on.

The supports 3, 4 are identical except that they are formed for right and left hand boots respectively. Only support 3 will therefore be described in detail.

The portion of the strip 1 which constitutes

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support 3 is folded on itself intermediate its end to form a loop 5 which is adapted to receive there-through the forward part 6 of a boot so that the loop 5 encircles the instep 7 of said boot. The opposite ends of loop 5 may be secured together as by rivets 8 at a point adjacent to but spaced from the central fold 2 of strip 1. Similarly the opposite ends of the corresponding loop of support 4 may be secured with the same rivets at said point so that strip 1 forms an opening 9 which is adapted to receive a hook 10 for hanging the device from a nail or any other suitable fixed support.

From the above description, it will be apparent that the loop 5 comprises a pair of opposite sides 11, 12 respectively which are adapted to engage opposite sides of the instep 7 of the boot. To permit tightening said loop on the boot I provide a ring 13 which receives therethrough the said opposite sides 11, 12 of the loop 5 as clearly shown on the drawing. By sliding the ring 13 toward the boot, it will be apparent that the loop 5 removably, but securely engages the instep of the boot. By reversing the movement of the ring 13, the boot may be released.

For the purpose of engaging the heel of the boot, I provide another strip 14 of flexible material. One end of strip 14 is secured as by rivet 15 to the side 12 of loop 5 at a point intermediate the ends of the latter and the other end is secured by rivet 16 to the opposite side 11 of loop 5 so that strip 14 passes through the ring 13 and between the sides 11, 12 of loop 5.

For the purpose of tightening strip 14 on the heel of the boot a ring 17 is slidably received on said strip and which ring also receives therethrough side 11 of loop 5. It will be apparent by sliding ring 17 on side 11 and strip 14 toward the boot that strip 14 may be tightened on the heel 18 of the boot.

In operation, when it is desired to employ the device either as a hanger or carrier the rings 17 and 13 are moved along the loop 5 toward the hook 10 so as to open said loop and also the loop formed by strip 14. The forward part 6 of the boot may then be passed through the loop 5 so that the latter partially encircles the instep 7 of the boot. The strip 14 is then held laterally outwardly relative to the loop so as to encircle the heel 18 of the boot. By then sliding ring 17 toward the boot the strip 14 tightly engages said heel as shown on the drawing. The ring 13 is then moved in the same direction to the position shown in the drawing so that the loop 5 tightly encircles the instep 7 of the boot. It will be noted

in this connection that the only effect of the above movement of ring 13 on strip 14 is to tighten the latter more securely on the heel of the boot. The above operation is then repeated on the support 4 which engages the other boot and the device is ready for use either as a hanger or carrier.

As shown in the drawing, the strips from which the device is made are preferably flat and relatively wide so that no injury to the boots can result. By employing strips of flexible canvas or the like, tightness may be combined with strength. In addition there is no tendency for the rings 13 and 17 to slide along the strips when the device is in use and therefore the device will stay on the boots until removed therefrom.

When used as a carrier, the present invention has been found to be extremely convenient as it is possible for the user to arrange the boots on his shoulder for the maximum comfort. In this connection, it has been found that by suspending the supports 3, 4 from the front and rear side of a shoulder respectively, the most comfortable carrying position is attained.

When it is desired to employ the device as a hanger it is merely necessary to hang the hook 10 on a nail or the like and the upper parts of the boots will hang vertically. The life of boots is greatly extended by thus hanging the same when not in use and there is no possibility of objectionable creases and folds being formed in the upper parts of the boots.

The above detailed description is not to be understood as restrictive of the invention, but merely as a preferred form thereof.

I claim:

1. A boot hanger and carrier comprising a pair of loops of flexible material each being of a size for receiving therein the forward part of a boot at the instep, means connected with each of said loops at spaced points and at opposite sides thereof projecting laterally therefrom a sufficient distance to extend around the heel portion of each boot when said forward part is in each loop for holding said forward part in each loop, said means being a flexible elongated element having its ends at said points and the means so connecting one of the ends of said element to one side of said loop being a ring through which said element and said one side extends, said ring being slidable along said one side and along said element for tightening said member against said heel portion.

2. A boot hanger and carrier comprising a pair of loops of flexible material each being of a size for receiving therein the forward part of a boot at the instep, means connected with each of said loops at spaced points along opposite sides thereof projecting laterally therefrom a sufficient distance to extend around the heel portion of each boot when said forward part is in each loop for

holding said forward part in each loop, a flexible member extending from one side of each of said loops and connecting said loops for suspension of the latter and said boots, a ring connecting opposite sides of each loop at said one side, said ring being slidable along said sides of said loop for tightening the latter about the instep and the said member being an extension of one side of said loop.

3. A boot hanger and carrier comprising a pair of loops of flexible material each being of a size for receiving therein the forward part of a boot at the instep, means connected with each of said loops at spaced points and at opposite sides thereof projecting laterally therefrom a sufficient distance to extend around the heel portion of each boot when said forward part is in each loop for holding said forward part in each loop, said means being a flexible elongated element having its ends at said points, a ring through which one side of each loop and each element slidably extends at one of said points for tightening said element against said heel portion, means fixedly securing each element to the other side of each loop at the other of said points, a ring for each loop through which both sides of each loop slidably extend, each last mentioned ring being movable along said sides for tightening each loop about the instep of each boot.

4. A boot hanger and carrier comprising a strip of flexible material, having a loop at each end of the same size and sufficiently large to freely receive therein the instep portion of an inverted boot, a first ring for each loop at the juncture between each loop and the portion of the strip between the loops, each such ring being slidable along each loop for tightening the latter about the instep portion of each such boot, a flexible element for each loop secured at one end to one side of each loop and positioned to extend around the heel portion of each boot when the said instep portion is in each loop and the opposite end of each element being secured to the opposite side of each loop, a second ring for each loop through which said opposite end of each element and said opposite side of each loop extend, each second ring being slidable along the part of each element extending therethrough for tightening each element against said heel portion.

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