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FIG. 1.

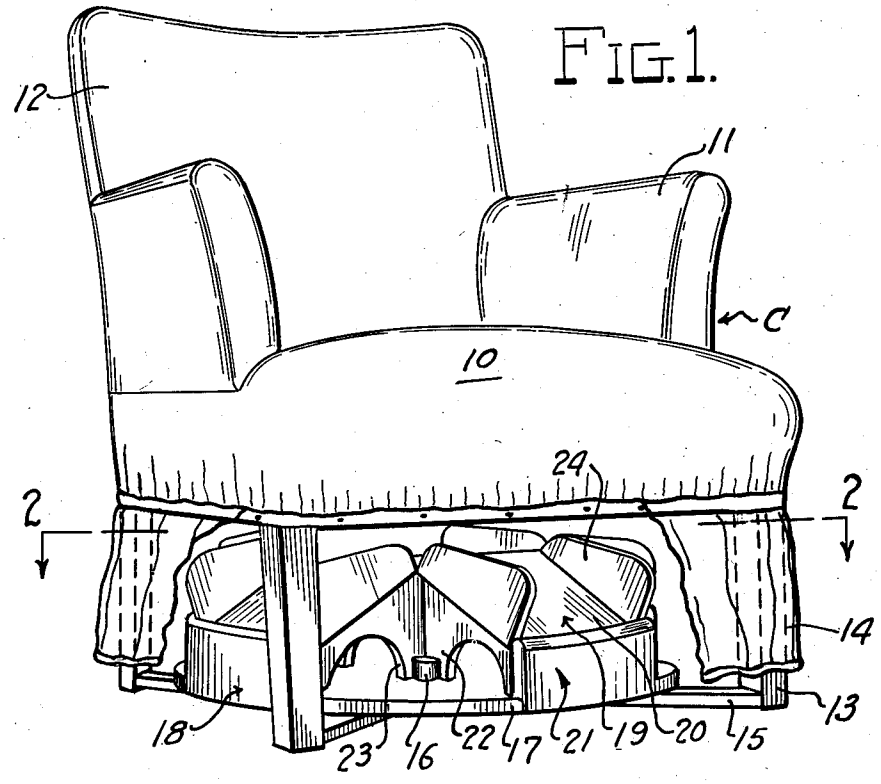
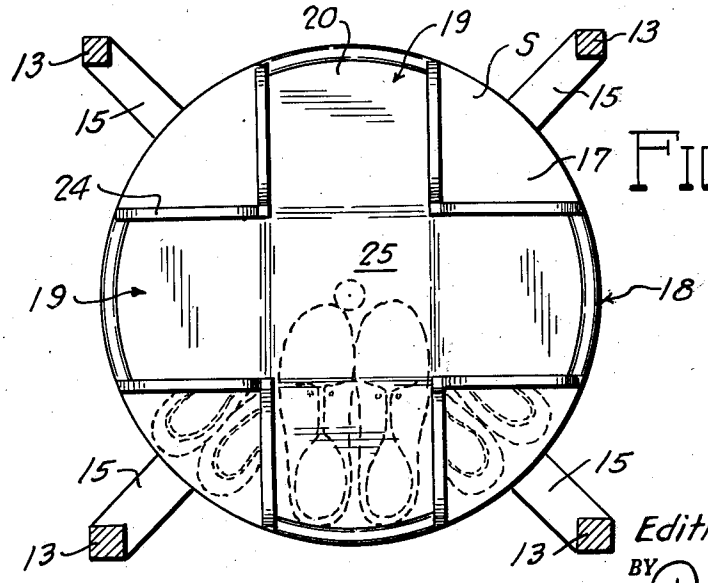


FIG. 2.



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This invention relates to articles of furniture, but more particularly to those equipped with shoe-supporting devices, and an object is to produce an article of furniture having a shoe support by which a number of pairs of shoes can be supported in an extremely small space by arranging same in a new and improved manner so that portions of the shoes are in overlapped, tier-like arrangement.

Another object is to provide an article of furniture with a turntable normally concealed and which is so constructed and arranged that two annular rows of shoes can be stored with toe portions of one row elevated out of the way of shoes in the other row, thereby enabling a large number of shoes to be stored in a relatively small space.

A further object is to provide a chair with a shoe-supporting turntable mounted beneath the seat having the new and improved features of construction and arrangement enabling a large number of pairs of shoes to be stored in a small space.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear, and for purposes of illustration but not of limitation, an embodiment of the invention is shown on the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is an elevation of a chair having a shoe-supporting turntable, a portion of the valance being broken away for clarity; and

Figure 2 is a transverse section on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

The illustrated embodiment of the invention comprises a chair C which has a seat 10, arms 11 and back 12. Supporting the chair are four vertically disposed legs 13. Partially concealing the legs and depending from the seat is a valance 14. The inside portions of the legs 13 adjacent their lower end are recessed to receive wooden strips 15 which extend radially from their respective legs and are suitably connected adjacent their inner ends in any suitable manner so as to produce a platform, the upper surface of which is flush. The lower surface of the platform may rest upon the supporting surface or be slightly elevated from it as desired.

Arranged centrally of the platform is an upstanding dowel or pin (not shown) to fit into an inverted cup-shaped socket member 16 mounted on the upper side of a circular turntable 17, it being understood that the turntable is apertured to allow the pin to extend therethrough. The diameter of the turntable 17 is substantially less than the diameter of the platform and as mounted it can be rotated in one direction or the other as desired. The upper surface of the turntable 17 is flat and supported thereon is a superstructure generally designated by the reference number 18. The superstructure in top plan view, as shown in Figure 2, is cross-shaped and in this instance, is made up of four ramps or shoe supports 19.

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Each ramp 19 has an upwardly inclined flat shoe supporting surface 20, the inner end being higher than the outer end and the outer end being supported by a guard wall 21, a portion of which overlaps the peripheral edge portion of the turntable 17 and the upper edge extending above the adjacent portion of the shoe supporting surface 20. Opposite sides of the supporting surface 20 are supported by vertically disposed wall portions 22, the bottom edges of which rest and are suitably secured to the top of the turntable 17. The inner ends of the walls 22 abut against adjacent walls and in this instance are at right angles thereto, to afford a space S on the turntable 17 between these walls. Each of the walls 22 has a semi-circular cut-out 23 to accommodate the toe portion of a shoe supported on the space S. Thus a pair of shoes can be supported on each space S with the toe portions extending respectively through the cut-out portions of the walls 22 to lie beneath the adjacent ramp 19.

Each ramp is adapted to support a pair of shoes with the heel portions resting against the inner side of the guard wall 21 at the upper portion thereof with the toe portions upwardly inclined. On each side of each ramp 19 is an upstanding shield or wall 24 for preventing lateral movement of the shoes mounted thereon. The top of each ramp 19 is suitably connected by a central wall portion 25.

From the above description, it will be apparent that I have produced an exceedingly compact and convenient shoe support which is adapted to support a large number of shoes. In the form shown, it will be apparent that eight pairs of shoes may be supported by the turntable and its superstructure and this is made possible by enabling the toe portions of the shoes mounted on the surfaces S to extend beneath the adjacent ramps. It will further be apparent that the valance 14 normally conceals the turntable so that the chair normally resembles any other chair. Access to the shoe storage can be readily had by lifting the valance and rotating the turntable as desired so that a particular pair of shoes may be selected.

Although a boudoir chair has been illustrated and is particularly useful because the person may

sit on the chair and at the same time select the desired pair of shoes, however, the turntable and its platform may to advantage form a part of other articles of furniture such, for example, as a table, the important feature being that a relatively large number of pairs of shoes can be conveniently stored in a very small space and access to the shoes may be readily and conveniently had.

It is to be understood that numerous changes in details of construction, arrangement and operation may be effected without departing from the spirit of the invention especially as defined in the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. An article of manufacture comprising a chair having a seat and supporting legs, a support arranged beneath said seat and connected to said legs, a turntable rotatable on said support having relatively flat shoe supporting surfaces, and a superstructure on said turntable having radially disposed shoe supporting platforms inclined upwardly from the peripheral portion of the turntable, each platform being spaced at its outer end from adjacent platforms to enable shoes to be mounted directly on the shoe supporting surfaces of said turntable in such a manner that the toe portions of such shoes are disposed beneath inner portions of the superstructure.

2. An article of manufacture comprising a chair having a seat and supporting legs, a support arranged beneath said seat and connected to said legs, a turntable rotatable on said support having relatively flat shoe supporting surfaces, and a superstructure on said turntable having radially disposed shoe supporting, upwardly inclined ramps, each ramp being spaced at its outer end from adjacent ramps, and radially disposed vertically arranged supporting webs

for said ramps, each web having a cut-away portion to receive the toe portion of a shoe supported on said flat surfaces of the turntable.

3. An article of manufacture comprising a piece of furniture having a supported part and vertically disposed supporting legs, a turntable beneath said supported part having flat shoe supporting surfaces, a support for the turntable, a superstructure on the turntable having radially arranged shoe supports with the inner ends elevated and the outer ends spaced from each other, and shields on opposite sides of each shoe support for preventing lateral shifting of the shoes thereon, said shoe supporting surfaces being disposed between adjacent shoe supports and accommodating a pair of shoes with the toe portions thereof disposed beneath the superstructure.

4. A shoe support comprising a platform, and a superstructure on said platform having radially arranged shoe supports with the inner ends elevated and contiguous and the outer ends spaced below the inner ends, the sides of said supports being spaced from each other to provide a sector-shaped shoe-receiving space on the platform, said sides having relieved portions to receive the toe portions of the shoes on the platform.

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