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Fig 1

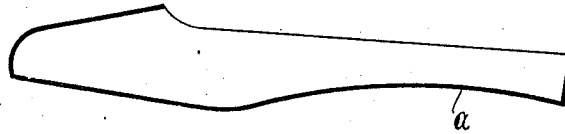


Fig 2

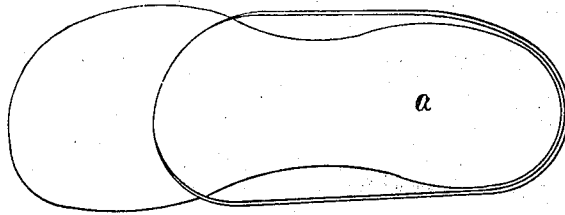
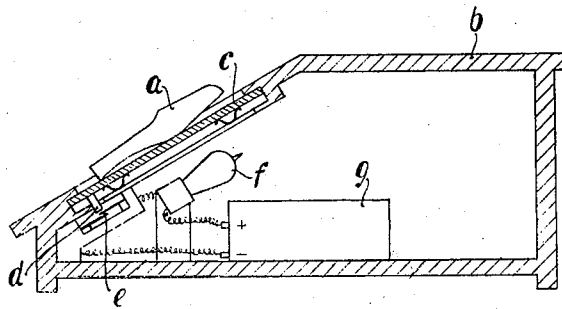


Fig 3



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DEVICE FOR TRYING ON SHOES OR BOOTS.

REISSUED

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The object of the present invention is a device for trying on shoes. Devices are already known for utilizing a shoe that fits. With these known devices however it is impossible to establish the position of the whole foot in the shoe; they limit themselves in essentials to determining the length of the shoe and the width of the ball of the foot and accordingly consist only of a sole which is provided with a lower edge.

Devices have also become known by means of which it is possible to measure up the whole shape of the foot. These devices however are intended for a shoemaker who works to measure.

The object of the invention differs from these devices inasmuch as it has shoe-models made of transparent material kept in stock in consecutive numbers.

The buyer fits on one of these transparent shoe-models on the foot-rest. By this trying-on in consequence of the transparency of the material it is possible to establish the shape and size of the foot in the corresponding shoe-number. The number of this transparent shoe-model corresponds with the number of the shoe to be sold and the seller can now, without any previous trying-on, take down the shoe from the shelf.

The object of the invention is illustrated on the drawing and shows:

Fig. 1 a section through the transparent shoe-model.

Fig. 2 a top view.

Fig. 3 the shoe-rest provided with a transparent ground-glass plate and a lamp.

The shoe-model *a* is made in one piece and, of course, of transparent material.

Any transparent material can naturally be employed but transparent celluloid is especially suitable for the purpose. This shoe-model *a* is, after the foot has been fitted into it, placed on the plate applied to the slope of the foot-rest *b*. This plate is secured by springs so that when the foot is set upon it it is pressed downwards. On its underside it carries a point *d* which in the known way actuates a contact device *e* and the switching on of this lights up a lamp *f*. This lamp can either be shut off from the battery *g* or by a contact pin. Also it is not absolutely necessary to turn on the current by the help of the plate, but it can be applied by a separate switch.

What I claim is:—

A device for trying on shoes or boots comprising a transparent shoe model having an integrally formed sole or bottom and provided with a toe cap and a heel end and a number or symbol indicated on the shoe model corresponding to the size of boots or shoes suitable for the foot upon which the shoe model is tried.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

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