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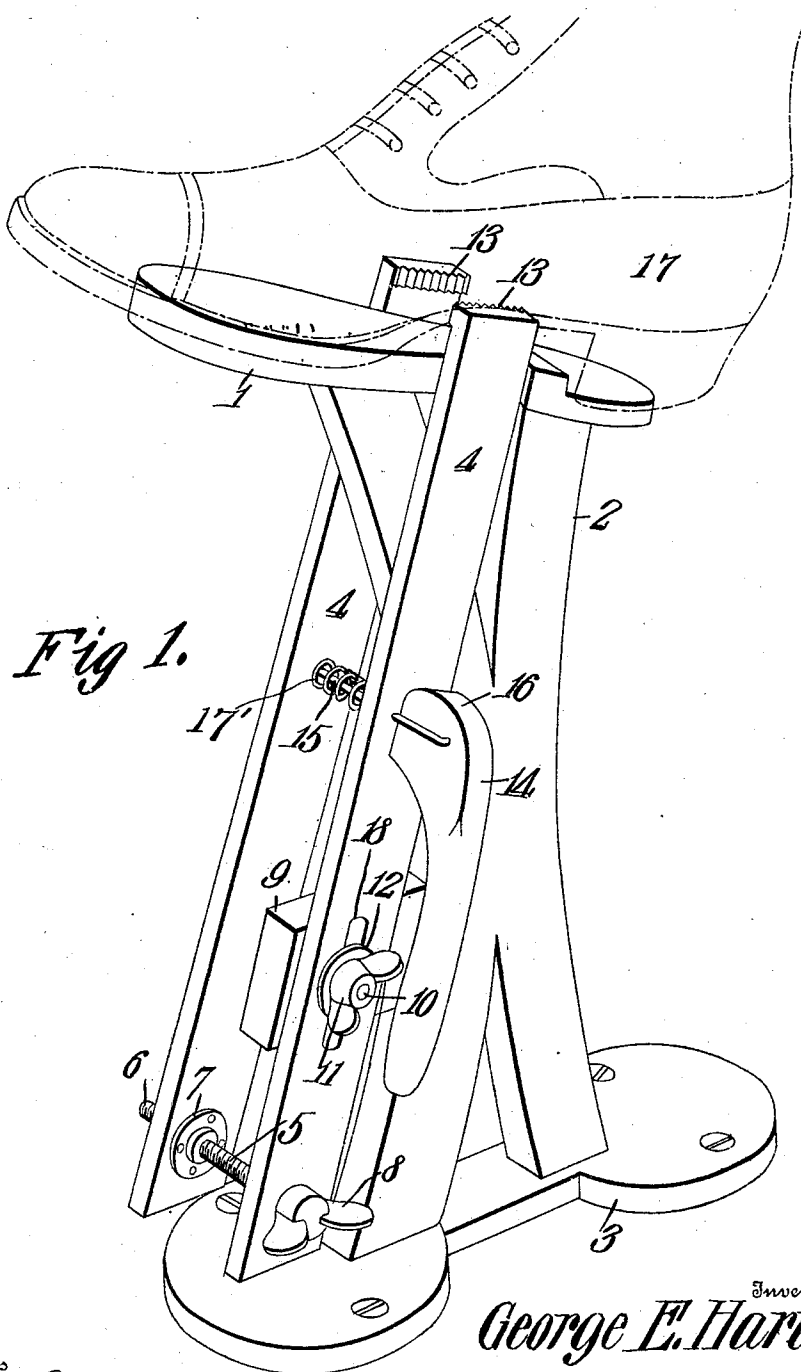


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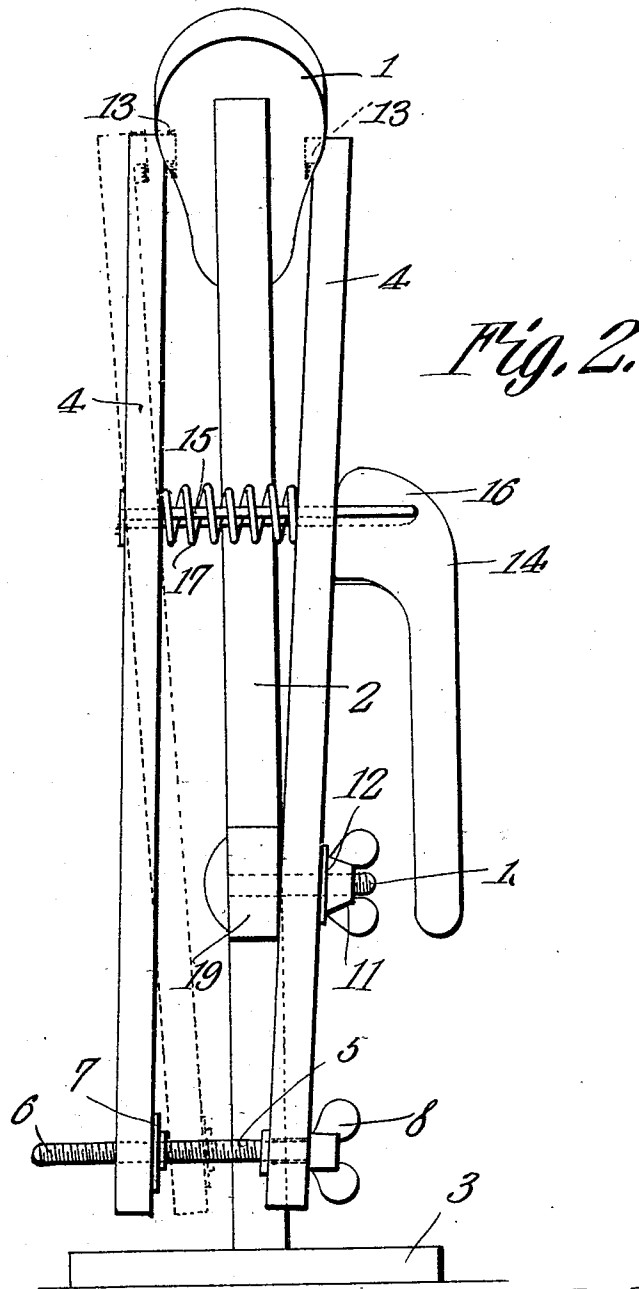
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE EDWIN HART, a citizen of the United States, residing at Tifton, in the county of Tift and State of Georgia, have invented a new and useful Shoe-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to pedestals or supports in which the foot is supported when a shoe is being polished, and has especial reference to such a pedestal provided with means for holding the foot in fixed position while a shoe is being polished.

The invention consists in a foot supporting standard provided with means for clamping a shoe worn by a person while the shoe is being polished, the foot of said person resting on the pedestal.

The object of the invention is to steady the foot of the person having a shoe polished.

A further object is to provide a clamp for a foot supporting pedestal which may be adjusted for any size shoe.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device, embodying the invention, and Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the device.

In carrying out the invention, a sole plate 1 is mounted on a suitable standard 2 having a base 3 secured in any suitable manner to a floor or other support. A pair of clamping arms, adapted to clamp the shoe of a person whose foot rests on the sole plate 1, are provided; and, as here shown, consist of the clamping arms 4 connected together at their lower end in any suitable manner, as for example by a bolt 5 extending freely through a hole in one of the arms 4 and having its threaded end 6 engaging a threaded plate 7 mounted on the other arm, the bolt 5 being operated by a wing head 8 which serves to draw the lower ends of the arms 4 together or to move them farther apart when loosening the bolt 5 thereby moving the upper ends of arms 4 to adjust the distance between them to accommodate soles of different widths resting on the sole plate 1. The arms 4 are mounted on the standard 2 in any suitable manner, and as here shown are mounted on the standard 2 by means of a projection or arm 9 extending from the standard 2 and a bolt 10 extending through one of the arms 4 engaging the projection 9, the arm 4 being clamped to the projection or bracket 9 by means of a wing nut 11 bearing against a

washer 12. The upper ends of the arms 4 project slightly above the sole plate 1 and are provided with a serrated face 13 to secure a firm hold on the sole of the shoe resting on the sole plate 1. The arms 4 are made of some slightly resilient or yieldable material, such as wood, so as they may be swung toward each other by means hereinafter to be described, and be brought into clamping engagement at their upper ends with the sole of the shoe to be cleaned. In order to enable the upper ends of the arms 4 to clamp the sole of a shoe on a foot resting on the sole plate 1, suitable means are provided for clamping and locking the upper ends of the arms 4 in clamped position. As here shown, said means consist of a cam lever 14 mounted on a U-shaped wire or rod 15 extending freely through one of the arms 4 and engaged at its opposite end by the other arm 4, the head 16 of the cam lever being movable in the U-shaped end of the rod 15 and adapted to bear against and move upon the outer face of one of the arms 4.

The operation of the device is as follows:— By adjusting the bolt 5 with the winged head 8, the arms 4 may be adjusted so as to bring their upper ends far enough apart to permit of the shoe of a person whose foot rests on the sole plate 1 to be located between the upper ends of said arms 4, the faces 13 bearing against the opposite sides of the sole of said shoe. The cam lever 14 which has been in its released position is then moved to bring the upper ends of the arms 4 together, and firmly clamp and lock the same to the sole of the shoe resting on the sole plate 1. This locked position is indicated in the figure of the perspective view, 17 being a shoe shown in dotted lines held upon the foot plate 1. In order to accommodate the position of the arm 4 to shoes and feet of different sizes, as for example where a shoe has a high heel, suitable means are provided for elevating the arms 4 to bring their clamping faces in juxtaposition to the sole of the shoe. As here shown said means consists of a slot 18 through which the bolt 10 passes, and against which the washer 12 bears. By loosening the wing nut 11 the arms 4 may be raised upward the desired distance, and then held in such position by clamping said wing nut 11. Upon the rod 15 is mounted a coiled spring 17' having its ends bearing against the inner face of the clamping arms, said spring acting on said arms to

keep them apart when not in use and permitting a shoe to be introduced between them preparatory to clamping it.

By means of this invention, the tendency of the foot of a person resting on the pedestal to slip or move laterally is obviated and the foot is held firmly in position while the shoe is being polished.

What is claimed is:—

- 10 1. In a device of the class described, a standard, a sole plate mounted upon the standard, an arm supported by the standard with its upper end in operative relation with respect to the sole plate, an arm supported
- 15 from the last mentioned arm, and means connecting the arms whereby they may be adjusted to bring their upper ends into clamping engagement with the sole of a shoe supported upon the said sole plate.
- 20 2. A foot supporting pedestal for holding shoes, consisting of a sole plate mounted on a standard; a pair of vertically extended resilient arms mounted on said standard, and having clamping upper ends laterally movable to and from said sole plate; means for
- 25 adjusting the position of the lower ends of said arms toward and from each other; and means for clamping said upper ends to a shoe, and holding them in clamped position.
- 30 3. A foot supporting pedestal for holding shoes, consisting of a sole plate mounted on a standard; a pair of vertically extended arms mounted on said standard, and having clamping upper ends movable laterally to
- 35 and from said sole plate; means for adjusting said arms vertically on the standard, and means for operating said clamping upper ends and holding them in clamped position against a shoe.
- 40 4. A foot supporting pedestal for holding shoes, consisting of a sole plate mounted on a standard; a pair of vertical resilient arms mounted on said standard, and having

clamping upper ends; a spring mounted between said upper ends for holding them apart; and a cam lever for clamping and locking said upper ends against a shoe.

5. In a device of the class described, a standard, a sole plate carried by the standard, an arm carried by the standard and having its upper end in operative relation with respect to the sole plate, a second arm, and means connecting the two arms and supporting the last mentioned arm from the first mentioned arm, whereby the arms may be adjusted to bring their upper ends into clamping engagement with the sole of a shoe supported upon the said sole plate.

6. A foot supporting pedestal for holding shoes, consisting of a sole plate mounted on a standard, a pair of clamping arms mounted on said standard and movable laterally to and from said sole plate, means for adjusting the arms to and from each other, means for adjusting the arms vertically, and means for operating said arms and holding them in clamped position, as herein set forth.

7. A foot supporting pedestal for holding shoes, consisting of a sole plate mounted on a standard, a pair of clamping arms having their upper ends projecting above said sole plate and movable to and from said sole plate, said arms being connected at their lower ends by an adjustable bolt and vertically adjustable upon said standard by means of a clamping nut, and a cam lever for operating said arms and locking them in clamped position, as herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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