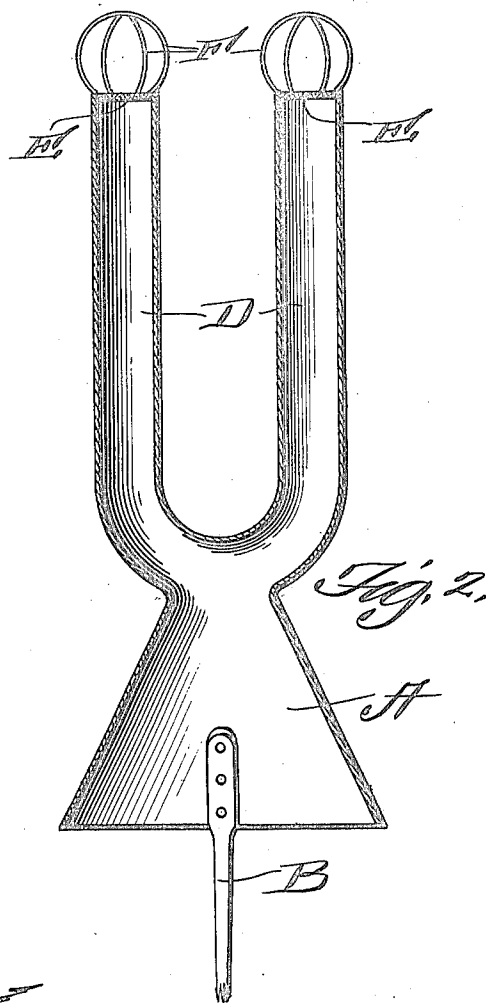
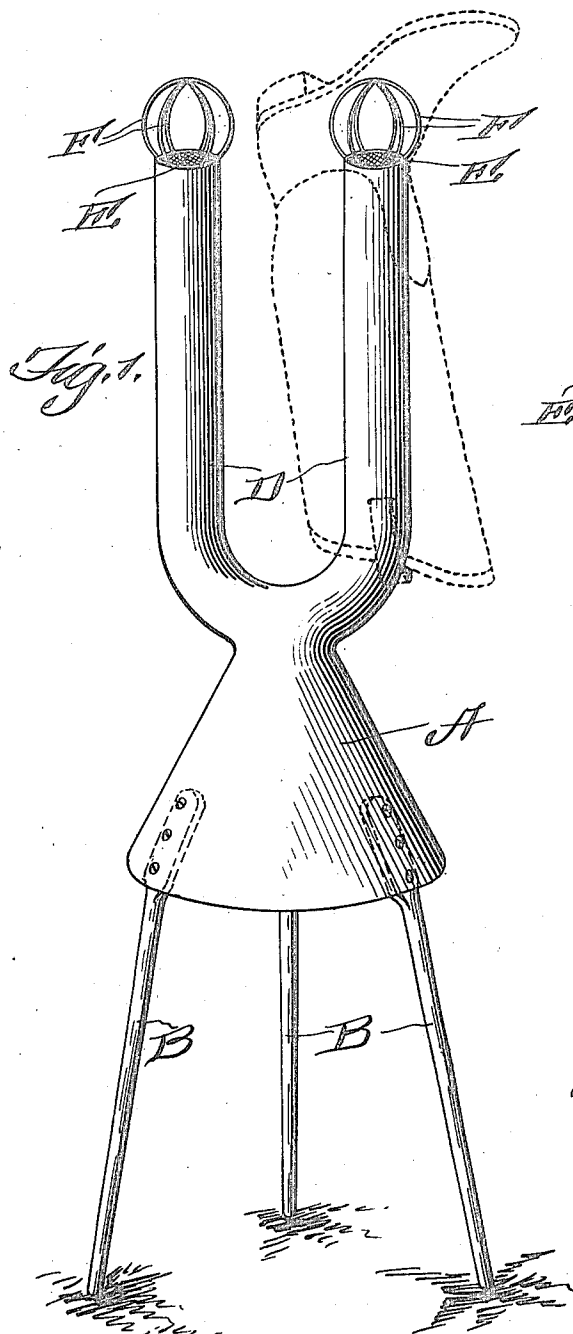


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM PRESTON GRACE, a citizen of the United States, and residing at St. Michaels, in the county of Talbot and State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Devices for Drying Gum Boots, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in devices for drying gum boots and the like, and consists of a simple and efficient device of this kind having various details of construction and combinations of parts as will be hereinafter fully described and then specifically defined in the appended claim.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this application, and in which,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention, and

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view through the device.

Reference now being had to the details of the drawings by letter A designates a funnel shaped part of the device, which is made of any suitable material as of tin, and which may be of any suitable size. Legs B support the drying device, and are designed to hold the funnel part over a lamp, stove or other heater. The upper part of the funnel shaped part opens into the upright tubular extensions D, D, and the upper end of said tubular extensions are provided with a screening E, and about the marginal edge of the top are

the wires F, forming a crown and upon which the gum boots or other articles to be dried are supported, and which wires will permit the heat to escape from the tubular extensions.

In using the device, the boot is placed upside down over the tubular extensions, with the inner face of the sole resting upon the bowed wires and which tend to hold the sole of the foot a slight distance above the screen at the end of the tubular portions D, and which will permit the hot air to pass freely into the foot of the boot to dry the same.

While I especially design my invention for drying gum boots with linings, it will be apparent that it may be used for various purposes.

What I claim to be new is:

A device for drying gum boots, etc., comprising a funnel-shaped body portion adapted to be placed over a heater, and having upright tubular extensions communicating therewith, a screen mounted in the upper end of each extension, and a crown made up of curved wires intersecting one another and fastened at their lower ends to the marginal edge of said screen, said intersecting portions of the wires adapted to form a support for the boot placed over the tubular extension, and permitting heated air to pass freely into the foot of the boot.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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