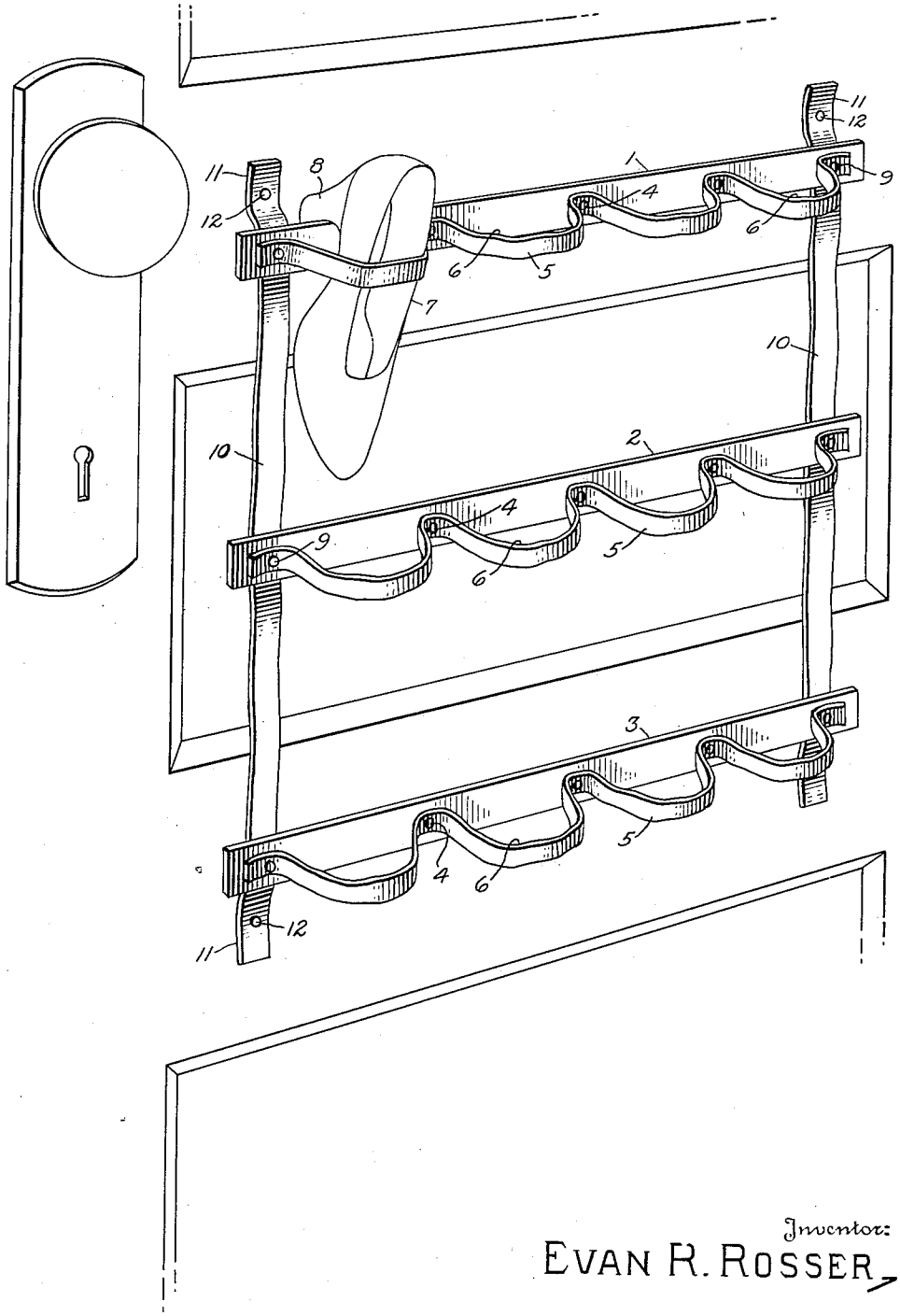
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This invention relates to racks for shoes or like objects and has for its object to provide a device simple in construction and less costly to manufacture than those heretofore proposed.

With these and other objects in view the invention resides in the novel details of construction and combinations of parts as will be disclosed more fully hereinafter and particularly pointed out in the claim.

The attached drawing is illustrative of one application of this device and from which the constructional features thereof will be readily apparent.

The device comprises a plurality of horizontally disposed relatively stiff or rigid bars 1, 2, and 3 each having secured to the outer face thereof, as by rivets 4, a relatively narrow and flexible strip 5 of leather or similar material in such manner as to form loops indicated at 6, each loop adapted to receive and confine therein a shoe as indicated at 7, the heel 8 of the shoe resting upon the upper edge of the rigid bar.

The bars are arranged in vertical alignment, one above the other, as shown, with their ends riveted as at 9 to vertically extending flexible straps 10 of leather or similar material, said straps disposed transversely of the bars, each strap extending beyond the uppermost and lowermost bars as indicated at 11 to provide an end in which is formed a hole for the reception of a tack, nail or other member for securing the entire device to a door, wall, or other substantially vertical supporting surface.

From the foregoing description it will therefore be seen that by this construction there is provided a portable rack for shoes or the like, consisting of a plurality of narrow parallelly spaced rigid bars carried by parallelly spaced flexible straps secured to the opposite ends of the bars, with means in the ends of the straps for securing the device to a vertical wall surface, each bar provided with a narrow strip of flexible material having a length greater than that of the bar and secured to the bar at spaced intervals to provide a plurality of shoe receiving pockets or loops.

A particular feature of this invention is the flexibility thereof, enabling one to make a roll of the entire device for storage in luggage, closets, etc. In other words, when the device is not in use the lowermost bar 3 may be given a rolling movement substantially about its longitudinal axis thereby winding the two straps 10 about said bar, the other bars 2 and 1 being rolled up with the straps in positions closely adjacent and substantially parallel to the bar 3, ultimately providing a roll of small dimension which can be secured with rubber bands or string as desired, the flexible strips such as 5 yielding readily to the rolling operation.

When the device is desired placed in use, it is unrolled and secured to the surface of a door or other structural support, first by driving tacks or nails through the openings in the uppermost ends of the side straps and then driving similar securing nails through the openings in the lowermost ends thereof, each strap preferably not pulled taut, but hung somewhat loosely, as indicated in the drawing, so as to permit the bars to adjustably space themselves from the door surface when shoes are placed in the loops or pockets. This loose hanging will be more essential and more pronounced when ladies' shoes with high heels are to be racked than when the rack is to be used only for men's shoes with low heels. The securing nails need not be driven deeply into the door but only a distance sufficient to support the weight of the device and the shoes held thereon, in which case the heads of the nails may protrude sufficiently to permit a knife blade, key, or other handy article to be placed there beneath to pry the nails loose when the device is desired removed from the door. This is more or less essential in the case of travellers who stay only a short time at a hotel, as contradistinguished to a more or less permanent securement of the device in one's own house.

It is obvious that those skilled in the art may vary the details of construction and arrangements of parts without departing from the spirit of this invention and therefore it is desired not to be limited to the exact foregoing disclosure except as may be demanded by the claim.

What is claimed is:

A rollable shoe rack comprising a pair of laterally spaced vertically disposed flat flexible straps adapted for securement at their ends to a wall surface; a plurality of horizontally extending narrow flat rigid bars secured at their ends to the front sides of said straps, said bars spaced one above another; and a flat flexible strip of material secured to the outer face of each bar at spaced intervals to provide a plurality of shoe confining loops, the ends of each strip secured by the securement between a bar and said straps, the heel of a shoe supportable by the upper edge of a bar.

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