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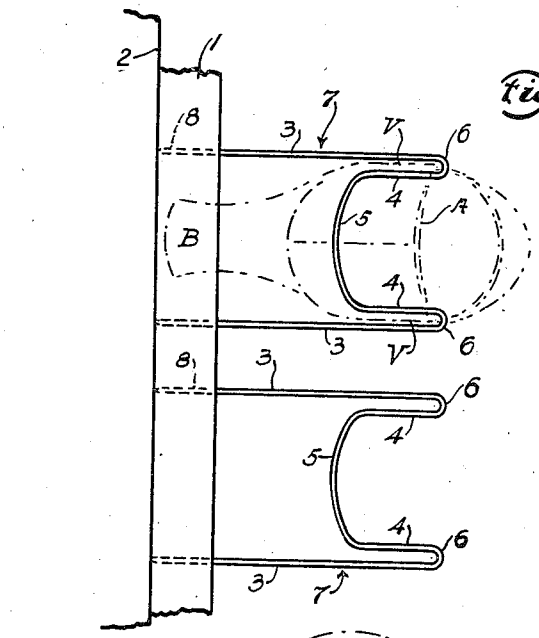


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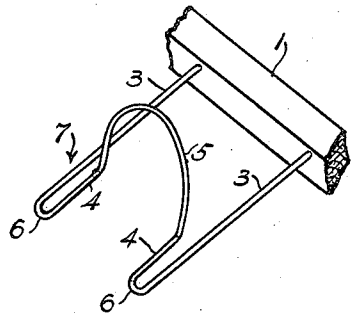


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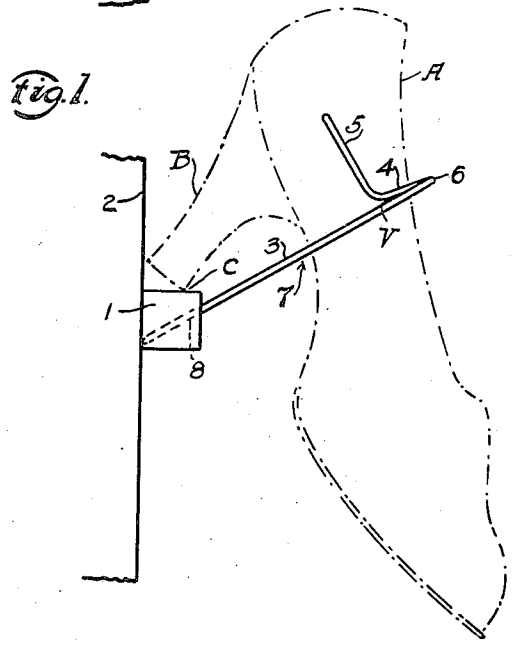


Fig. 1.

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The present invention relates to wall racks for supporting shoes, and is particularly directed to a structure for supporting ladies' opera pumps.

One feature of advantage is in the simplicity of the device. Another feature is in the manner of gripping or holding the pump by the vamp and heel thereof, and, owing to the structure of the wire rack portions thereof, another feature is in the ease of mounting or removing the pump relative to the rack.

In the drawing,

Fig. 1 is a side view of the rack showing a pump in dotted outline, to indicate the position of the pump when suspended upon the rack;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the rack showing two pump supports with a pump dotted in; and

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the rack support as viewed from the front thereof.

In Fig. 1 the rack is shown as comprising a rack supporting cross bar 1, preferably of wood, and as in Fig. 2 the bar has attached thereto and firmly supports any desired number of convoluted wire racks generally denoted by 7, at a slightly upwardly inclined angle.

The racks are each made of a single piece of stiff wire, the ends 8 of which, shown dotted in Figs. 1 and 2, are embedded in the cross or support bar 1.

The racks 7 are formed in substantially U-shaped formation, as viewed from the top and comprise two parallel, spaced legs 3—3 of which the embedded ends 8 are a continuation, the outer portions of the legs 3—3 being inwardly turned on short radii, to form outer bends 6—6 and forming short inwardly directed arms 4—4, which are narrowly spaced from arms 3—3 and are substantially parallel thereto. The inner portions of the arms 4—4 are joined to an integral, upstanding shoe entering loop 5, as fully shown in Fig. 3. The loop 5 is formed at substantially a right angle to the legs 3—3 and 4—4.

Thus, the arms 3—3 and legs 4—4 are in substantial parallelism, the legs 3—3 being widely spaced from one another to permit of the entry of a pump between them, while the legs 4—4 are narrowly spaced from the legs 3—3, and widely spaced away from one another. The narrow spaces V—V formed by the legs 3—4, as in Figs. 1 and 2, permit the entry therein of the oppositely located sides of the vamp of the pump, generally denoted by A, and as illustrated by the dotted pump structures of Figs. 1 and 2. When the pump is entered downwardly, from above and between the legs 3—3, toe down and vamp out, the lower end of the heel B of the pump A engages with and rests upon the upper face C of the cross bar 1, with the cross bar 1 being suitably affixed to a wall or door surface, generally denoted by 2, and the two sides of the vamp enter the narrow openings V—V, until the outer edges thereof rest upon the inner faces of bends 6—6, with a portion of the arm 4—4 and the integral arcuate loop 5 being entirely within the pump, as in Fig. 1 or 2. As thus mounted, the pump has a three point suspension, one point at C, on bar 2, and two spaced points, beyond the point C, at 6—6.

The shoe is easily removed from the rack by a simple upward motion, and its replacement upon the rack is similarly simple, and when so positioned is positively and firmly held against displacement therefrom.

While the description and claims herein specifically disclose high heel opera pumps, it is to be understood that the type of shoe shown, described and claimed can be any type of ladies' or misses' shoes having Cuban or higher heels.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed is:

1. An opera pump holding means comprising a supporting cross bar, a pump supporting rack affixed to said cross bar and extending outwardly and at a slight upward angle therefrom, said rack comprising a substantially U-shaped member formed of wire and having two widely spaced pump vamp engaging means thereon and a loop connecting said vamp engaging means.

2. An opera pump holding means comprising a supporting cross bar, a pump supporting rack affixed to said cross bar and extending outwardly and at a slight upward angle therefrom, said rack comprising a substantially U-shaped member formed of wire and having two widely spaced pump vamp engaging means on the outer end thereof and an upwardly disposed loop connecting said vamp engaging means.

3. An opera pump holding means comprising a supporting cross bar, a wire, pump supporting rack mounted on said cross bar and extending therefrom, said rack comprising a pair of spaced legs to permit the entry of a pump therebetween, short legs inbent from said first legs and substantially parallel thereto forming a vamp receiving space therebetween and a loop joining said short legs.

4. An opera pump holding means comprising a supporting cross bar, a wire, pump supporting rack mounted on said cross bar and extending therefrom, said rack comprising a pair of widely

spaced legs to permit the entry of a pump therebetween, short legs inbent from said first legs and substantially parallel thereto forming a narrow vamp receiving space therebetween and a loop joining said short legs.

5. An opera pump holding means comprising a supporting cross bar, a wire, pump supporting rack mounted on said cross bar and extending outwardly therefrom, said rack comprising a pair of widely spaced legs to permit the entry of a pump therebetween, short legs inbent from said first legs and substantially parallel thereto forming narrow vamp receiving spaces therebetween and an upwardly bent loop joining said short legs.

6. A holding means for opera pumps comprising a heel supporting bar, and a separate wire for each pump, each of said wires having front portions engageable with the outer faces of the opposite sides of a pump vamp, portions inbent from the first portions and engageable with the inner faces of said sides, and legs extending downwardly and rearwardly from the first portions, said legs having their rear ends affixed to said bar.

7. A shoe holder comprising a cross bar having a top for engaging the heel of a shoe in supporting relation, and a single wire carried by said bar, said wire including spaced ends which are rigid with said bar, legs extending upwardly and forwardly from said ends, said legs having their front portion engageable with the outer faces of the opposite sides of the vamp of the shoe, and a loop inbent from said portions and having parts thereof engageable with the inner faces of said sides.

8. A shoe holder comprising a cross bar having a top for supporting thereon the front base edge of the heel of a shoe, the latter being in inclined position, and means fixedly carried by said bar and having portions for embracing opposite sides of the front part of the vamp of the shoe, whereby to dispose the sole or tread surface of the shoe substantially rearwardly, said means consisting of a single piece of wire.

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