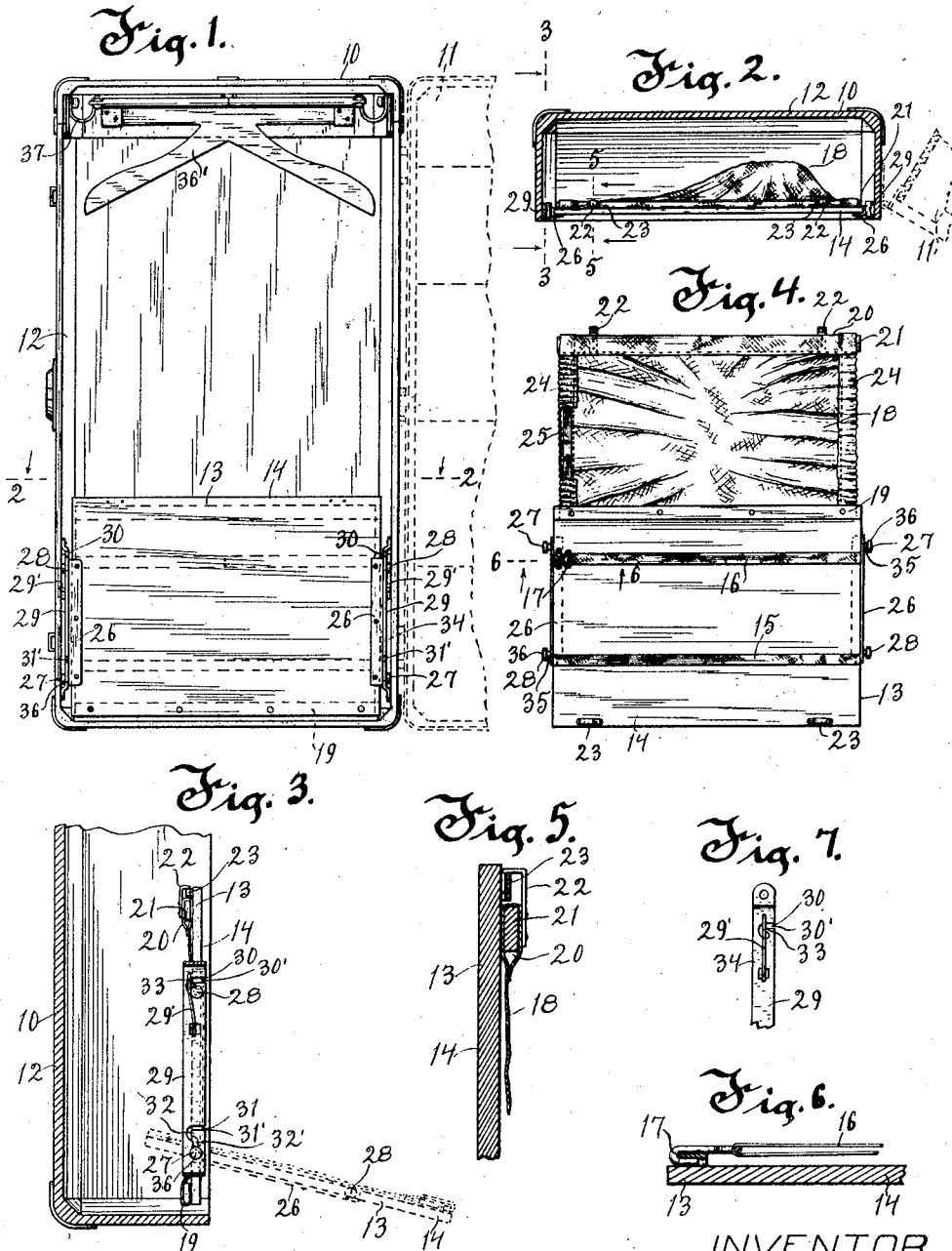


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE HENRY WHEARY, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Racine, in the county of Racine and State of Wisconsin, have invented new and useful Improvements in Trunk Shoe-Holders, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which are a part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in trunk shoe holders more particularly adapted for use in connection with wardrobe trunks.

In wardrobe and other like trunks, shoe boxes are usually provided for containing shoes and the like, and are generally positioned within the lower portion of the wardrobe section of the trunk. These boxes occupy comparatively considerable space and when the box is not filled the space therein is not utilized to the best advantage, and the lost space, were it not for the box formation, might have been utilized in the wardrobe section.

In some trunks now on the market shoe holders are provided in the form of fabric pockets permanently attached to the bottom and back portion of the wardrobe section of the trunk, and the entrance openings to these pockets are formed by gathering the edge portions of the fabric and extending an elastic therethrough. This form of holder is not very desirable from a sanitary point of view as no provision is made for cleaning the pockets or removing the dirt accumulating therein.

It is one of the objects of the present invention to overcome the before mentioned and other objectionable features and provide a trunk shoe holder which may be expanded or contracted to hold a greater or less number of shoes and which when not in use will occupy a minimum amount of space.

A further object of the invention is to provide a trunk shoe holder which is detachably mounted within a trunk and which may be easily, partly detached and swung out of the trunk to a position of convenient accessibility.

A further object of the invention is to provide a trunk shoe holder which is also adapted to reinforce the portion of the trunk engaged against inward and outward strains.

A further object of the invention is to provide a trunk shoe holder which may be easily removed and cleaned in a sanitary manner.

A further object of the invention is to provide a trunk shoe holder which is simple in construction, is inexpensive to manufacture and is strong and durable and is well adapted for the purpose described.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists of the improved trunk shoe box and its parts and combinations as set forth in the claims, and all equivalents thereof.

In the accompanying drawing in which the same reference characters indicate the same parts in all of the views:

Figure 1 is a front view of the wardrobe trunk section provided with the improved shoe holder;

Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view there- of taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the lower portion of the trunk taken on a line 3—3 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a top view of the shoe holder with the cover shown in open position;

Fig. 5 is a sectional detail view of the holder taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 6 is a sectional detail view taken on line 6—6 of Fig. 4; and

Fig. 7 is a fragmentary detail view of the holder supporting bracket.

Referring to the drawing the numeral 10 indicates a wardrobe trunk, 11 the drawer section and 12 the wardrobe section which is adapted to contain the improved shoe holder 13. The shoe holder 13 is in the form of a board, 14 of rectangular form which is provided with transversely extending elastic bands 15 and 16 adapted to yieldingly hold shoes placed between said bands and the board. The band 15 is fixedly connected at both ends and medially to the board 14 while the band 16 is fixedly connected at one end to the board and has a hook and loop engagement 17 at its opposite end to said board so that the thicker portions of the shoes may be easily secured beneath the band.

In order to protect and to prevent the shoes mounted on the board from coming into contact with garments suspended within the wardrobe section a cover 18 is provided which is adapted to be drawn over the inner face of the board and the shoes mounted

thereon. This cover is formed of a fabric, which may be of waterproof material if desired, and has its lower edge portion connected to the lower edge portion of the board by a bar 19 between which and the board the fabric is interposed. The upper edge portion of the fabric is folded over to form a pocket 20 to receive a reinforcing bar 21 inserted therein and this bar is provided with hook members 22 which engage loops 23 projecting laterally from the upper edge portion of the board 14.

The side edge portions of the cover are folded over and stitched to form side pockets 24 into which elastic bands 25 are inserted. These bands at their opposite ends are connected respectively to the bars 19 and 21 and serve to yieldingly hold the side edge portions of the cover closely to the board. The fabric forming the cover is of greater length than the distance between the upper and lower edges of the board and is shirred on the bands to provide a medial fullness of the cover to accommodate shoes carried by the board.

Angular edge plates 26 mounted on the opposite side edge portions of the board have outwardly extending headed trunnions 27 and 28 which engage locking plates 29 mounted within and on opposite side walls of the wardrobe section of the trunk.

The locking plates are provided with upper and lower elongated slots 30 and 31 adapted to receive the headed projections 27 and 28 of the shoe holder. The lower slots 31 have entrance portions 31' which extend rearwardly a short distance and the slots are then curved downwardly and forwardly a short distance as indicated by 32 to permit vertical play of the lower trunnions 27 which are pivotally and removably inserted therein so that the shoe holder may be swung out of the wardrobe section to a position of convenient accessibility and as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 3.

The entrance portions 30' of the upper slots 30 also extend rearwardly a short distance and the slots are then curved downwardly and forwardly to form the locking shoulders 33. The slots 30 and 31 are so spaced with reference to the distance apart of the trunnions 27 and 28 that when the trunnions 27 are pulled upwardly in the vertical portions 32' of the slots 31, the upper trunnions 27 may be swung into the entrance openings of the slots 30, and the board is then pushed downwardly to locked position, where the springs 29', mounted on said plates, yieldingly hold the trunnions in locked position. These plate slots are somewhat like bayonet slots in forming a connection between the parts. When in locked position if it is desired to swing the holder out of the trunk section it is only necessary

to pull upwardly and rearwardly and then forwardly on the upper end of the holder to unlock said upper end and the holder may then be swung out of the said section. If it is now desired to detach the holder from the trunk section the lower end of the holder is raised and then moved upwardly, rearwardly, and then forwardly to pass over the locking shoulders of the lower slots and to disengage the locking plates.

Medial portions 34 of the locking plates are offset from the side walls of the trunk section to provide space therebetween to accommodate the heads of the trunnions. As the stem portions 35 of the trunnions enter the slots of the locking plates the trunnion heads 36 serve to reinforce the side walls of the wardrobe section against bulging outwardly and the board of the holder reinforces the said walls against outer strains.

The numeral 36' indicates one of the garment hangers which is slidably mounted on tracks 37 and is adapted to have garments suspended therefrom. The longer garments suspended from the hanger hang between the shoe holder and the rear portion of the trunk section.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that the shoe holder is adapted to accommodate a varying number of pairs of shoes or other footwear and that the holder will adapt itself to the different number of pairs.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A trunk shoe holder, comprising a member having yielding band means on its inner face for connecting foot-wear thereto, means pivotally connecting said member to a portion of a trunk to permit said member to be swung outwardly at an angle therefrom, and means for holding the member in a fixed position within the trunk.

2. A trunk shoe holder, comprising a member having means on its inner face for connecting foot-wear thereto, means for removably and pivotally connecting the lower end portion of said member to a portion of a trunk to permit said member to be swung outwardly, and means for locking the upper end portion of said member in upright position.

3. A trunk shoe holder, comprising a board-like member, shoe holding means connected to said member, means for pivotally connecting the lower side edge portion of said member to the side walls of a trunk section, and means for releasably locking the upper side edge portions of the member to the said trunk's walls.

4. A trunk shoe holder, comprising a board-like member, shoe holding means connected to said member, trunnions projecting from the upper side portions of said member, and plates adapted to be connected to

the opposite side walls of a trunk section, some of the said trunnions having a pivotal connection with the plates and the other trunnions having a locking engagement therewith.

5 A trunk shoe holder, comprising a board-like member, shoe holding means connected to said member, upper and lower headed trunnions projecting from the opposite side edge portions of said member, and slotted plates adapted to be connected to the opposite side walls of a trunk section, the lower trunnions adapted to enter some of the slots to form a pivotal connection with the plates and the upper trunnions to enter the other slots to lock the board-like member to the said plates.

6 A trunk shoe holder, comprising a board-like member, shoe holding means connected to said member, upper and lower headed trunnions projecting in pairs from the opposite side edge portions of said member, and plates adapted to be connected to the opposite side walls of a trunk section, said plates having upper and lower bayonet-like slots, the lower trunnions entering the lower slots and forming a pivotal and removable connection between the board-like member and the plates, and the upper trunnions entering the upper slots to form a locking engagement between the said board and the plates.

7 A trunk shoe holder, comprising a member having means on its inner face for connecting foot wear thereto, a flexible cover carried by the member, means pivotally connecting end portions of said member to a portion of a trunk to permit said member to be swung outwardly at an angle therefrom, and means connecting other end portions for holding the member in a fixed position within the trunk.

8 A trunk shoe holder, comprising a member having means on its inner face for connecting foot-wear thereto, a cover carried by the member, means for removably and pivotally connecting the lower end portion of said member to a portion of a trunk to permit said member to be swung outwardly, and means for locking the upper end portion of said member in upright position.

9 A trunk shoe holder, comprising a board-like member, shoe holding means connected to said member, a cover connected at one edge portion to one edge portion of the member and having a detachable connection at its other edge portion with the other edge portion of the said member, means for pivotally connecting the lower side edge portion of said member to the side walls of a trunk section, and means for releasably locking the upper side edge portions of the member to the said trunk walls.

10 A trunk shoe holder, comprising a board-like member, shoe holding means con-

nected to said member, a cover connected at one edge portion to one edge portion of the member and having a detachable connection at its other edge portion with the other edge portion of the said member, trunnions projecting from the opposite side edge portions of said member, and plates adapted to be connected to the opposite side walls of a trunk section, some of said trunnions having a pivotal connection with the plates and the other trunnions having a locking engagement therewith.

11 A trunk shoe holder, comprising a board-like member, shoe holding means connected to said member, a cover connected at one edge portion to one edge portion of the member and having a detachable connection at its other edge portion with the other edge portion of the said member, upper and lower headed trunnions projecting from the opposite side edge portions of said member, and slotted plates adapted to be connected to the opposite side walls of a trunk section, the lower trunnions adapted to enter some of the slots to form a pivotal connection with the plates and upper trunnions to enter the other slots to lock the board like member to the said plates.

12 A trunk shoe holder, comprising a board-like member, shoe holding means connected to said member, upper and lower headed trunnions projecting in pairs from the opposite side edge portions of said member, a cover connected at one edge portion to one edge portion of the member and having a detachable connection at its other edge portion with the other edge portion of the said member, and plates adapted to be connected to the opposite side walls of a trunk section, said plates having upper and lower bayonet-like slots, the lower trunnions entering the lower slots and forming a pivotal and removable connection between the board like member and the plates, and the upper trunnions entering the upper slots to form a locking engagement between the said board and the said plates.

13 A trunk shoe holder, comprising a member having means for connecting foot-wear thereto, a flexible cover connected at one of its edge portions to one of the edge portions of the member and having a detachable connection at another edge with another portion of the said member, said cover having a medial fullness and yielding edge portions, and means for connecting said member to a trunk section.

14 A trunk shoe holder, comprising a board-like member, means for connecting foot-wear to one face thereof, a flexible cover connected at one of its edge portions to one of the edge portions of the member and having a detachable hook and loop connection at another edge portion with another portion of said member, said cover having yielding

shirred edge portions and a medial fullness, and means for connecting said member to a trunk section.

15. A trunk shoe holder, comprising a member having means for connecting foot-wear thereto, and a flexible cover connected at one of its edge portions to one of the edge portions of the member and having a detachable connection at another edge with another portion of the said member, said cover having a medial fullness and yielding edge portions.

16. A trunk shoe holder, comprising a board-like member, means for connecting foot-wear to one face thereof, and a flexible cover connected at one of its edge portions to one of the edge portions of the member and having a detachable hook and loop connection at another edge portion with another portion of said member, said cover having yielding shirred edge portions and a medial fullness.

17. A trunk shoe holder, comprising a rectangular board having means for connecting foot-wear thereto, upper and lower

headed trunnions projecting from the opposite side edge portions of said board, locking plates having upper and lower bayonet slots into which the headed trunnions enter, the lower trunnions being detachably and pivotally connected to the lower slotted portions of the plates and the upper trunnions having a locking engagement with the upper slotted portions of said plates, springs yieldingly holding the upper trunnions in locked position in the upper plate slots, and a flexible cover having one of its edge portions connected to one of the edge portions of the board and having another of its edge portions detachably connected to another edge portion of the board, said cover having yielding shirred edge portions and a medial fullness.

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

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