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[54] **BOOT HANGING DEVICE**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A block type member is affixed to a boot in the arch area thereof between the sole and the heel. The member abuts the planar front surface of the heel and has a slot formed therein opening from a surface thereof affixed to the boot in a manner whereby the slot releasably accommodates an external hook therein for hanging the boot from an external projection.

3 Claims, 4 Drawing Figures

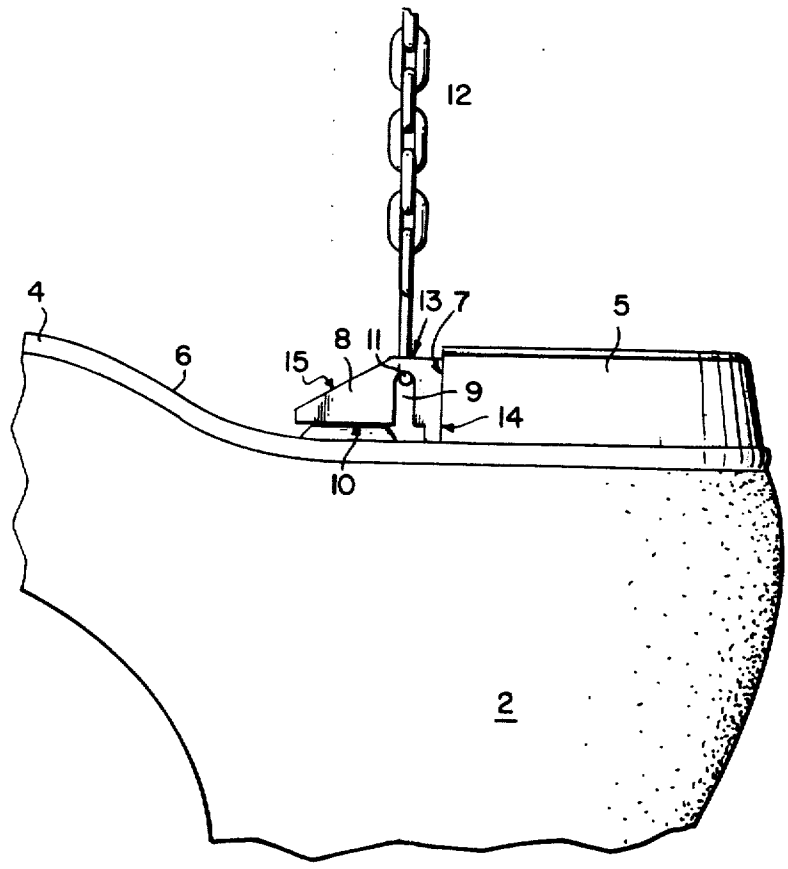


FIG. 1

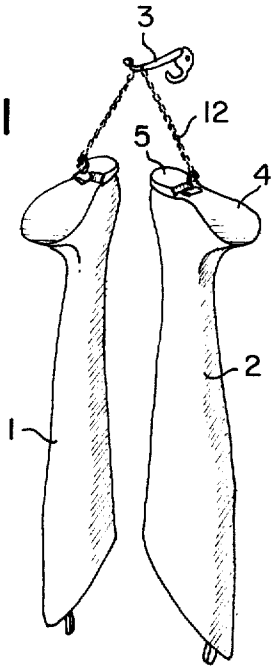
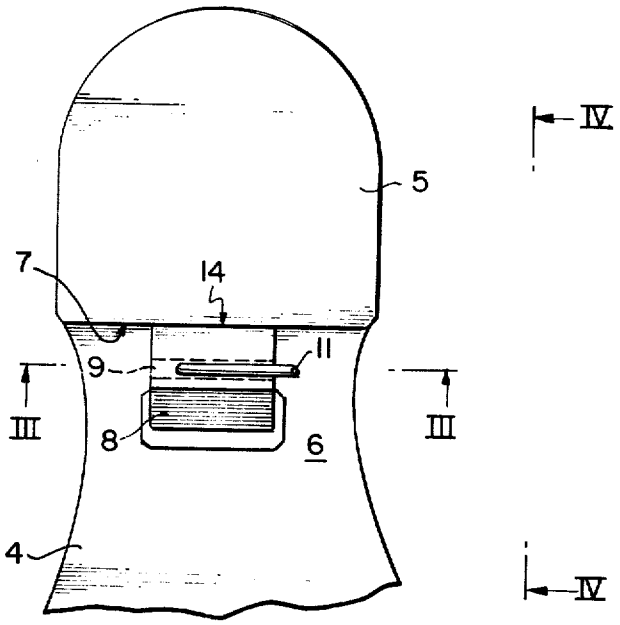


FIG. 2



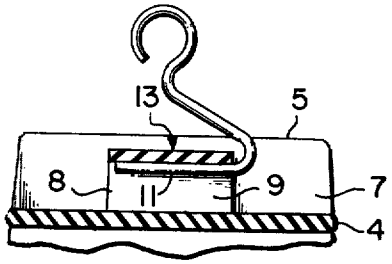


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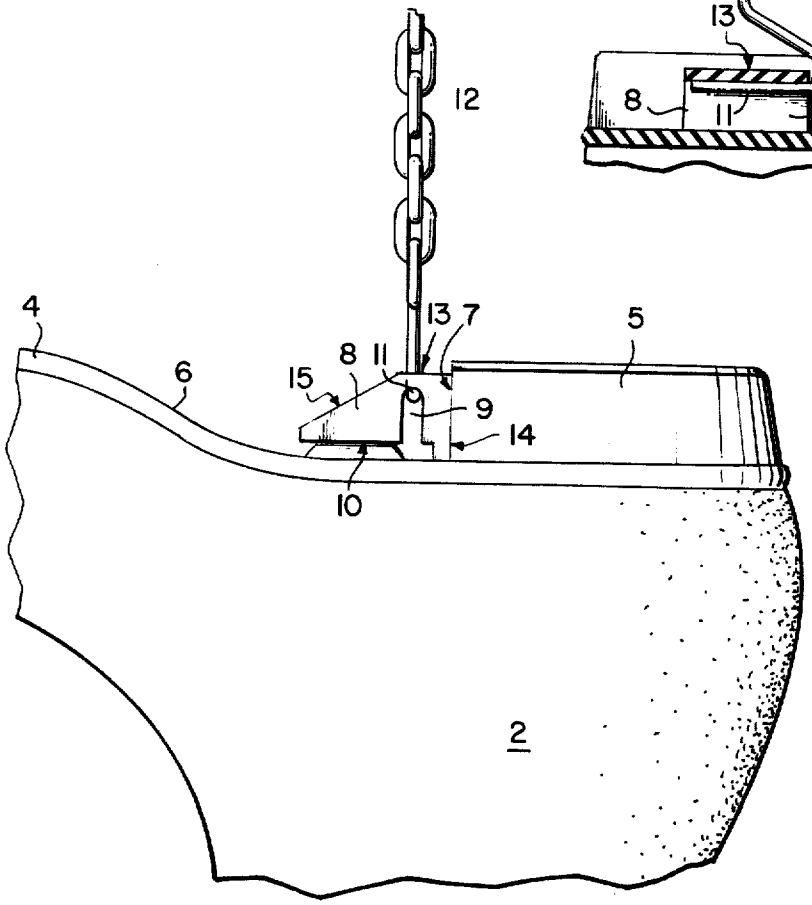


FIG. 4

BOOT HANGING DEVICE

DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a boot hanging device. More particularly, the invention relates to a boot hanging device for hanging a boot upside down from a projection to air out and dry.

Objects of the invention are to provide a boot hanging device of simple structure, which is inexpensive in manufacture, is installed on new and used boots with facility and convenience, used with facility, rapidity, convenience and confort, and functions efficiently, effectively and reliably to permit the hanging of a boot upside down from an external projection to enable the boot to air out and dry.

In order that the invention may be readily carried into effect, it will now be described with reference to the accompanying drawing, wherein:

FIG. 1 is schematic diagram of a pair of boot hanging devices of the invention in use;

FIG. 2 is a bottom view, on an enlarged scale, of the arch area of a boot;

FIG. 3 is a view, partly in section, taken along the lines III—III, of FIG. 2; and

FIG. 4 is a view, on an enlarged scale, taken along the lines IV—IV, of FIG. 2.

In the FIGS., the same components are identified by the same reference numerals.

The boot hanging device of the invention is for hanging a boot **1**, **2**, or the like (FIG. 1), upside down form an external projection **3** to air out and dry. The boot **2**, for example, has a sole **4**, heel **5** and an arch area **6** between the sole and the heel. The heel **5** has a substantially planar front surface **7** at substantially right angles with the sole **4** and defining the arch area **6** with the sole (FIGS. **2**, **3** and **4**).

The boot hanging device of the invention comprises a block type member **8** affixed to the boot in the arch area **6** thereof and abutting the front surface **7** of the heel **5**. The block type member **8** has a slot **9** formed therein opening from a surface **10** thereof (FIG. **4**) affixed to the boot. The slot **9** releasably accommodates an external hook **11** therein for hanging the boot from an external projection **3**, as shown in FIG. **1**. This is accomplished, for example, by a chain **12** (FIGS. 1 and **4**) affixed to the hook **11**.

The block type member **8** preferably comprises rubber and has an inner surface **10** substantially abutting the sole **4** of the boot (FIG. **4**), an outer surface **13** (FIGSs. **3** and **4**) parallel to the inner surface **10**, a heel surface **14** (FIGS. **2** and **4**) between the inner and outer

surfaces substantially abutting the front surface **7** of the heel **5**, and a front surface **15** (FIG. **4**) between the inner and outer surfaces **10** and **13**. The front surface **15** is angularly inclined from the outer surface **13** to the inner surface **10**. The slot **9** extends into the block type member **8** from the inner surface **10**.

The dimension of the front surface **7** of the heel **5** from the sole **4** and perpendicularly to the sole is greater than the dimension of the heel surface **14** of the block type member **8** corresponding thereto. The outer surface **13** of the block type member **8** is thus spaced from the ground when the boot is worn.

While the invention has been described by means of a specific example and in a specific embodiment, I do not wish to be limited thereto, for obvious modifications will occur to those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

I claim:

1. A boot hanging device for hanging a boot upside down from an external projection to air out and dry, the boot having a sole, a heel and an arch area therebetween with the heel having a substantially planar front surface at substantially right angles with the sole and defining the arch area with the sole, said boot hanging device comprising

a block type member affixed to the boot in the arch area thereof and abutting the front surface of the heel, the block type member having a slot formed therein opening from a surface thereof affixed to the boot in a manner whereby the slot releasably accommodates an external hook therein for hanging the boot from an external projection.

2. A boot hanging device as claimed in claim **1**, wherein the block type member comprises a rubber and has an inner surface substantially abutting the sole of the boot, an outer surface parallel to the inner surface, a heel surface between the inner and outer surfaces substantially abutting the front surface of the heel and a front surface between the inner and outer surfaces, angularly inclined from the outer surface to the inner surface, and wherein the slot extends into the block type member from the inner surface.

3. A boot hanging device as claimed in claim **2**, wherein the dimension of the front surface of the heel from the sole and perpendicularly to the sole is greater than the dimension of the heel surface of the block type member corresponding thereto whereby the outer surface of the block type member is spaced from the ground when the boot is worn.

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