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SHOE HANGER

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Fig. 1.

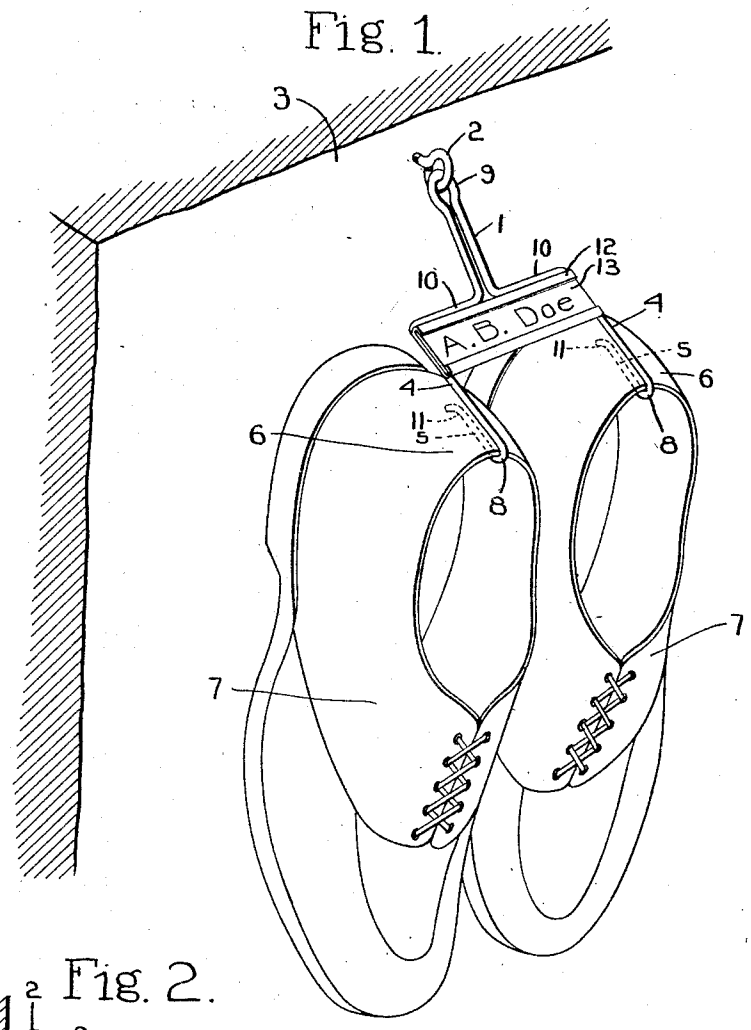
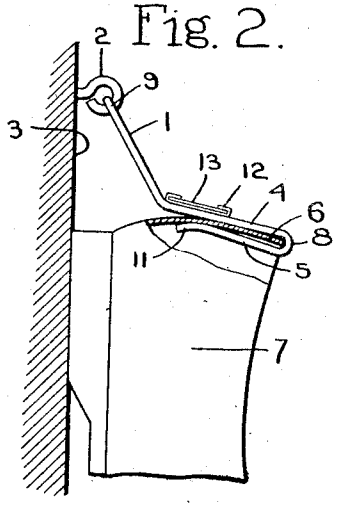


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JESSE S. HARDING, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Stoughton, county of Norfolk, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Shoe Hangers, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawing, is a specification, like characters on the drawing representing like parts.

This invention relates to a shoe hanger by which pairs of shoes, rubbers, etc. may be hung up against a wall.

My improved shoe hanger is useful not only in houses for hanging up the shoes or rubbers of the members of the family but also in schools or other institutions where a considerable number of children are gathered together and where it is desirable to keep the rubbers, overshoes and other footwear of the individual children separate.

The features wherein my invention resides will be apparent from the following description of a selected embodiment of my invention.

In the drawings, Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing my improved shoe hanger in use for supporting a pair of shoes;

Fig. 2 is a side elevation with a portion of the shoe broken out to better show the construction.

My improved shoe hanger is so constructed that it will support the shoes from the counters and in such a way that the soles of the shoes will lie flat against the wall.

The complete hanger comprises a shank portion 1 which is pivotally connected to the wall, preferably through a screw eye 2 that is screwed into the wall 3, and two arms 4 spaced from each other and each having its end bent backwardly as shown at 5 to form a hook-shaped end with the hook directed downwardly. The bent back portion 5 is of considerably less length than the height of the counter portion 6 of the shoe 7 which is to be supported on the hanger. The shank 1 stands at an angle to the plane of the arms 4 as best seen in Fig. 2.

In using the device the counter portions 6 of the shoes of the pair are slipped into the hooked ends of the arms 4, the body of each arm 4 lying on the outside of the shoe and the bent back portion 5 extending into the shoe. The hooks are inserted into the shoe until the loop or bight 8 of the hook engages the upper edge member as shown in the drawings. When the shoes are thus supported the heels and soles of the shoes will lie flat against the wall 3 and the shoes will thus be in a vertical position. The shoes are retained in this position by the co-operation of the hanger and wall 3, the wall retaining the shoes in their vertical position and the hanger supporting the shoes at the proper elevation.

My improved hanger is so constructed that it engages the shoes at the upper part of the counter portion only.

The device can conveniently be made of a single piece of wire which is bent into the desired shape. In thus forming the device from wire a piece of wire of suitable length will be bent centrally back on itself to form the shank 1, the bend being made so as to form a loop 9 to receive the eye of the screw eye 2. Each end of the wire is then bent laterally as shown at 10 and then is bent forwardly to form the arm 4, the ends of the wires being bent back again as shown at 5 to form the hooks. The terminus of each hook is preferably flared outwardly slightly as shown at 11 to facilitate the entrance of the counter of the shoe into the hook.

The lateral portions 10 are of the proper length so as to give the correct spacing to the arms 4. These arms will be preferably spaced so that when the pair of shoes is supported by the hanger the shoes will lie close together and hang in a vertical position.

If desired I may apply a clip or holder 12 to the arms 4 into which a slip 13 may be inserted bearing an identifying name. This will be found extremely useful in schools and similar institutions where there are a large number of children, each one having his or her own shoe hanger. In this case the placing of the name labels on the different hangers will assist each child in identifying the proper place to hang his or her shoes or rubbers.

The operation of hanging the shoes on the hanger is very simple and easily performed. All that is necessary is to swing the hanger upwardly slightly and slip the counters of the shoes into the hooks at the ends of the arms 4 after which the shoes may be dropped against the wall.

As stated above the shoes are supported partly by the wall 3 and partly by the hanger, both of which perform their function in retaining the shoes in the position shown.

While I have illustrated a selected embodiment of my invention I do not wish to be limited to the constructional features shown.

I claim:

1. A shoe hanger having a shank portion, means for pivotally connecting said shank portion to a wall, and two arms spaced from each other and each having at its end a hook portion adapted to hook over the counter of a shoe, said arms having an angular relation to the shank and the hooks being of less length than the height of the shoe counter, whereby when the two hooks are hooked over the counters of the shoes of a pair said shoes will be hung toes downward with the heel and soles resting against the wall and will be supported partly by the wall and partly by the hanger.

2. A shoe hanger having a shank portion, means for pivotally connecting said shank portion to a wall, and two arms spaced from each other and each having at its end a hook portion adapted to hook over the counter of a shoe, said arms having an angular relation to the shank and the hooks being of less length than the height of the shoe counter, whereby when the two hooks are hooked over the counters of the shoes of a pair said shoes will be hung toes downward with the heel and soles resting against the wall and will be supported partly by the wall and partly by the hanger, and a holder secured to the arms and adapted to hold a name label.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification.

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