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SHOE-SHINING BRACKET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN C. WALSH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Shining Brackets; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to shoe-shining brackets, and the object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which may be used in connection with the ordinary shoe-tree in commercial use, and which may be cheaply manufactured and sold. Heretofore these devices have been constructed with attached lasts, or with a plurality of separate toe pieces adapted for different sized shoes. This ran the cost of such devices up to a point where it was prohibitive to a certain class of people, and was also cumbersome and frequently in the way.

It is the object of my invention to avoid these difficulties, and broadly speaking consists in forming a bracket which is supported upon a wall or other suitable vertical support and constructed so as to receive the ordinary shoe-tree.

The device may be folded out of the way when not in use and readily put in operative position.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as will be more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation with a tree attached thereto, Fig. 2 is a vertical section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the bracket removed, and Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of the bracket supporting plate.

Referring more especially to the drawings, 1 represents a wall or other suitable support to which the bracket supporting plate 2, is attached by means of a pair of screws 3, located at the top adjacent its side edges, and a single screw 4 centrally located at the bottom of the plate. The central portion of the plate is provided with a raised ridge or rib 5, which forms a channel 6, for the reception of the depending arm 7, of the bracket. The lower part of the rib 5 is aper-

tured at 8, and below the aperture upon the rib is formed a shelf or guiding rib 9, to be hereinafter described.

The bracket member is composed of the depending bracket engaging arm 7, the horizontal arm 10, and a depending foot 11, which is off-set laterally, as shown in Fig. 2 and provided with a horizontal end portion 12, adapted to pass through the aperture 13 formed in the last or tree 14. In order to properly brace the bracket I provide a truss rod 15, which is looped around the arm 10 at the junction point with its foot 11, as at 16, and is then passed downwardly in a lateral direction to form the foot piece 17, which is provided with an inward extension 18, to engage an aperture 19, formed in the last or tree 14. This foot 17 is similar to the foot 11, but the inwardly projecting member 18 thereof is considerably shorter than the inwardly projecting part 12 of the foot 11, whereby it will not interfere with the heel pivoting member of the tree.

The inner end of the truss rod 15 is bifurcated as at 20, so as to enter the aperture 8 of the rod 5 and straddle the depending arm 7 of the bracket.

Under commercial conditions the bracket is sold to the party without the tree or trees and the directions which are carried with each article instruct the purchaser how to form the apertures for the reception of the ends 12 and 18. It is, however, believed that when the bracket becomes better known tree manufacturers will form the holes in the toe part of the tree so as to permit the use of this type of bracket. The holes would not in any way weaken or disfigure the tree and they could be used with or without the bracket.

While I have shown a right foot last or tree it will be clearly understood that both trees may be provided with the apertures and equally adapted to the foot pieces. In dispensing with the use of the bracket the rod 15 may be removed from the sockets or apertures 8 and the whole bracket thrown around against the wall so that it may be out of the way.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the prin-

... ciple or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

- 1. In a device of the class described, the combination with a supporting plate, of a bracket mounted thereon, a shoe tree, and means carried by the bracket for engaging apertures in the side of said shoe tree.
- 2. In a device of the class described, the combination with a supporting plate, of a bracket pivotally secured thereto and having depending legs, and means carried by the legs for engaging apertures in, and supporting a shoe tree laterally off-set with relation to the legs.
- 3. In a device of the class described, the combination with an apertured supporting plate, of a bracket removably and pivotally carried by the supporting plate, a depending tree supporting end upon the bracket, a truss rod looped around the bracket so as to be removable therefrom and having a part in engagement with the aperture of the supporting plate, and a depending tree supporting foot, the supporting feet of the bracket

and the truss member being adapted to enter apertures formed in the tree and being vertically off-set with relation to the truss rod and the bracket. 30

4. In a device of the class described, the combination of a shoe tree, of a supporting plate, a bracket mounted on the supporting plate, depending legs on the bracket, and feet upon the legs adapted to enter apertures in the shoe tree to support it laterally offset with relation to the bracket. 35

5. In a device of the class described, the combination with an apertured supporting plate, a recess formed in said plate, a shoulder below said recess, a bracket arm extending through the aperture in said plate and exposed at said recess, and a truss-rod carried by the bracket and adapted to seat against the exposed portion thereof with its end resting upon the shoulder. 40 45

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses. 50

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