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Fig. 1.

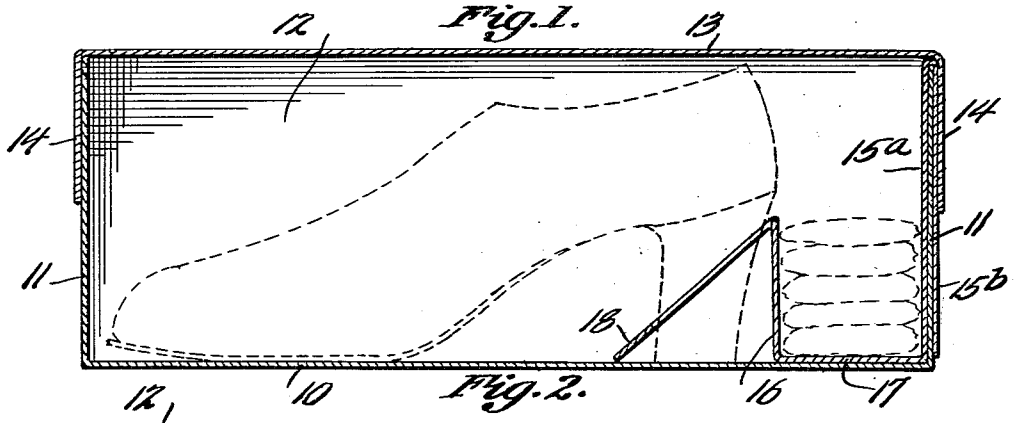


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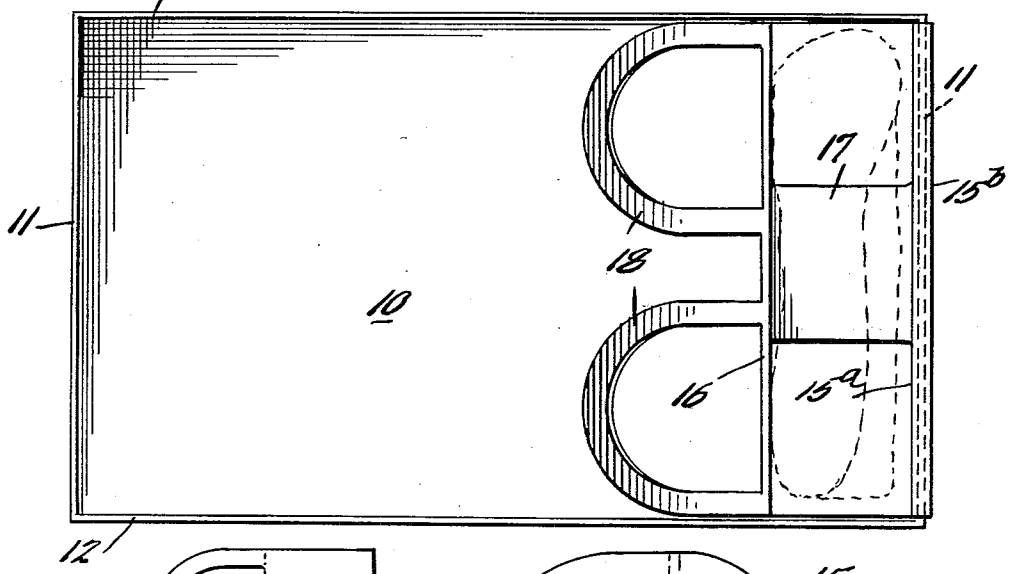
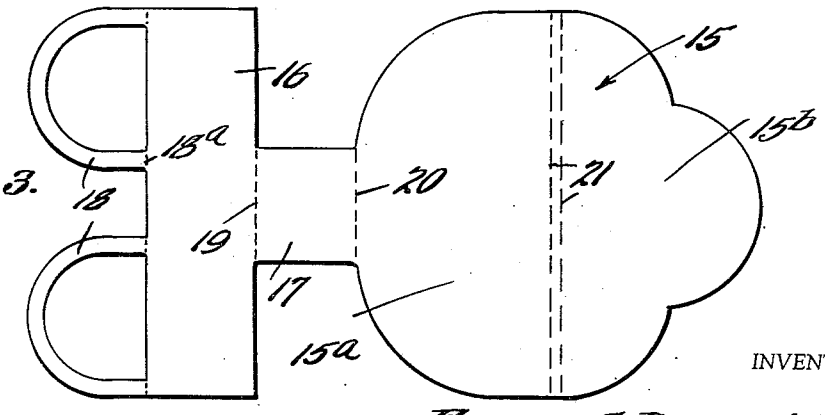


Fig. 3.



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My invention relates to improvements in receptacles or boxes, and more particularly to shoe boxes which, while adaptable for use in either stores or homes, and to hold shoes of either men or women, are particularly designed for use in the home for women's shoes.

It is well known that many women today have shoes of various colors or shades, made of either leather or fabric, and use proper accessories, such as matching hose and gloves to wear with them. When shoes of suede leather, or fabric, lie on their side, as is usual with the ordinary shoe box, they tend to scuff and become worn.

It is an object of my invention to provide a shoe box which will hold the shoes in an upright position in the box so the uppers will not become scuffed.

It is a further object to provide a shoe box attachment which will provide a compartment at one end of the box for accessories, but keep them out of contact with the shoes.

A further object is to provide a flap on the outside of a shoe box which will correspond to the color of the shoes in the box so a person can tell at a glance the shade of shoes in the box without removing the lid.

A still further object is to provide an attachment which can quickly and easily be secured to a shoe box without any attaching means, and which can be removed and placed on another box at any time.

With these and other objects in view the invention comprises certain novel features and arrangements of parts as will be more fully described and pointed out in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawings,

Fig. 1 is a vertical sectional view through a shoe box, a shoe and accessories being indicated in dotted line.

Fig. 2 is a plan view with the lid removed, and

Fig. 3 is a view of the blank forming the attachment.

The box shown in the drawing is an ordinary shoe box except that it is of somewhat greater height, and comprises a bottom **10**, end walls **11** and side walls **12**. The usual lid is provided which includes the top **13** having a depending flange **14** which fits over the walls of the box in the usual manner, to enclose the contents.

My improved attachment, or insert, is formed from a blank of heavy paper, plastic or a light sheet metal, and comprises preferably, two panels **15** and **16** connected by a neck or bridge **17**, the panel **16** having two loops **18** secured to its edge removed from the neck **17**.

The loops **18** are bent along the line **18***a* so as to be at an angle to panel **16**. The panel **16** may be folded with relation to the neck **17** along the line **19**, and the neck may be folded relative to the panel **15** along the line **20**. Transverse fold lines **21** are provided in the panel **15** approximately midway of its length, dividing the panel into two sections, **15***a* and **15***b*. The contour of the edge of the section **15***b* may be of any configuration that is pleasing to the eye, and this portion of the panel, which lies outside of the box, may be colored to match the color of the shoes in the box, or it may have a label attached to it on which the color is written or printed.

When the insert has been folded along the lines **18***a* **19**, **20** and **21** it may be placed in the box with the fold **21** over the edge of one end wall of the box so that the section **15***b* lies on the outside and the section **15***a* on the inside of the wall snugly engaging the same. The neck **17** will lie on the bottom of the box and the panel **16** in a substantially vertical position as seen in Figure 1. In this position the portions **15***a*, **17** and **16**, together with

the side walls of the box form a compartment to receive gloves and hose to match the shoes in the box, and thus these accessories will always be handy, without a woman having to search through bureau drawers for them.

The loops **18** will lie at an angle of approximately 45° though this is not important, and may vary. The heels of a pair of shoes may be placed in the loops, and will be held in an upright position and the sides of the shoes will not be in contact with the bottom of the box and possibly become scuffed. Also the loops will hold the shoes spaced apart so they will not rub against each other. Furthermore, when the shoes are in this position they may easily be lifted out of the box when the lid is removed.

As above pointed out the insert may be made of heavy paper or plastic, which will normally stay in any position to which it is folded, but due to the well known inherent elasticity of the material the angular position of the panels and loops, with relation to each other, may be altered by bending, and will stay fixed in their new positions. As previously mentioned the loops normally lie at an angle of 45° but if shoes with wide heels are placed in the box and the heels will not fit in the loops when they are in this position, then the panel **16** may be bent toward the left, with reference to Figure 1, and the loops raised nearer the horizontal to accommodate the wider heels.

By folding the panel **15** with portions snugly engaging the inner and outer faces of one end wall of the box, the insert is held against accidental removal or displacement and no fastening means are needed. At the same time, a slight pull will allow the insert to be removed and used with another box, if desired.

It will be seen that I have provided a shoe box that will hold a pair of shoes in upright position to prevent scuffing, and provide a compartment to hold gloves and hose or other accessories that match the shoes so they will be handy to a woman when getting dressed. The insert is cheap to manufacture and can easily be attached to the box, yet can quickly be removed and used on another box if desired.

Various slight changes may be made in arrangements of parts if desired and hence I do not limit myself to the precise details set forth but consider myself at liberty to make such alterations as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

A receptacle for shoes comprising side walls and a bottom closure, a shoe retaining and spacing insert of sheet material and comprising a series of panels connected by folded lines, two adjacent panels at one end of said insert both foldable in parallel relationship and engaging both sides of a side wall of the receptacle, a third panel connected to the panel on the inside of the wall of the receptable, bent at right angles thereto and lying in contact with the bottom closure of the box, a fourth panel connected to the third panel at its end remote from the first two mentioned panels and at least approximately parallel thereto, and loops secured to the fourth panel to receive the heels of a pair of shoes.

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