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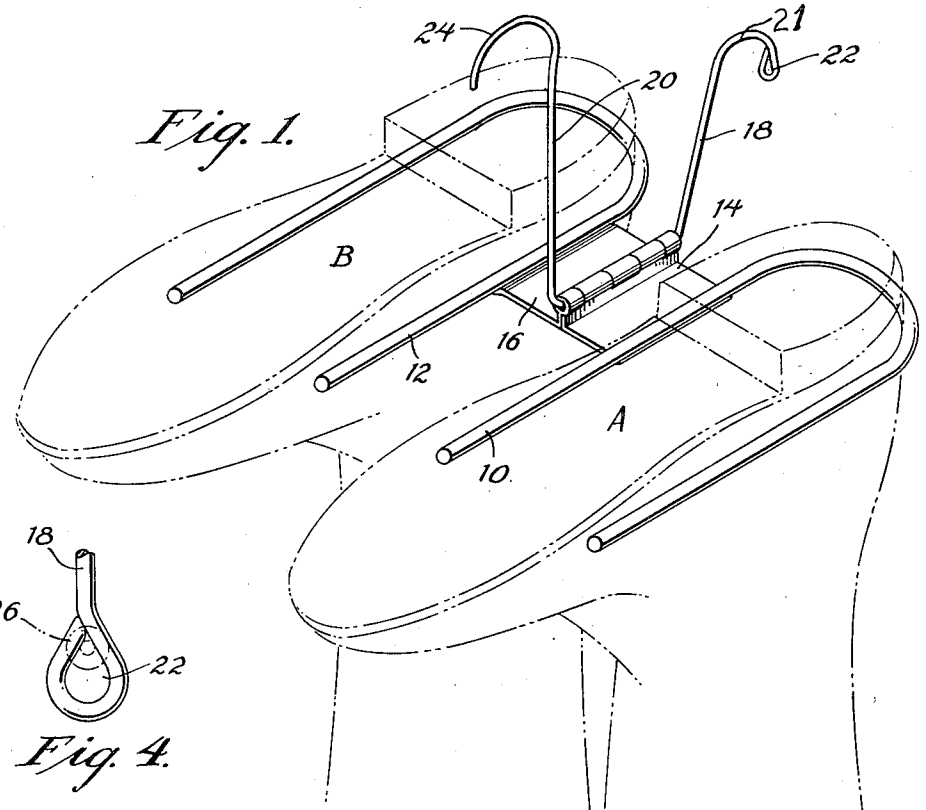


Fig. 1.

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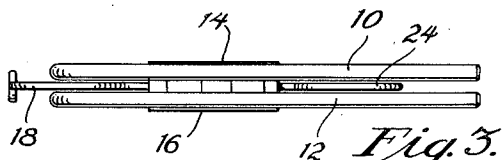


Fig. 3.

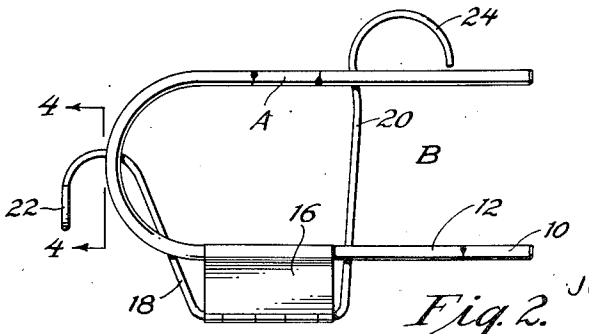


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to a boot hanger of the type shown in patent No. 2,267,634 issued to A. N. Arenz on December 23, 1941, entitled Boot Rack.

The object of the invention is to produce an improved boot hanger of the type set forth.

In the accompanying drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing the hanger in actual use.

Fig. 2 is a side elevational view showing the hanger in folded, or non-use position.

Fig. 3 is a top plan view of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged section on line 4—4 on Fig. 2.

The hanger illustrated includes two U-shaped members A and B adapted to have shoes or boots suspended therefrom in the manner shown in broken lines in Fig. 1. The juxtaposed limbs **10** and **12** of the U-shaped members are suitably secured to the leaves **14** and **16**, repectively, of a hinge whereby, when the leaves are folded about the pintle of the hinge, the members A and B will lie in adjacent, parallel planes as best shown in Fig. 3.

As will be seen from Fig. 1, the hinge is so constructed that the leaves **14** and **16** can move through an arc of 90 degrees, or from the vertical plane of Figs. 2 and 3 to the horizontal plane of Fig. 1. In other words, when the hinge is opened, leaves **14** and **16** will move to and will remain in the horizontal position without any other support.

In order to suspend the hanger from a nail on a wall, or from the back of a chair, or the top edge of a door, or from some other horizontal support, such as a rod, or rope, one end of the pintle of the hinge is extended upwardly to form an arm **18** and the other end of the pintle is extended upwardly to form an arm **20**. Arm **18** is provided with a U-shaped hook **21** for engaging the top edge of a door or the top edge of the back rest of a chair or the like. The free end of hook **21** is provided with a closed loop which defines a hook **22** having a pear-shaped opening adapted to engage a nail driven into a

wall or other vertical surface. It will be noted that arm **18** is out of registration with the center of gravity of the hanger. Therefore, when the hanger is suspended by arm **18**, it tends to tilt in counter-clockwise direction as viewed in Fig. 1. When hook **21** engages the top edge of a door or the like, this tendency to tilt causes the boots to abut the vertical surface of the door and thus prevents disengagement of hook **21** from the top edge of the door. When the hanger is supported by engaging hook **22** with a nail, the tilting of the hanger serves to bring the head **26** of the nail into registration with the upper reduced portion of hook **22** to prevent disengagement of hook **22** from the nail as best shown in Fig. 4. Arm **20** is provided with an inverted U-shaped hook **24** for engaging a rod, a rope, or any other horizontal support. Arm **20** substantially coincides with the center of gravity of the hanger so that, when the hanger is supported by hook **24**, the boots will assume a substantially vertical position.

As will be seen from Fig. 1, it is sufficient for the U-shaped members A and B to engage only the rear portions of the boots. Therefore, they need only be a few inches long so that, when folded, as shown in Fig. 3, they can be carried easily in a pocket, knapsack, or other limited accommodations.

What I claim is:

A boot hanger comprising a pintle, two leaves carried by said pintle and only movable to a first vertical position in which said leaves are in adjacent vertical planes and to a second position in which they are in a common horizontal plane, a first arm carried by one end of said pintle and having its free end formed into a first hook for engaging the upper edge of a door or the like, a pear-shaped loop carried by the end of said first hook for engaging a nail driven into a vertical support or the like, a U-shaped member carried by the outer edge of each of said leaves for receiving the rear portions of the feet of inverted boots or shoes, a second arm carried by the other end of said pintle and having its free end formed into a hook for engaging a horizontal support, said first arm being near one end of said hanger and out of registration with the center of gravity of the hanger when the same is in use, and said second arm being near the center of the hanger and substantial registration with the center of gravity of said hanger.

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