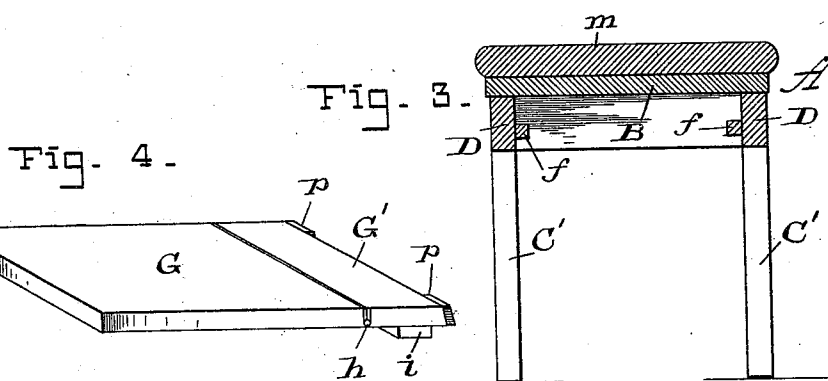
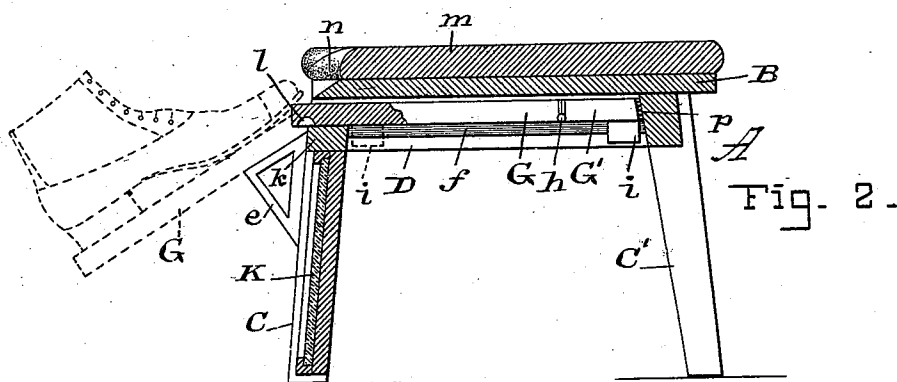
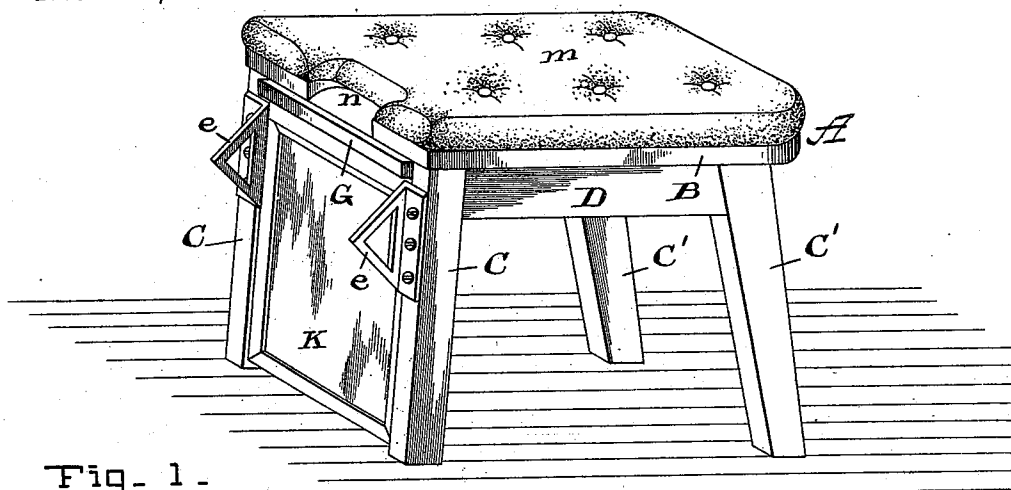


(No Model.)

M. S. HESS.
SHOE SALESMAN'S STOOL.

No. 556,186.

Patented Mar. 10, 1896.



WITNESSES :—

L. J. Van Horn.
Charles B. Mann Jr.

INVENTOR :-

Myer S. Hess
By Chas B. Mann.

ATTORNEY .

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

MYER S. HESS, OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

SHOE-SALESMAN'S STOOL.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 556,186, dated March 10, 1896.

Application filed March 27, 1895. Serial No. 543,319. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MYER S. HESS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Salesmen's Stools, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to shoe-salesmen's stools, and has for its object to provide a stool for use in stores where shoes are sold combining certain improved constructions whereby the fitting or trying on of shoes may be facilitated.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a stool embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section of the stool and shows by dotted lines the position of the sliding foot-rest when drawn out and a shoe resting thereon. Fig. 3 is a vertical cross-section of the stool. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the sliding foot-rest.

The letter A in the drawings designates the stool, which has a top board B, supported on front and rear legs, C C'. The front legs, C, are connected to the rear legs, C', by a side bar D, and each front leg supports a fixed inclined bracket *e*. The shoe-clerk or operator sits on the seat-board B. A slideway *f* is provided below the top board B, and a sliding foot-rest G normally has position on said slideway and is adapted to be drawn out and rest upon the brackets *e*, so as to support the foot of a person. In the present instance this foot-rest is made in two sections, G G', jointed together by a hinge *h*, and the rear section, G', carries a stop-block *i*. The relation of these parts is such that when the foot-rest is drawn out the said stop *i* will abut against the cross-bar *k* on the stool, as indicated by broken lines in Fig. 2, and thereby limit the further withdrawal of the foot-rest. At this juncture the hinge *h* will have passed beyond or reached the front edge of the cross-bar *k*, and thereupon the front section, G, of the foot-rest will be free to tilt down on the inclined brackets *e* in position to support the foot of a person in the manner shown in Fig. 2. These fixed inclined brackets have the advantage of other means for supporting the foot-rest G, in that they occupy no floor-space, require no adjust-

ment, like drop-legs, and, being independent of and separate from the foot-rest, the latter is not encumbered and may be more readily drawn back and forth by the shoe-clerk with one hand.

The foot-rest has an ordinary finger-groove *l* on its under side for convenience of grasping in sliding it back and forth. One or more small rubber blocks *p* are attached to the back edge of the rear section, G', to act as a cushioned bumper when the foot-rest is pushed back.

The top board B is covered or upholstered with a suitable cushion *m* at its front edge. This cushion, as well at the top board, has a beveled cut-out *n*, which allows the toe part of the shoe to come close up to the top board in convenient position for the salesman, who sits on the stool, to lace or button the shoe. The foot-rest G may be covered, and also the top-board cut-out at *n* may be covered by a suitably-shaped piece of carpet. When the foot-rest G is tilted down on the brackets *e* it will be inclined to correspond with the inclination of the beveled cut-out *n*.

A mirror K fits in a frame between the two front legs, C, and between the two brackets *e*, and is inclined so that its bottom end projects out beyond its top end. The customer who desires to be fitted with new shoes sits on a chair or stool in front of the mirror. By this relation of the mirror, the inclined brackets *e*, and sliding foot-rest it will be seen that when the foot-rest G is drawn out and is supported on the said brackets the mirror is covered by the foot-rest.

By locating the front section of the foot-rest in such a manner that the hinge will project beyond the front edge of the top board when it has been extended and placed in its inclined position it will not exert any leverage against the top board as would be the case if the foot-rest were continuous or without a hinge and its upper end resting against the under surface of the top board, which would have a tendency to pry it off the legs unless the front end of the rest were supported by additional supports, which are not required in my construction; and by providing the legs C with the fixed brackets *e* the mirror will be protected from accidental breakage, and when the foot-rest has been pushed back in

the slide a customer who has had a shoe fitted on his foot may place his foot on the floor in front of the mirror and readily inspect the appearance of the fitted shoe without moving
5 from his seat. The inclined position of the mirror insures that the person may stand up and readily inspect a shoe upon his foot.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters
10 Patent, is—

In a shoe-salesman's stool, the combination, with the legs, the front ones of which are inclined, of a top board secured thereto, the front end of which is cut away and beveled
15 and the undersurface is provided with a slide-way, a forwardly-projecting bracket rigidly

secured to each of the front legs, a mirror between said legs, and a hinged foot-rest under the top board, the front section of which is adapted to be drawn forward and rest upon
20 the brackets, and the rear portion is provided with a stop-block to limit its forward movement, the hinge being located beyond the front edge of the top board when the foot-rest is drawn out to its limit, substantially as set
25 forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

MYER S. HESS.

Witnesses:

CHARLES B. MANN, Jr.,

C. CALVERT HINES.