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Fig. 1.

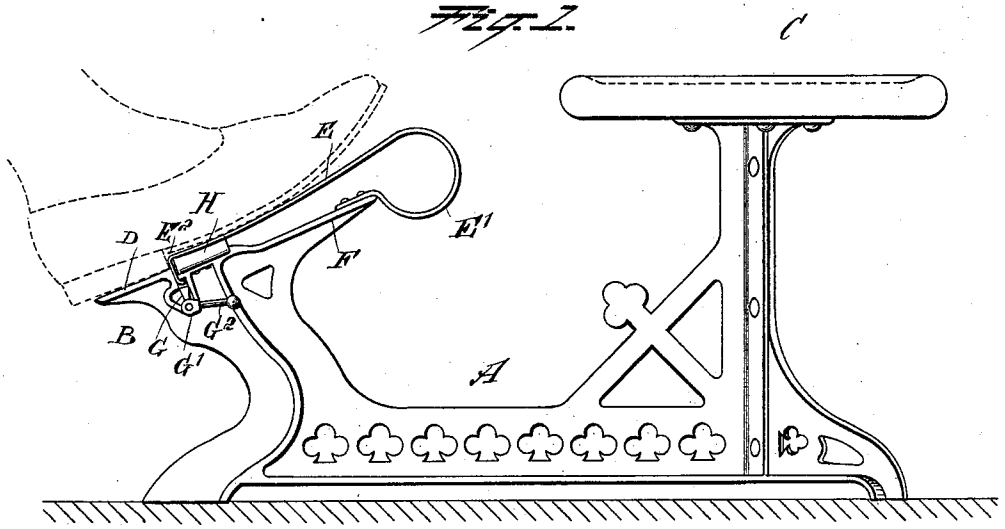


Fig. 2.

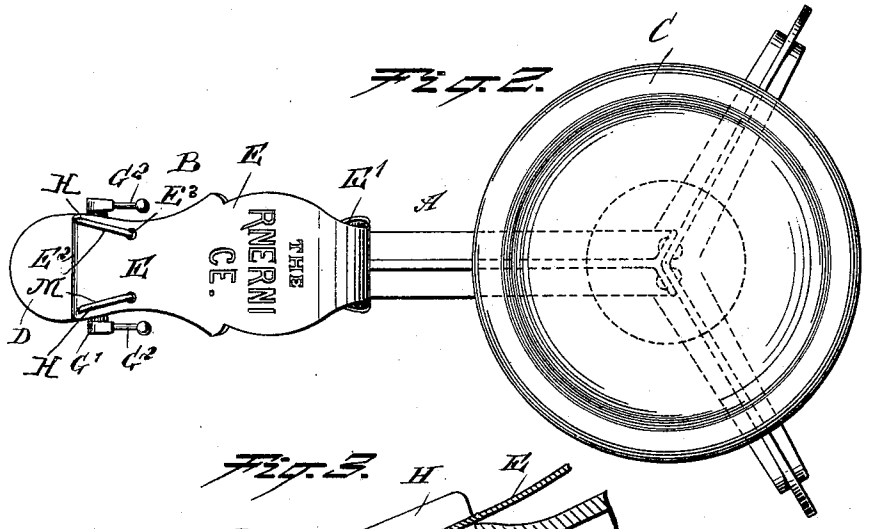
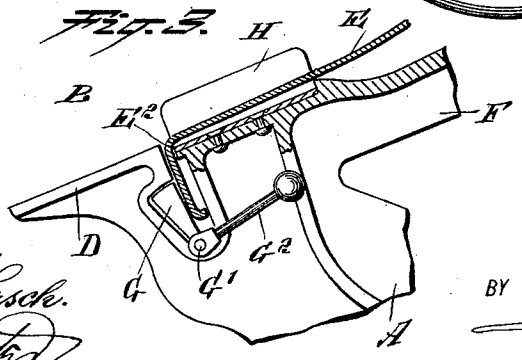


Fig. 3.



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SHOE-STOOL.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, CHARLES J. SAWYER and THOMAS F. HARRIS, of Anniston, in the county of Calhoun and State of Alabama, have invented a new and Improved Shoe-Stool, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved shoe-stool more especially designed for use in shoe-stores and arranged to permit of properly fitting a shoe on the foot of a customer and lacing the shoe up, and at the same time giving necessary comfort to the customer.

The invention consists principally of a fixed heel-rest and a spring-plate for the shoe-sole to rest on.

The invention also consists of certain parts and details and combinations of the same, as will be fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the improvement. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same; and Fig. 3 is an enlarged side elevation of a portion of the improvement, partly in section, and with the spring-plate in position for spring-heeled shoes.

The improved shoe-stool is provided with a suitably-constructed stand A, preferably made of cast-iron, and adapted to set on the floor, the said stand supporting at one end a rest B for the foot of a customer and at the other end carrying a seat for a salesman or fitter.

The rest B is provided with a fixed heel-rest D for the heel of a shoe and a spring-plate E, extending normally from the said rest D and curved downwardly and inwardly at its free end, to be rigidly attached at this end to a projection F, forming part of the stand A. The rear end of the spring-plate E extends into a recess formed in the stand A next to the inner end of the rest D, and the lower end of this portion E^3 is adapted to be engaged by an arm G, so as to hold the free end of the spring-plate E in a raised position, to bring the plate E a suitable distance above the top surface of the rest D, so as to conveniently support the heel and shoe-sole of the shoe, as indicated in Fig. 1. The arm G is adapted to be swung from under the end E^2, so as to permit the free end of the spring-plate E to pass downward and bring the top surface of the spring-plate E flush with the top surface of the rest D, as indicated in Fig. 3, the device then being arranged for fitting shoes having spring-heels.

The arm G is held on a transversely-extending shaft G′, journaled in suitable bearings in the stand A and carrying at both ends weighted handles G^2, adapted to be taken hold of by the operator to swing the arms up and down, so as to move the arm G in or out of engagement with the end E^2.

The rear or free end of the spring-plate E is provided with slots E^3, engaged by upwardly-extending guides H, secured to the stand A and serving to hold the plate in position to prevent the same from moving transversely, and at the same time forming guides for a spring-heeled shoe when the latter is placed upon the alined rest D and plate E. (Shown in Fig. 3.) The top surface of the plate E is preferably provided with an advertisement, as indicated in Fig. 2, which is visible to a customer before he puts his foot on the rest D and plate E.

Having thus fully described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A shoe-stool, provided with a fixed heel-rest, and a spring-plate for the shoe-sole to rest on, substantially as shown and described.

2. A shoe-stool, provided with a fixed heel-rest, a spring-plate for the shoe-sole to rest on, and means, substantially as described, for holding the free end of the said spring-plate elevated above the top surface of the said rest, as set forth.

3. A shoe-stool, provided with a fixed heel-rest, a spring-plate for the shoe-sole to rest on, and means for guiding the free end of the said spring-plate, as set forth.

4. A shoe-stool, comprising a stand, a seat at one end of the stand, and a rest at the other end thereof, the said rest comprising a fixed heel-rest and a spring-plate for the shoe-sole to rest on, substantially as shown and described.

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