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SHOE CASE

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Fig. 1.

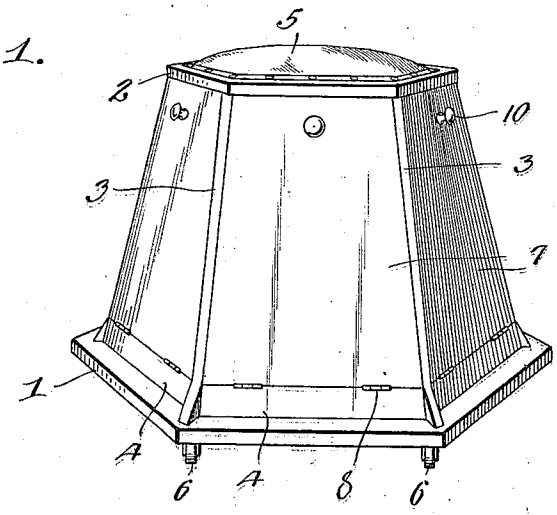


Fig. 2.

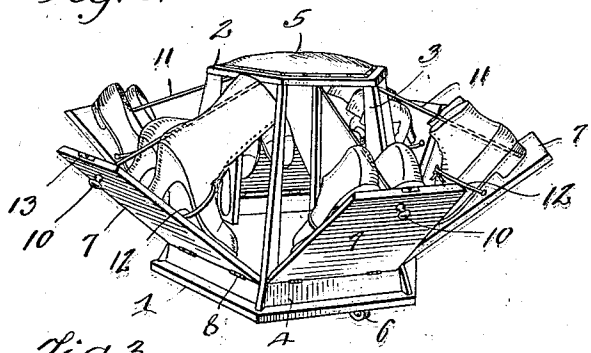
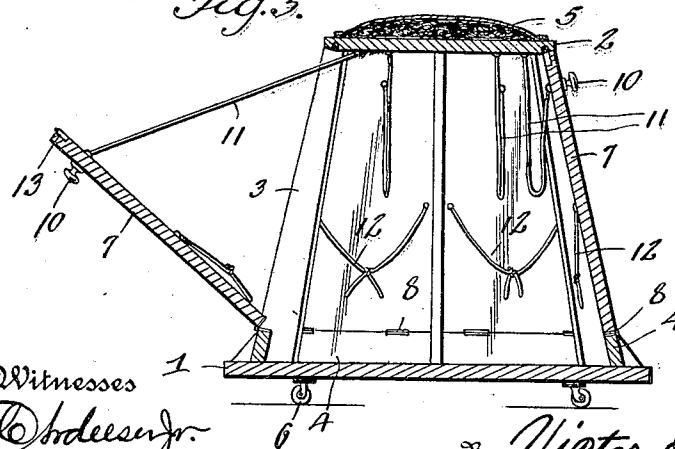


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HAROLD W. MORELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Union Course, in the county of Queens and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Shoe Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is an improved shoe case, especially adapted for domestic use, and which also forms a taboret, stool, or other similar article of furniture, the object of the invention being to provide an improved case or cabinet of this kind which is simple in construction, is ornamental in appearance, which can be made in a variety of designs and in which shoes can be kept out of the way and protected from dust and dirt.

The invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of devices hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a shoe case constructed and arranged in accordance with my invention and showing the same closed and adapted for use as a stool or taboret.

Figure 2 is a similar view of the same, completely open and displaying the shoes.

Figure 3 is a sectional view of the same.

My improved shoe case is here shown as hexagonal but may in practice be of any suitable shape and may be constructed in any of a variety of designs. The bottom 1 and top 2 are connected by standards 3, which are arranged in the angles or corners and base bars 4 are also employed which are secured on the bottom, near the sides thereof and are arranged between and secured to the lower portions of the standards. Preferably the top or seat is upholstered as at 5 and casters 6 are also preferably provided, on which the case is mounted and which facilitate moving the case from place to place. The sides of the case are formed by doors or members 7 which are of the size and shape adapting them to fit and close between the standards and the top and base bars, said sides or members 7 being hinged at their lower sides to the base bars as at 8 and the hinges adapting said members 7 to be readily closed or to be opened. Each member 7 is provided near its upper end with a centrally arranged knob 10 and is also connected to the top by a cord 11, the said cords serving to hold the members 7 in an inclined position when the members are opened outwardly, as shown in Figure 2.

A pair of shoes may be placed on the inner side of each member 7, toe downward, as shown, and each member 7 is provided with a cord loop 12 to engage over and around the shoes and retain them in place. Each cord loop is preferably of two pieces of cord, secured at their outer ends to one of the members 7 and tied together by a single knot. Hence the cord loops may be adjusted according to the size of the shoes to be held thereby on the member 7. By closing the member 7 the shoes are all arranged in the case, out of sight and out of the way and are kept in order and protected from dust and dirt. By opening any one of the members 7 the shoes thereon are displayed and may be readily taken therefrom.

Suitable locks or catches such as indicated at 13 are preferably employed at the upper ends of the members 7 to secure said members when in closed position.

Shoe cloths, brushes, shoe-horns and other like articles may be also kept in the case by placing them on the central portion of the bottom, as will be understood.

While I have herein shown and described a preferred form of my invention, I would have it understood that changes may be made in the form, proportion and construction of the several parts, without departing from the spirit of my invention and within the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:—

1. A shoe receptacle and stool comprising a bottom, a top, standards connecting the bottom with said top, base bars secured on the bottom and connected at their ends with the adjacent standards, the standards and said top and bottom respectively combining to define openings at the sides of the structure, the openings thus defined all extending unobstructedly to the vertical center of the structure, doors hinged at their lower edges to the said base bars and having upper free edges adapted to close beneath the top of the receptacle, and means on said bars for supporting engagement with the vamp portions of the shoes whereby when the respective doors are closed, the uppers of all of the supported shoes are adapted to be brought and compactly nested together within the structure at the center thereof.

2. A combined receptacle and stool comprising an enclosure embodying a plurality of spaced standards defining intervening openings therebetween, the central portion of the enclosure being in direct communication with all of said openings, closures hingedly mounted in the openings and defining the sides of the enclosure and means on the closures for supporting shoes so that when the closures are in their closed positions, the uppers of the shoes of the respective closures will be freely and compactly brought together within the enclosure at the vertical center thereof.

In testimony whereof I, affix my signature.

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