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Fig. 1.

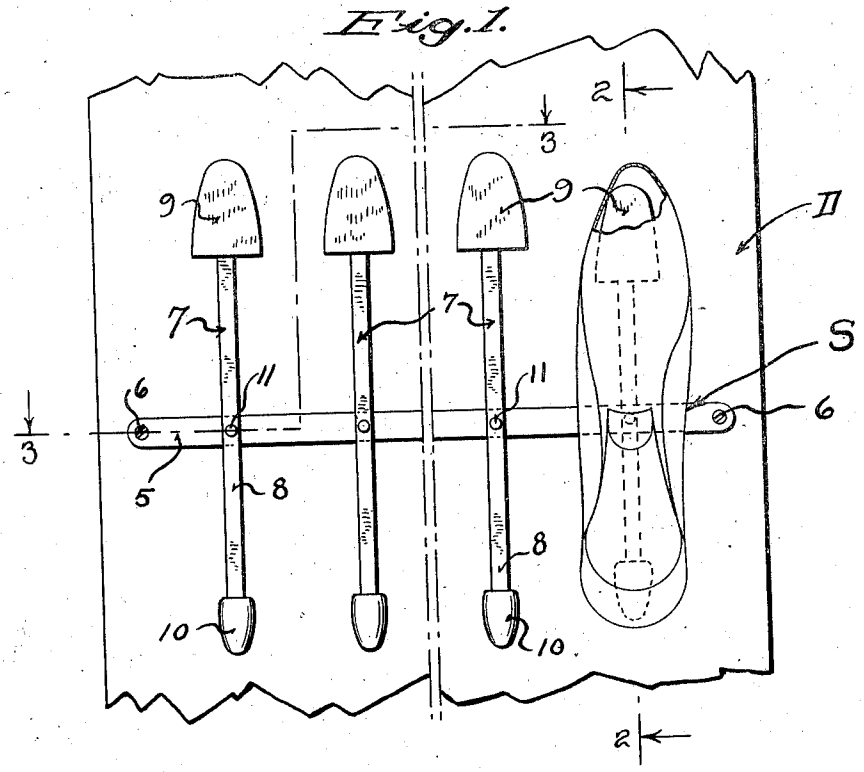


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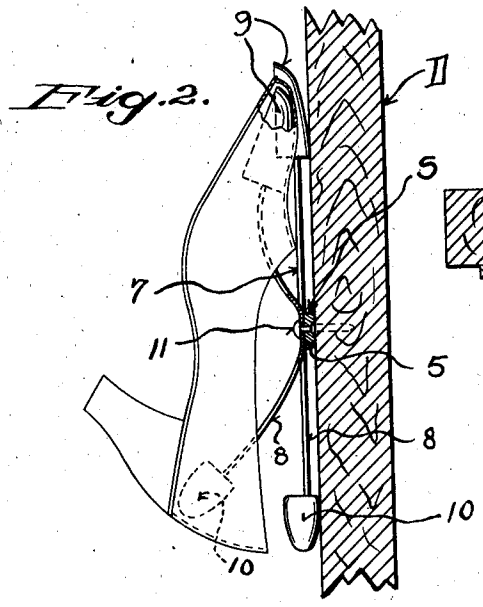
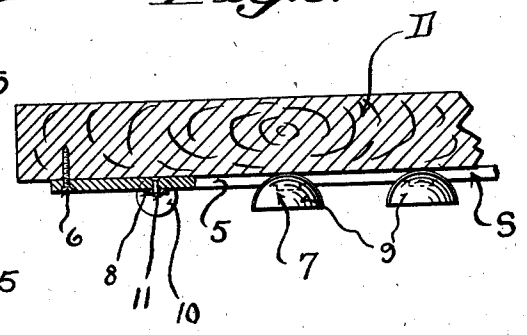


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This invention appertains to supports or holders for shoes, and more particularly to novel means for properly supporting a plurality of pairs of shoes in a stretched condition above the floor.

One of the primary objects of my invention is to provide a supporting bar for connection with the inner face of a clothes closet door or the like, having secured thereto trees for receiving a plurality of pairs of shoes, whereby the shoes can be kept in an orderly and neat manner off the closet floor and above settling dust and the like.

Another salient object of my invention is to provide a unitary device for supporting a plurality of pairs of shoes, which will be of an exceptionally simple and durable character, and which can be manufactured and placed upon the market at a reasonable cost.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement, and formation of parts, as will be hereinafter more specifically described, claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which drawing:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of my improved device, showing the same attached to the inner face of a clothes closet door or similar support.

Figure 2 is a detail, vertical, sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1, looking in the direction of the arrows.

Figure 3 is a horizontal, sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 1, looking in the direction of the arrows.

Referring to the drawing in detail, wherein similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, the letter S generally indicates my novel support for a plurality of pairs of shoes.

The improved device S includes a horizontally disposed, flat bar 5, which can be formed from strap iron. The bar, at appropriate points, can be provided with openings for the reception of fastening elements 6, whereby the bar can be firmly secured in place on the inner surface of a closet door or other appropriate point. Rigidly secured to the bar 5 at equidistantly spaced points are shoe trees 7. These trees can be of any desired character, but the same preferably consist of flat leaf springs 8, having rigidly secured to the opposite ends thereof a toe plate 9 and a heel knob 10. The springs 8 can be secured intermediate their ends to the bar 5 by means of rivets 11, if so desired.

In placing the shoes on the shoe trees 7, the toe pad or plate 9 can be inserted in the shoe, after which the spring can be flexed so as to insert the heel knob 10 in the shoe. This will maintain the shoes in a properly stretched condition and will effectively support the shoes above the floor. Thus, the shoes can be kept in a neat and orderly condition above settling dust, and the floor of the closet can be kept clear.

Particular attention is directed to the fact that the shoes are held spaced from the wall or closet door D. Hence, air can pass around the shoes and the shoes can be kept in a sanitary condition.

Obviously, the bar 5 and the shoe trees 7 can be treated in any preferred manner, so as to enhance the appearance thereof to the eye.

From the foregoing description it can be seen that I have provided an exceptionally simple and novel means for supporting a plurality of pairs of shoes in a vertical position above the floor.

Changes in details may be made without departing from the spirit or the scope of my invention, but what I claim as new is:

As a new article of manufacture, a unitary device for supporting a plurality of pairs of shoes in an elevated position comprising, a supporting bar having fastening element receiving openings therein, and a plurality of equidistantly spaced shoe trees extending transversely across the bar, each of said shoe trees including a normally flat leaf spring, a toe plate at the upper end of the leaf spring, and a heel knob at the lower end of the leaf spring, and means rigidly securing the leaf spring of each shoe tree intermediate its ends to the bar said leaf springs extending transversely across the bar and lying in the same vertical plane.

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