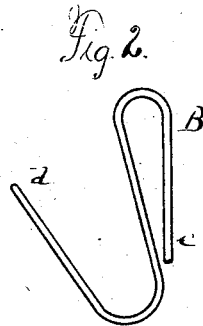
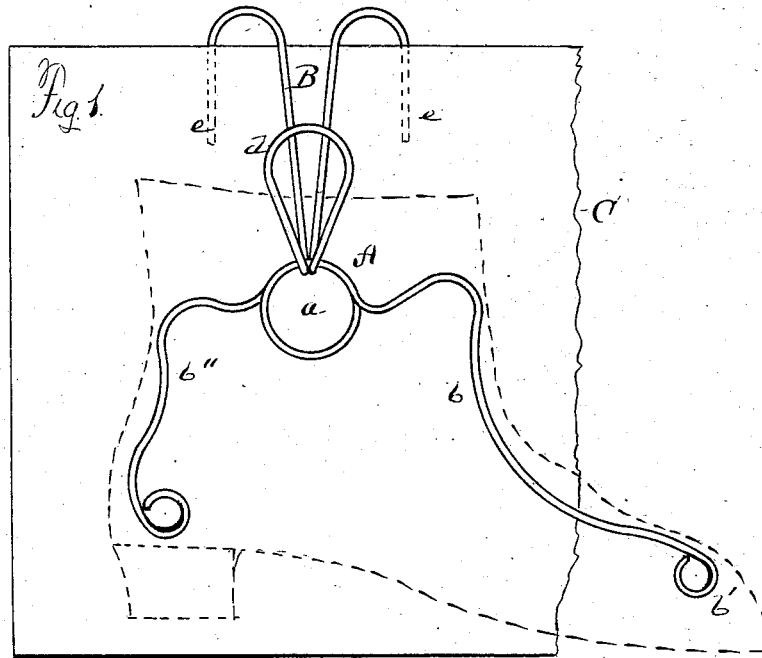


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, OTTO F. LANGENBACH, a citizen of the United States, residing in Buffalo, county of Erie, and State of New York, have made certain Improvements in Sample-Shoe Exhibitors, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to a combined shoe-holder and peculiar form of hook for suspending it, and will be understood as set forth in the following description and claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of the holder and its hook, the latter in position on a section of a box, a shoe indicated in dotted lines; Fig. 2, a side view of the hook.

A represents the shoe holder or exhibitor. It is of a single piece of suitable wire bent first into a large circular combined eye and spring, *a*, and by which it is held by the hook B, and also acts as a spring for the rest of the frame, which consists of a long arm, *b*, bent as shown, so as to follow somewhat the shape of the front part of a shoe, and its extreme end, *b'*, going into the toe, while the short arm *b''* goes down into and is pressed by the spring *a* against the heel part, thus keeping the shoe distended in proper shape as it sets against the sample-box C.

To put this exhibitor into the shoe, the long and short arms *b b' b''* are compressed and inserted into the open shoe-top, the pressure released, and the spring-eye *a* throws them out into position in the shoe. It is removed by

again compressing the parts and lifting it out. This form of exhibitor has been heretofore known and used.

The peculiarly-formed hook B is combined with this so as to hang on the box, and is formed by bending a piece of wire upon itself and then turning up the bent end to form the front hook-loop, *d*, to receive the holder by hooking this loop through the circle *a*, and the rear parallel prongs of the wire at the other end are bent backward and to the right and left to form the hooks *e e*, which thereby are adapted to clamp the box on which they are suspended. By thus bending the hooks *e e* a secure hold is insured. I lay no claim to the holder or exhibitor alone; but

What I do claim is—

The combination, with a shoe-exhibitor, A, of the hook B, formed by bending a wire upon itself in the middle and then turning the bent end to form the front hook-loop, *d*, to receive the holder, the rear parallel prongs of the wire at the other end being bent backward and to the right and left to form the hooks *e e*, which are adapted to clamp the box on which they are suspended, substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

OTTO F. LANGENBACH.

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