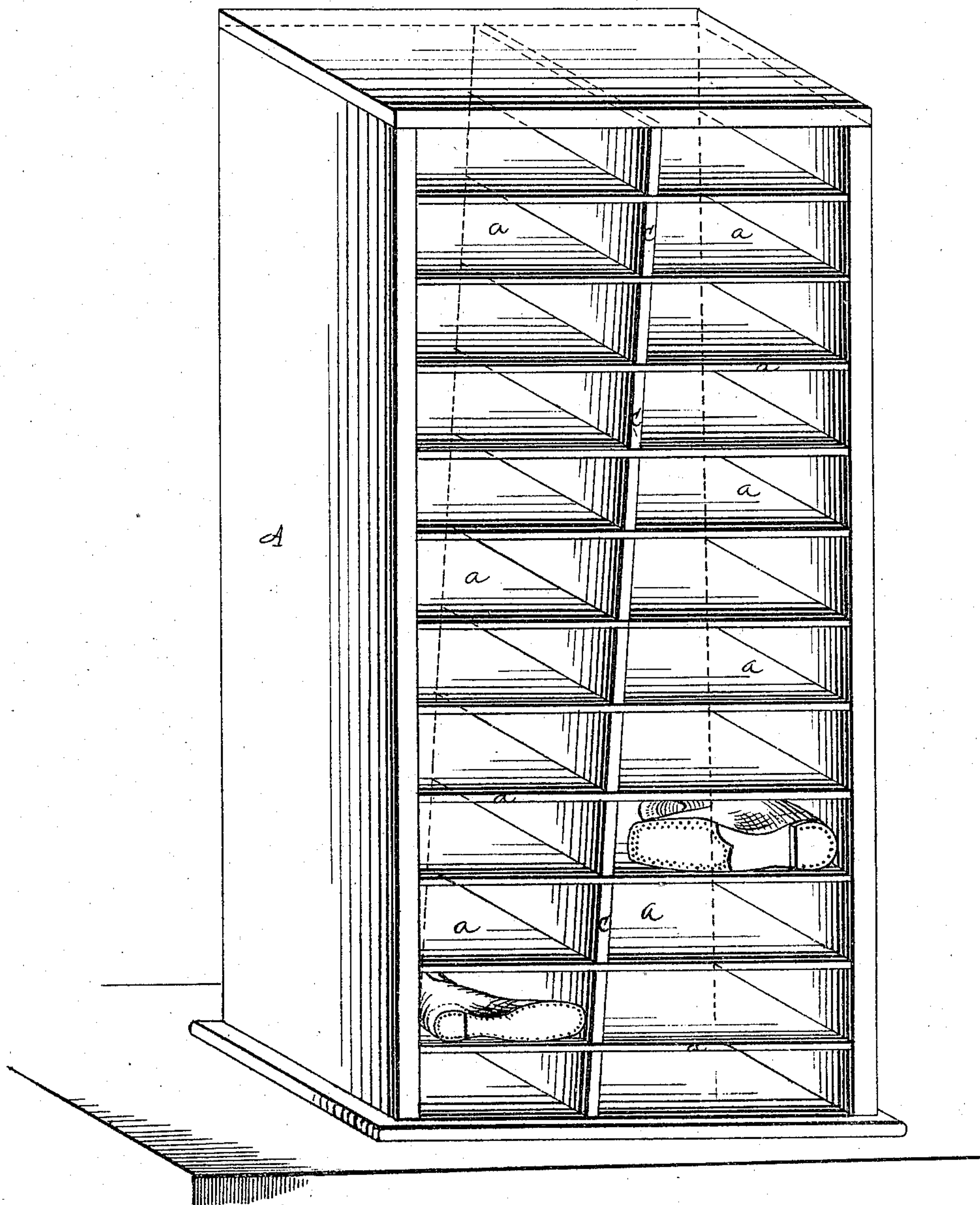


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## IMPROVEMENT IN SHIPPING AND SHOW CASES FOR BOOTS AND SHOES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MATTHEW BUHLER, of Lamoille, in the county of Bureau and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Shipping and Exhibiting Cases for Boots and Shoes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which—

The drawing represents a perspective view of my invention.

The present practice of boot and shoe manufacturers or jobbers is to supply retail dealers with cases containing one or more dozens of assorted sizes, the numbers (men's wear) in each case running usually from 6 to 10. These cases are generally used by the retailers to hold and display the goods, and, since each is unprovided with partitions, so soon as the set is broken by removal of a single pair the rest fall into disorder, enhancing thereby the difficulty (great enough before) of finding or selecting any size or number that may be wanted on another occasion.

To remedy these and other difficulties unnecessary to mention is the object of my invention, which I will proceed to describe.

The case A is rectangular and oblong in form and provided with a series of transverse shelves or partitions, *a*, placed at such distance apart as will form a series of compartments of a width adapted to accommodate medium or large-size boots. Each of the compartments thus formed I subdivide into two compartments by means

of an inclined partition, C. The partition is so arranged that the cubical space of the compartments on one side of it equals, in the aggregate, that of the compartments on the other side; but on one side of the partition the smallest or shortest compartment is at the bottom of the case and the largest at the top, while on the other side the arrangement is reversed, the smallest compartment being at the top and the largest at the bottom. Thus, at the bottom of the case, the smaller compartment will receive a small pair of boots—say No. 6, men's size—and the larger a large pair—say No. 10—while the next two compartments will contain the next two sizes, and so on to the top, where we shall again have Nos. 6 and 10. Thus the dealer can at once select and draw out of the case the exact size he requires at any time, without any difficulty or delay, and can also determine at a glance whether he has a certain size and number.

The goods are likewise preserved from much of the rubbing and consequent wear incident to the ordinary mode of packing, which detracts from their appearance and value.

What I claim is—

A shipping and show case, A, for boots and shoes, provided with a series of transverse partitions, *a*, and an inclined partition, C, arranged as and for the purpose specified.

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