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SHOE-EXHIBITING DEVICE.

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Fig. 1.

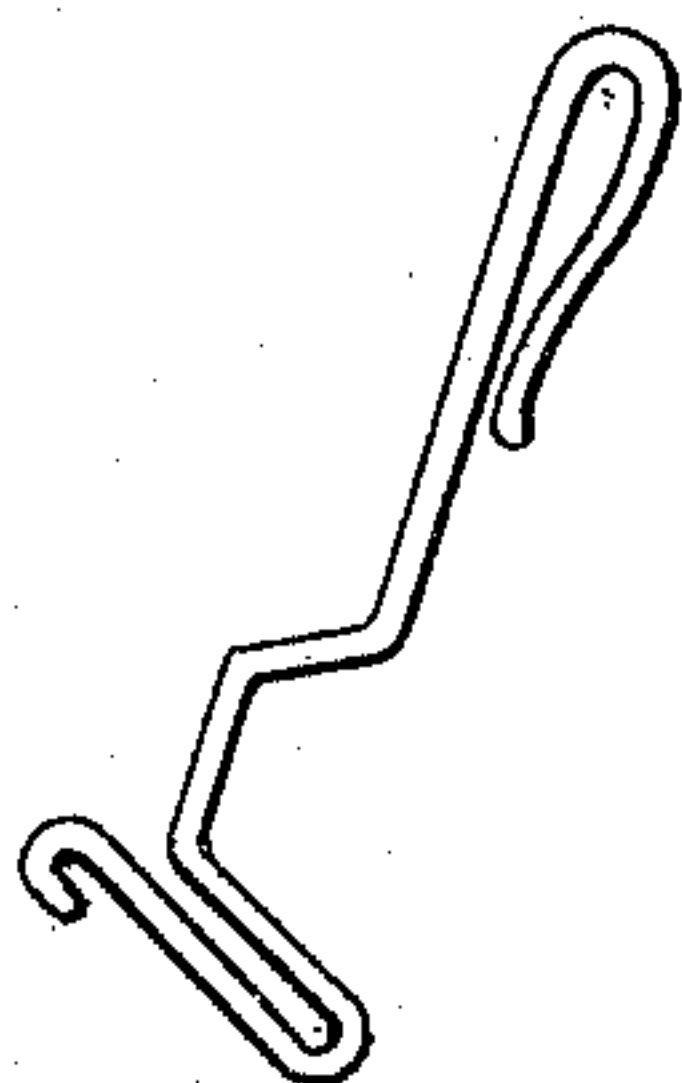
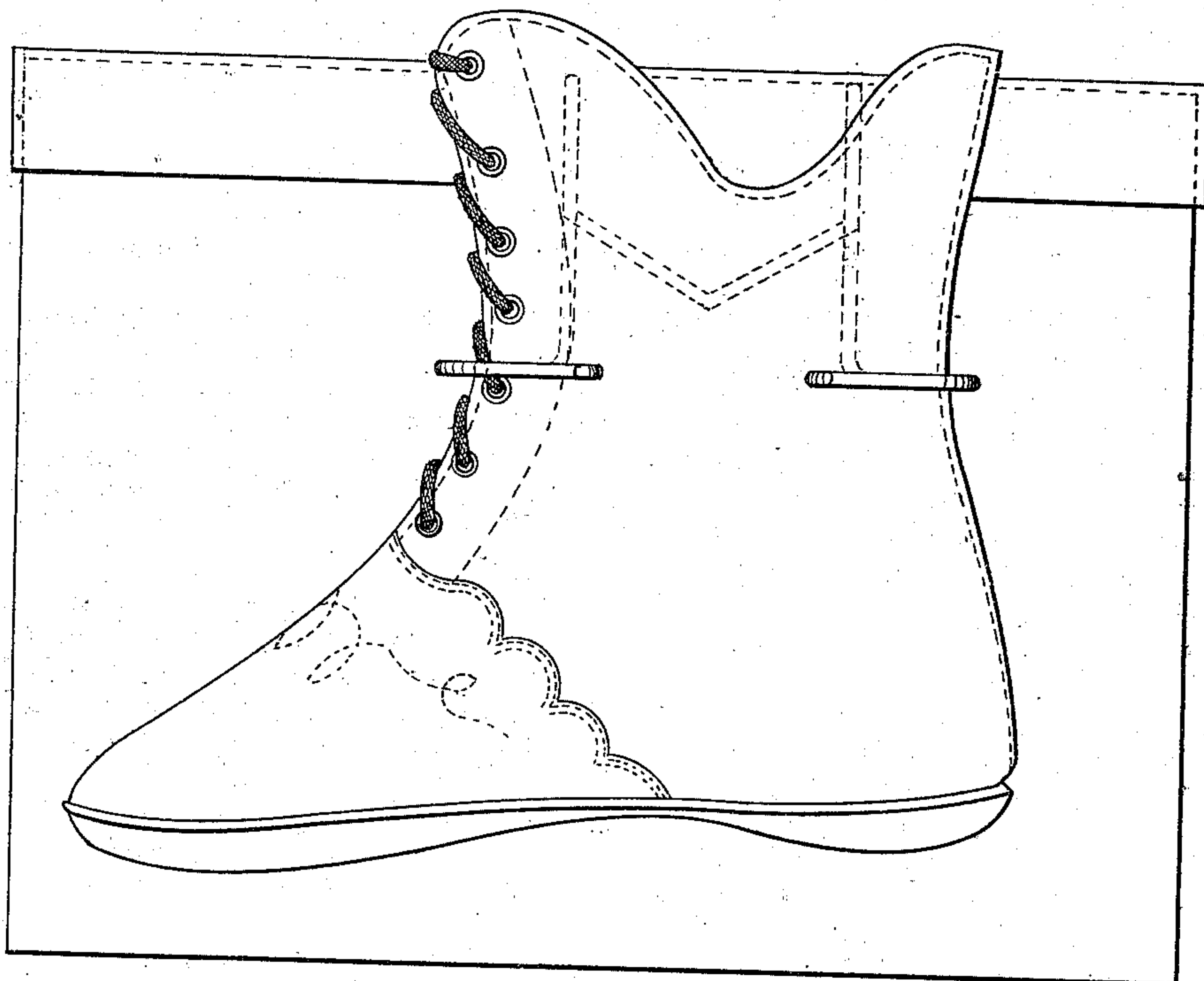


Fig. 2.



Witnesses.

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IMPROVEMENT IN SHOE-EXHIBITING DEVICES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW J. UPHAM, of Sterling, in the county of Whitesides and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Shoe-Exhibitors, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

The object of my invention is to provide a cheap and simple device to affix the sample-shoe to the outside of the box containing like shoes, for the double purpose of indicating the kind of shoes contained in such box, and also to make an exhibit of the stock, by combining in one piece a clamp which shall clasp the shoe, and a hook by which the shoe thus clasped is suspended upon the side of the box.

Figure 1 represents the combined hook and clamp. Fig. 2 shows a connected pair of each.

Of my improvement about two sizes are needed to attach all of the different-sized shoes. In the double one, Fig. 2, by spreading the hooks apart, one size may be adjusted to shoes of different widths of top. In using the single one, Fig. 1, the clamp is put on the front part of the leg of the shoe. The clamp may be made to be turned either way at right angles with the hook. The back of the hook passes down closely to the outside of the box to the lower edge of the lid, when it is bent outward in order that the shoe may hang perpendicular.

In use, the clamp, if single, is slipped over the front edge of the leg of the shoe, the hook placed upon the edge of the box, the shoe on the outside, and the lid of the box put on. In the double ones, Fig. 2, the clamps are placed upon both the front and rear of the leg of the shoe.

The device can be made very cheaply, and is made of any wire which has sufficient elasticity to press upon the leather, very slight pressure being sufficient.

By the use of this device the shoes are all held at the same elevation and in the same position, presenting on the shelves a neat, orderly, uniform appearance.

The sample-shoe may be detached from the box and easily identified, or may be readily changed.

I claim as my invention—

The boot or shoe exhibitor, made of a single piece of wire, having a hook at one end, bent in line, or nearly so, with the body, and a clamp or holder upon the opposite end, at right angles with its body and hook, substantially as shown and described.

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