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SAMPLE-HOLDER OR EXHIBITOR FOR BOOTS AND SHOES.

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FIG. I.

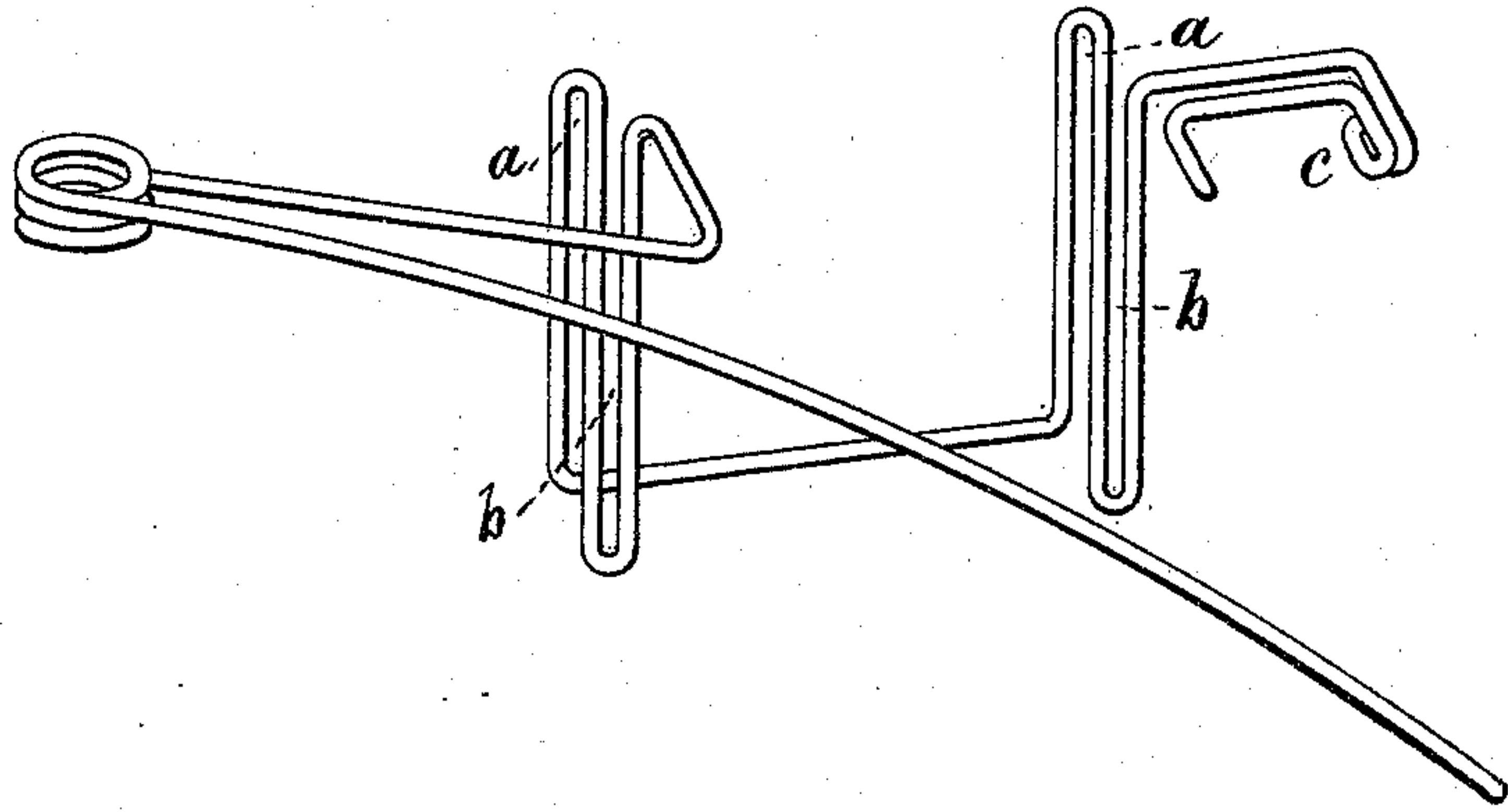
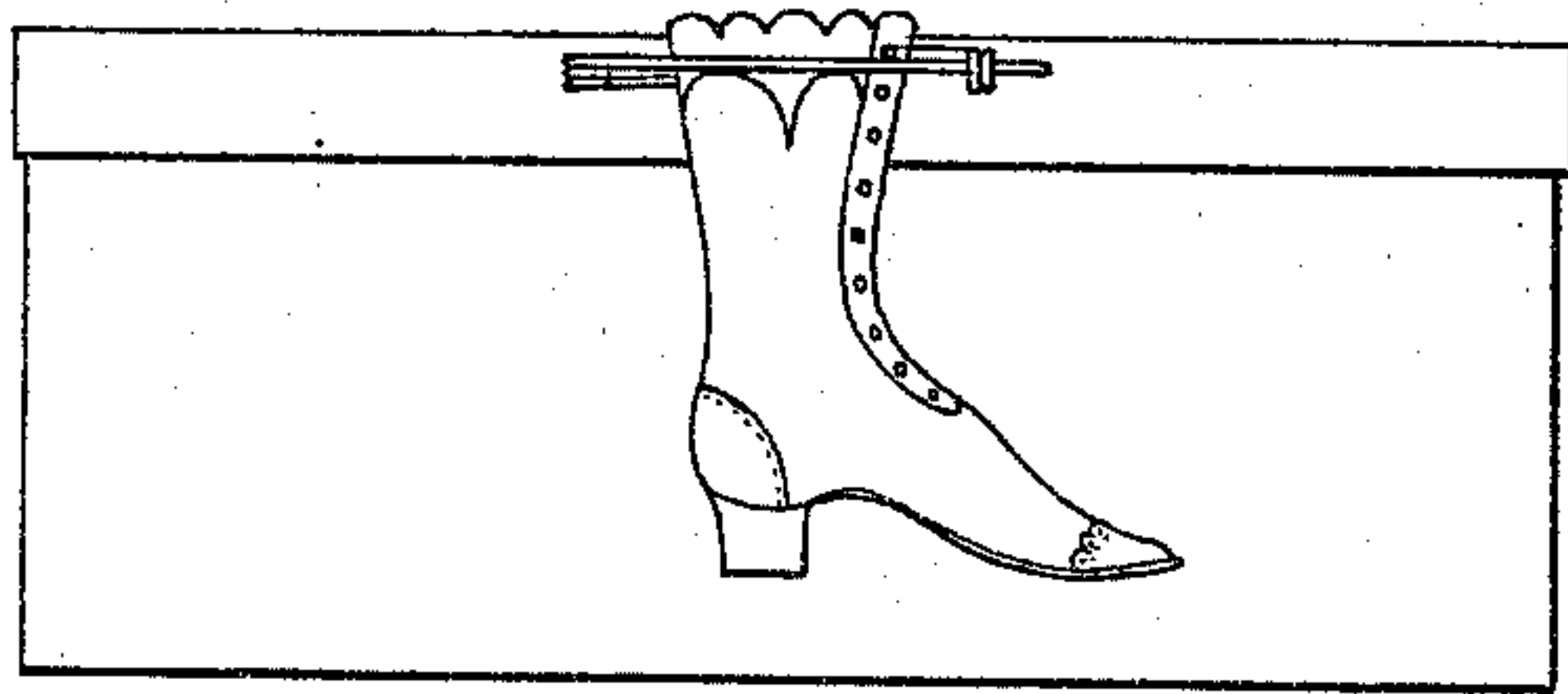


FIG. II.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SAMPLE HOLDERS OR EXHIBITORS FOR BOOTS AND SHOES .

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **174,111**, dated February 29, 1876; application filed July 24, 1875.

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, JOHN D. BRIDENDOLPH, of Holden, Johnson county, Missouri, have invented a certain Improvement in Sample Holders or Exhibitors, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part hereof:

This invention relates particularly to a holder for exhibiting shoes for sale. The device is secured to the box containing the shoes and adapted to receive a sample shoe, and thus exhibit the character and quality of the wares in the box.

In the annexed drawing, Figure 1 shows a perspective view of the sample-holder open, and Fig. 2 illustrates its mode of attachment to the box and shoe.

The holder consists of a single piece of wire, bent in the manner seen in Fig. 1. The bends *a* fit over the front edge of the box, the reversed bends *b* receiving the edge of the box-lid. The rear portions of the bends *a* are connected by the continuing of the wire from one to the other. The portion of the device extending into the box cannot thus scratch, become attached to, or injure the patent-leather or other tips of the shoes or other parts easily damaged or torn. The portion of the wire extending from the coil to the left and turning to the right forms a spring holder, which catches into the hook *c* at the right, which is formed of double wire, and thus strengthened. The wire, after having formed the hook, extends a short distance to the left, and turns outward, forming a point, *d*, which enters the shoe-eyelet, as shown in Fig. 2,

which also illustrates the general use of the device. For small shoes and wares the front holding-wire need not be run up to the height of the bends *a*, but may be placed in the position of the present bends *b*, which would in this case not be required. The small wares would thus be brought nearer to the center of the height of the box, and present a better appearance. The coil gives a greater spring to the wire which clasps the shoe, and brings the said wire more open, so as to assist in its attachment to the shoe. The portion of the wire extending from the coil to the part of the holder secured to the box is bent in toward the box, thus assisting the springing out of the clasp-wire.

I am aware of the patent granted to R. T. Leaverton, March 30, 1875, and claim no part of the invention therein described; but

What I claim as of my invention is—

A sample-holder, consisting of a single wire, one end of which forms a spring-lever and the other terminating in a pin adapted to enter the shoe-eyelet, the parts *a* of the said holder, which project into the box, being by their connection rendered incapable of injuring the contents of the box, as herein specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 5th day of July, in the year of our Lord 1875.

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