

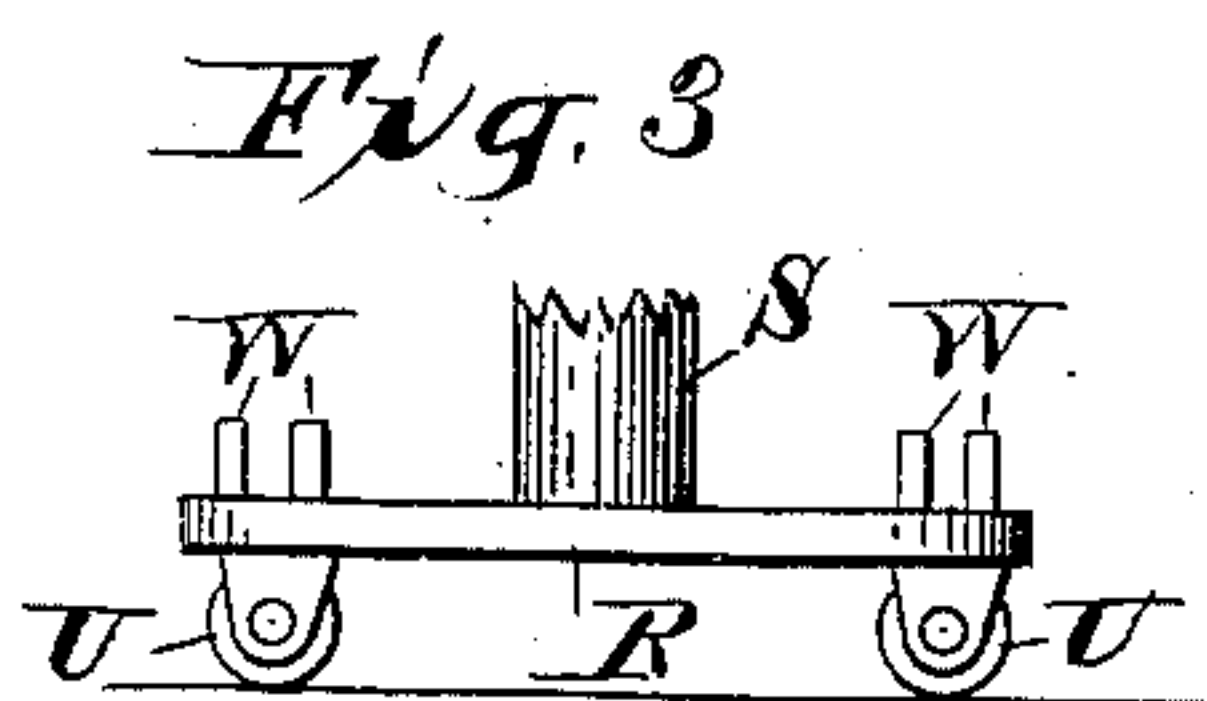
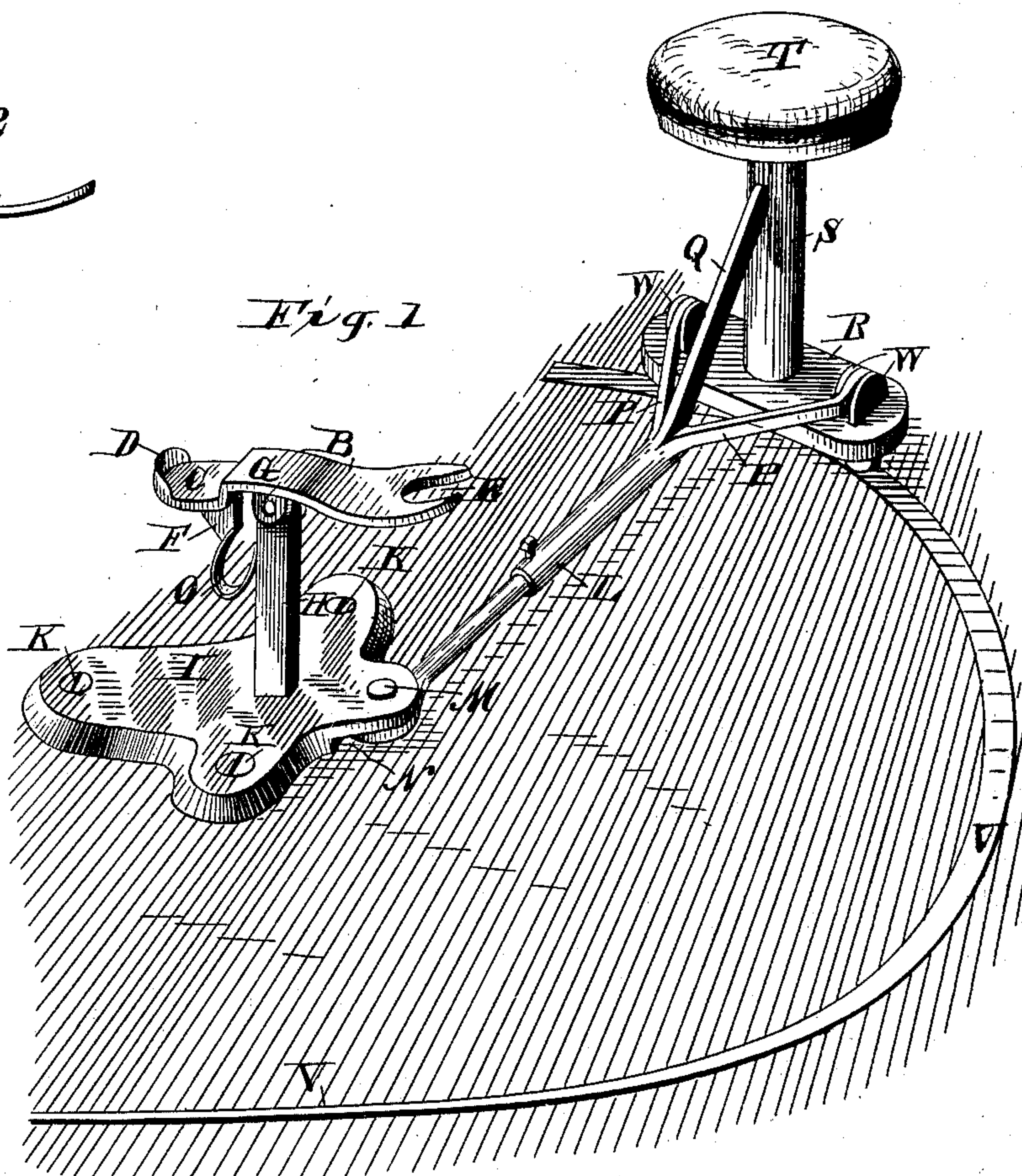
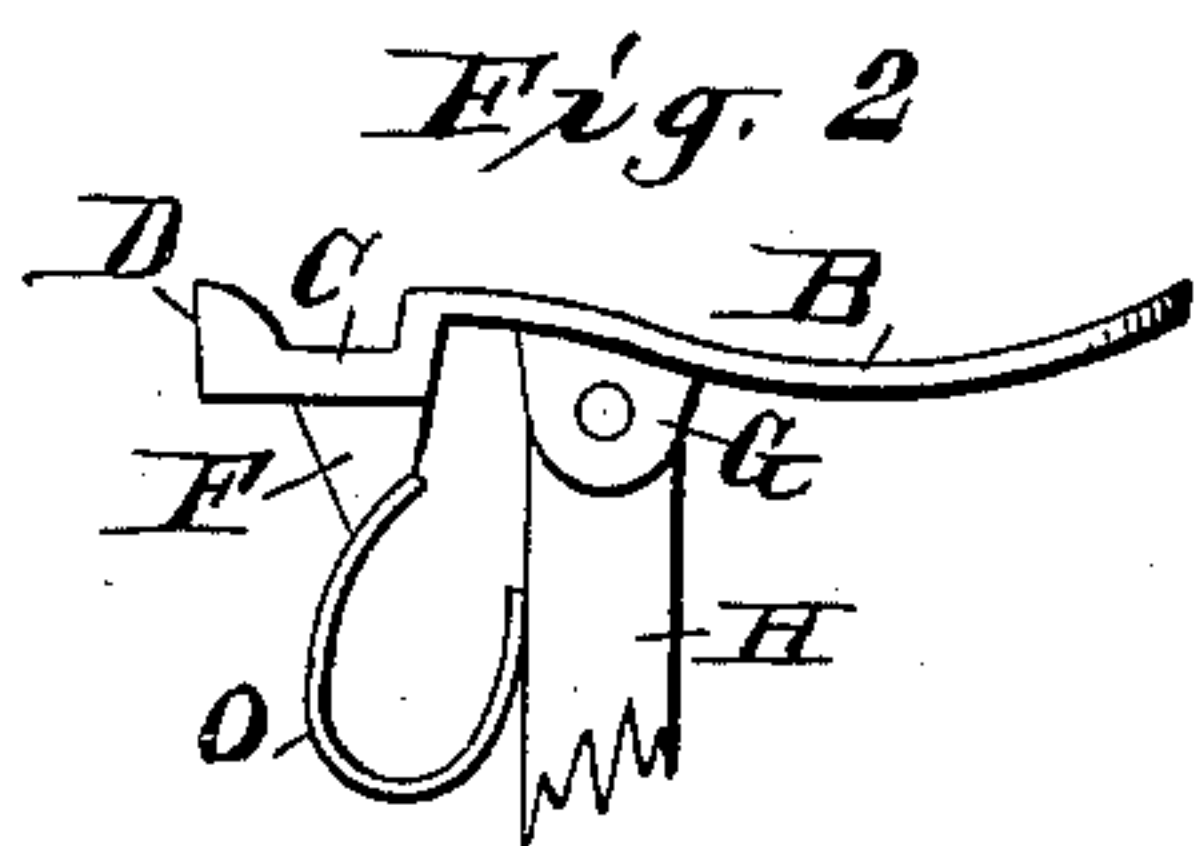
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## FOOT-REST AND STOOL FOR SHOE-MERCHANTS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES L. ROBB, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Bellefontaine, in the county of Logan and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Foot-Rest and Stool for Shoe-Merchants, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improved stool and foot-rest combined for shoe-merchants' use in buttoning customers' shoes.

Figure 1 is a perspective view; Fig. 2, a side view of the foot-rest. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of detached parts.

B represents a foot-rest; C, a projection against which front of heel rests; D, a rim around the back of the rest, to hold the heel and prevent its slipping back; E, a fork forming boot-jack; F, a lug on the bottom of foot-rest to check the movement of the rest; G G, lugs by which the rest is pivoted on standard H; I, the base, secured to the floor by screws K; L, a telescoping rod, pivoted at M under the cut-away part N and attached at W to the base of the stool T and at X to the top of the post of the stool; O, a spring to keep the heel of the foot-rest up in place; U, rollers under stool T; V, a semicircular track on which rollers U run.

The object of my invention is to provide a combined foot-rest and stool for shoe-merchants' use, which consists of a neat and convenient foot-rest for parties to place their foot upon while having the shoe buttoned when trying on a shoe at the store, and to provide a convenient stool for the operator, that can be readily shifted at will and always be at the proper distance from the foot-rest to be most convenient for the operator. The present mode necessitates the operator dropping on his knees in an awkward and inconvenient position, and one in which he works at much disadvantage. To obviate this I provide the rest mounted on a standard secured to the floor. This rest is immediately in front of the party trying on the shoe, and is pivoted on its standard, so that it may be inclined at any angle to suit the convenience of the party.

It is well known to shoe-men that with the ordinary stationary and horizontal rests a shoe can hardly be made to fit or button on a party neatly owing to the constrained position

of the foot and ankle, caused by the foot being in the raised position. This I overcome by pivoting my rest, so that the foot can be made to assume the position most easy in the shoe. A lug, F, on the bottom of the rest prevents the heel from being tipped back too far, and a spring, O, tends to keep the rest in its normal position. The back of the foot-rest is provided with a hollow for the heel to rest in, the edges of which keep it from sliding back or forward. The front of the rest is made into a boot-jack, to remove the shoe with. A projection on the front of the base has a rabbet under it, in which is pivoted at M a telescoping arm, L, which has at its outer end three branches, P P Q, the two former attached at W W to the base of the stool T and the latter to the top of the stool-post at X. The arm L holds the stool at a proper distance from the foot-rest, and the three branches hold the base and post of the stool in proper position. The base of the stool is mounted upon rubber or other rollers, and these, when the stool and arm L are swung on the pivot M, run on the track V.

The object of attaching the stool to the rest by the pivoted arm L is that it may always be at the proper distance from the foot-rest and easily moved to different positions to suit the operator, whether it is in front or at either side of the rest. Practice has taught the operator that the most convenient position is at the left side when buttoning the right shoe. With my device the operator, (sitting at the right of the customer,) after buttoning the left shoe, easily swings the stool in the arc of a circle to the left side and is ready to button the right shoe without rising, if he choose, the stool being at once at a proper distance from the rest. The flexible character of the rest allows the foot to always assume the easiest and most natural position in the shoe while being buttoned, and overcomes the difficulties encountered with a rigidly-mounted rest.

What I claim is—

1. The combination, with foot-rest B and operator's stool T, mounted on rollers, of the pivoted arm L, pivoted to the foot-rest, connecting the base of the foot-rest and the stool T, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination, with the foot-rest B and

connecting-rod L, pivoted to the foot-rest, the stool T, rollers U, and track V, as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The combination, with the foot-rest B and  
5 ledges C D to retain the heel, of the spring O and check F, as and for the purpose set forth.

4. The combination, with the foot-rest B,

pivoted on its standard, of the ledges C D and boot-jack E on the front, as and for the purpose set forth.

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