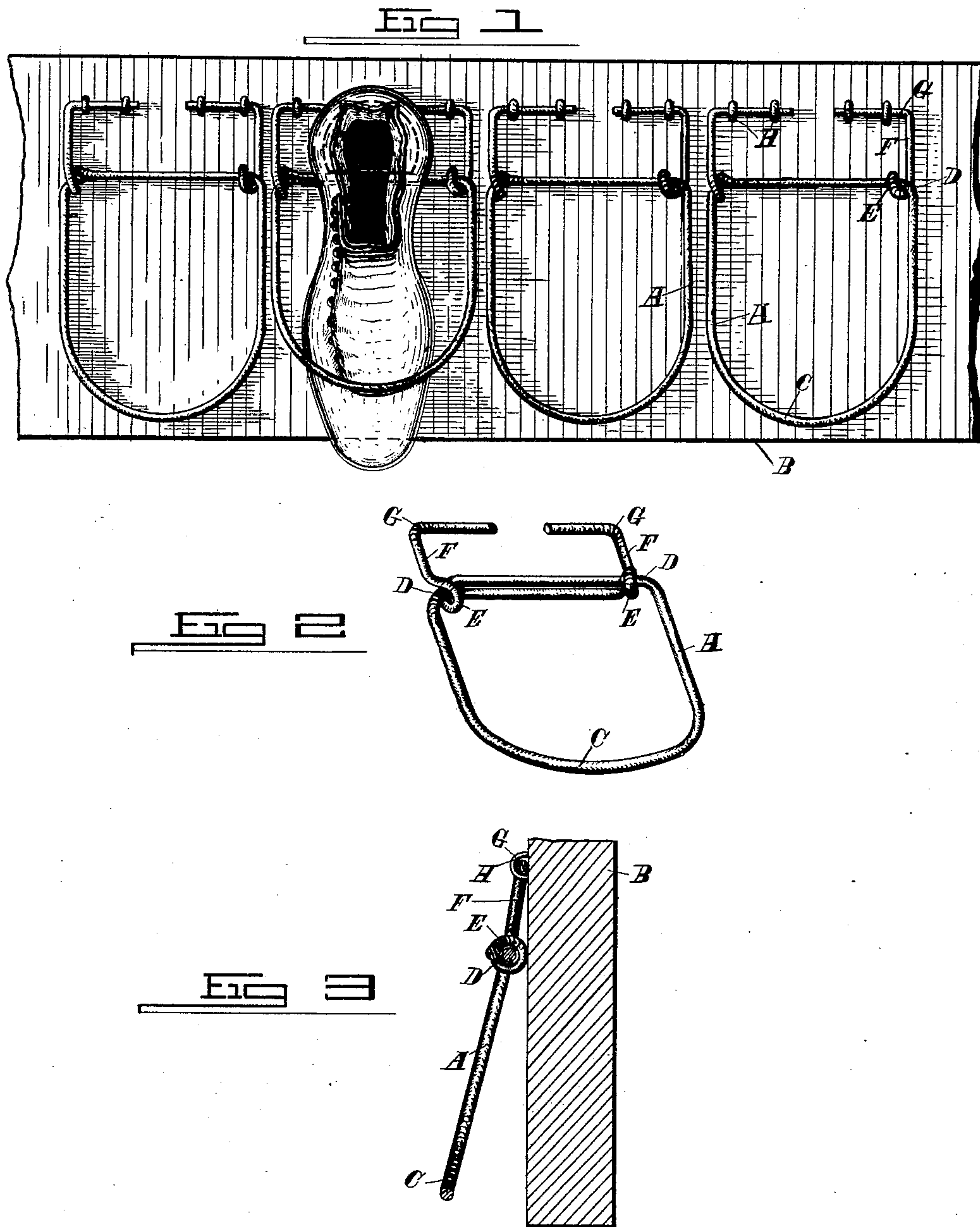


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## SHOE-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN B. CORNWALL, of Moline, in the county of Rock Island and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of my improved shoe-rack, showing the shoe-hangers in use. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the hanger detached. Fig. 3 is a sectional view thereof.

This invention is an improvement in devices for suspending shoes and like articles; and it consists, essentially, of a hinged or swinging wire bail provided with a looped portion to encircle the body of the shoe and a transverse bar or bail portion to catch beneath the heel of the shoe and uphold the same in conjunction with the loop, and such device will be clearly understood from the following description and claims.

Referring to the drawings by letter, A A designate the hangers, which are each constructed alike and similarly suspended or connected to a back or strip B, as shown. The hanger consists of a piece of wire, which is bent at its center into a U-shaped loop portion C. At the ends of this loop portion the wire ends are bent inwardly toward each other and extending parallel past each other to the opposite sides of the loop, as at D, forming a transverse bail or bar, which closes the loop portion. The wire ends are wrapped around the opposite member of bail D at the opposite sides of the loop, as at E E, thus connecting or uniting the members of said bail, and then extend rearwardly about in line with the sides of the U-shaped loop and parallel with each other, as shown at F F, and the extremities of ends F F are bent inwardly toward each other at right angles, as shown at G G, and these pieces G G are confined

against the back B by means of screw-eye loops H H, secured to the back, as shown, or in other convenient manner. When thus mounted, the bail or hanger can be swung toward or from back B, and by turning it to a nearly horizontal position it is in readiness to receive a shoe, the front or sole portion of which is slipped through loop C, while the heel catches on bail D. The weight of the shoe when released causes the hanger to swing downward and inward, thus clamping the shoe against the back by its own weight and suspending it, as shown. The shoe can be readily removed by lifting it vertically, the hanger swinging outward until the front portion of the shoe can slip easily out of the loop.

The hangers can be attached directly to a door or wall wherever it is desired to have them, dispensing with the back.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A shoe holder or hanger consisting of a loop of wire or suitable material loosely hinged at its upper end to a back or other support and having a cross bar or bail adapted to engage the heel of the shoe, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. A shoe holder or hanger consisting of a loop adapted to embrace the shoe, a cross piece or bail to engage beneath the heel thereof and having rearwardly-projecting ends for hinging it to a support, substantially as set forth.

3. As an improved article of manufacture, the herein-described hanger for shoes, consisting of a wire bent upon itself to form a U-shaped loop C, a bail D, angular hinge-pieces F F, and the attaching screw-eye loops H H therefor, all substantially as herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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