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Fig. 1.

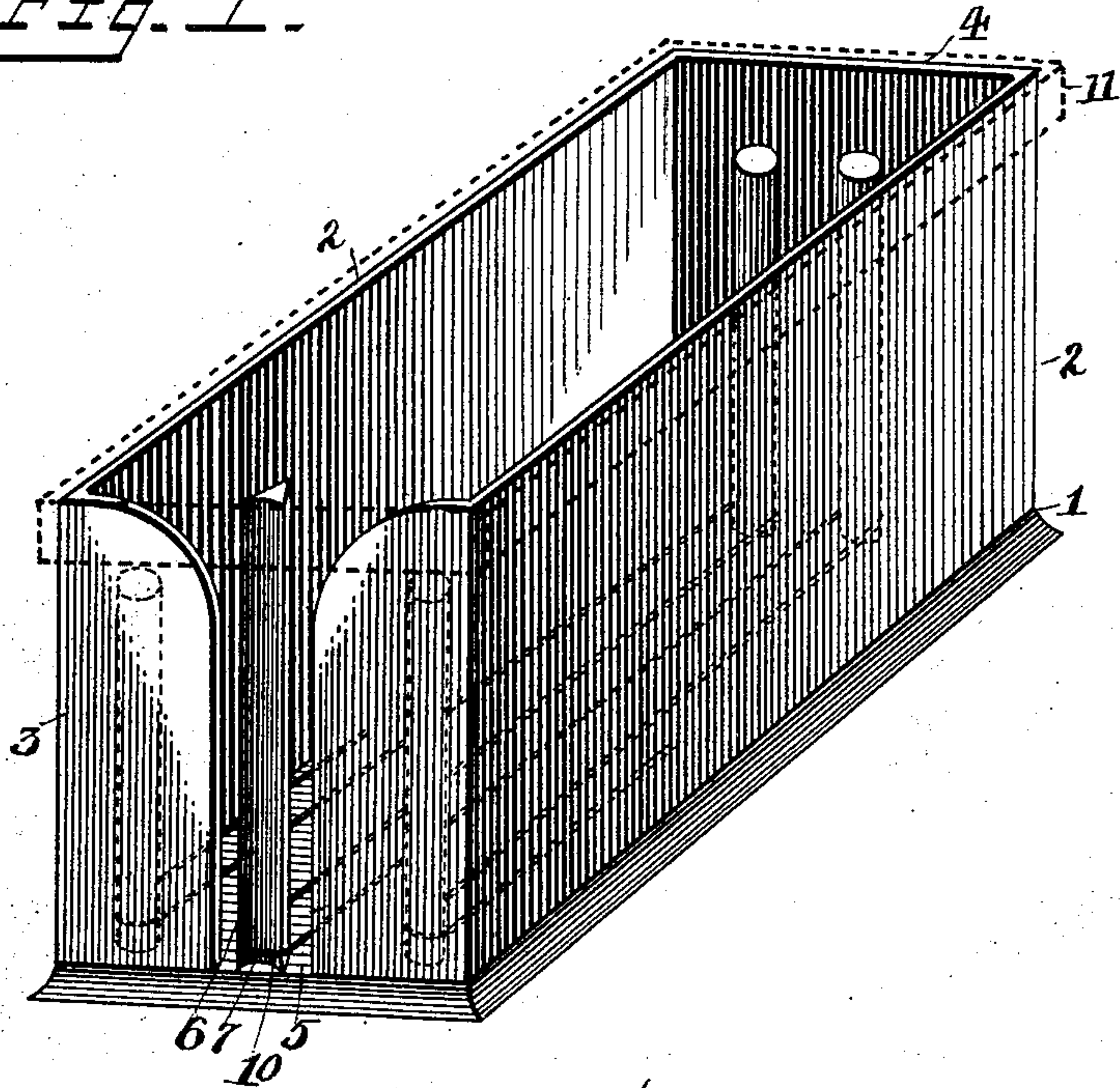
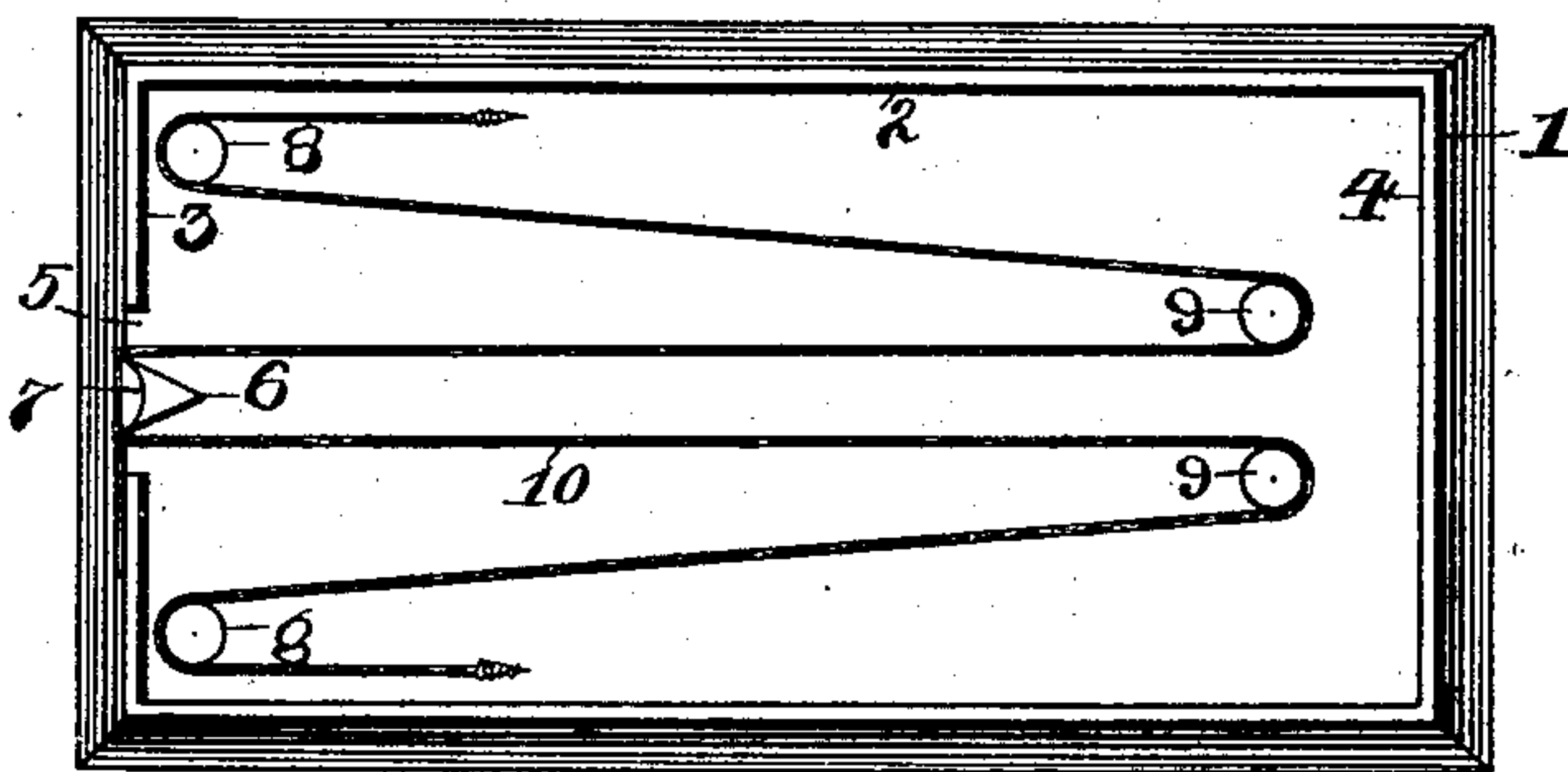


Fig. 2.



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## SHOESTRING-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM D. HANCOCK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Coffeyville, in the county of Montgomery and State of Kansas, have invented a new and useful Shoestring-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to shoestring-holders, its object being to provide a simple and efficient holder in which the shoestrings are superposed and uniformly looped around a series of vertical posts, with the middle loop of each shoestring accessible from the exterior of the holder in order that it may be grasped for the purpose of withdrawing each string separately without disarranging or tangling the other strings.

With this object in view the invention consists of the several details of construction and combination of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved shoestring-holder. Fig. 2 is a plan view, the upper end of the holder being open.

Similar reference-numerals indicate similar parts in both figures.

The holder preferably comprises a casing and a series of vertical posts secured in it. The casing will preferably be rectangular in form and comprise a base or bottom 1, the sides 2, and the ends 3 and 4. The end 3, which for convenience will be termed the "front" end of the holder, is formed in two sections, with a space 5 between them.

6 indicates a vertical finger-post which is secured to the bottom or base in any suitable manner and extends up in the space 5. This finger-post is preferably V-shaped in cross-section, with its apex extending inwardly, and the outer face of the post is provided with a vertical groove 7 to afford room for the thumb and finger to grasp a string, as will be more fully referred to hereinafter.

8 indicates vertical posts secured in any suitable manner to the base just to the rear of the finger-post 6 and on each side thereof. 9 indicates a pair of spaced vertical posts secured in any suitable manner to the base near the rear end of the holder. These several posts are so arranged that the vertical axis

of the finger-post 7 will be substantially midway between the vertical axis of the spaced posts 9, and the vertical axis of the latter will be substantially midway between the finger-post 6 and the respective posts 8 on each side thereof.

10 indicates the shoestring, which, as shown, is looped at its middle, and the middle loop is fitted over the finger-post 6. The two portions of the string extending from the middle loop are then first looped around the respective posts 9 and then around the respective posts 8, as clearly shown in Fig. 1.

Preferably a removable cover 11 (indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 1) will be provided to protect the shoestrings from dust and also to afford ready access to the interior of the holder for the purpose of arranging the strings therein.

The casing may be made of any suitable material adapted for the purpose, either wood, cardboard, or glass, and if the latter be used for the sides and ends a suitable framework to support the glass will be provided and secured to the base in any suitable manner, as will be readily understood. The advantage of using glass for the sides and ends will be that the strings within the holder can be easily inspected.

In operation the shoestrings will be superposed and looped around the finger-post and the series of vertical posts, as already described, and the groove in the front face of the finger-post will afford room for the thumb and finger of the operator when grasping one of the strings by its middle loop, and it is obvious that the shoestring can be withdrawn horizontally from the holder by grasping the middle loop of such string and that during such withdrawal the vertical posts 8 and 9 will prevent the disarrangement or tangling of the other shoestrings by the string that is being withdrawn.

It will be understood that changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is—

1. In a shoestring-holder, the combination with the supporting-base, of a vertical finger-



post supported by the base to receive the middle loop of the shoestring, and a series of spaced vertical posts supported by the base on each side and to the rear of the finger-post, 5 and around which the respective portions of the string extending from the middle loop are looped, substantially as described.

2. In a shoestring-holder, the combination with the supporting-base, of a vertical finger- 10 post supported by the base near one end thereof to receive the middle loop of the shoestring, said finger-post having a groove in its outer face, and a series of spaced vertical posts supported by the base on each side and to the 15 rear of the finger-post, and around which the respective portions of the string extending from the middle loop are looped, substantially as described.

3. In a shoestring-holder, the combination 20 of the casing having its front end wall formed of two sections with a space between them, of a vertical finger-post supported by the base in the said space, to receive the middle loop of the shoestring, and a series of spaced ver- 25 tical posts supported by the base within the

casing to the rear and on each side of the finger-post, and around which the respective portions of the string extending from the middle loop are looped, substantially as described.

4. In a shoestring-holder, the combination 30 of the casing having its front end wall formed of two sections with a space between them, of a vertical finger-post supported by the base in said space to receive the middle loop of the shoestring, a pair of vertical posts supported 35 by the base near its front end to the rear and on each side of the finger-post, and a pair of spaced vertical posts supported by the base near the rear end of the casing, and around which vertical posts the respective portions 40 of the string extending from the middle are looped, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in 45 the presence of two witnesses.

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