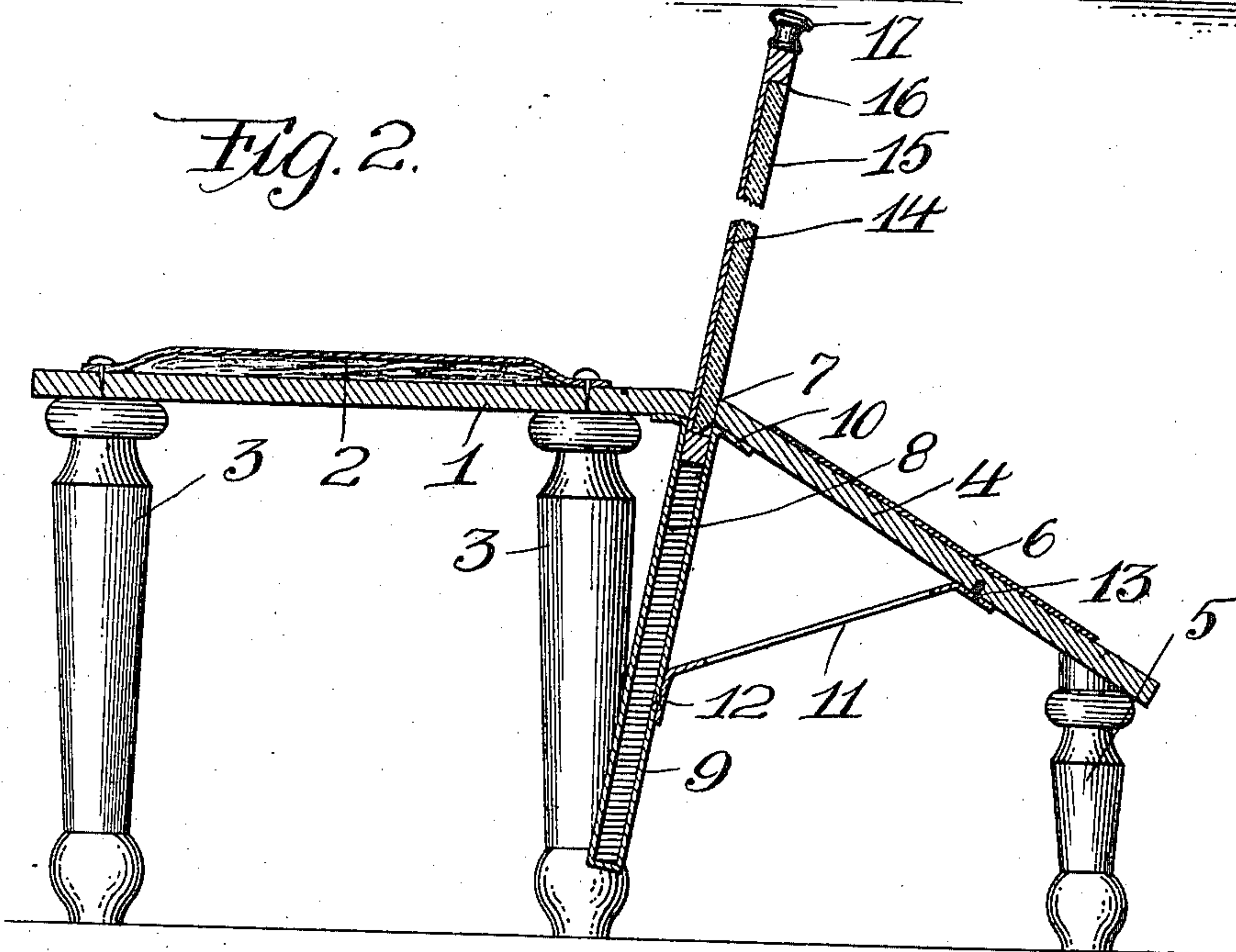
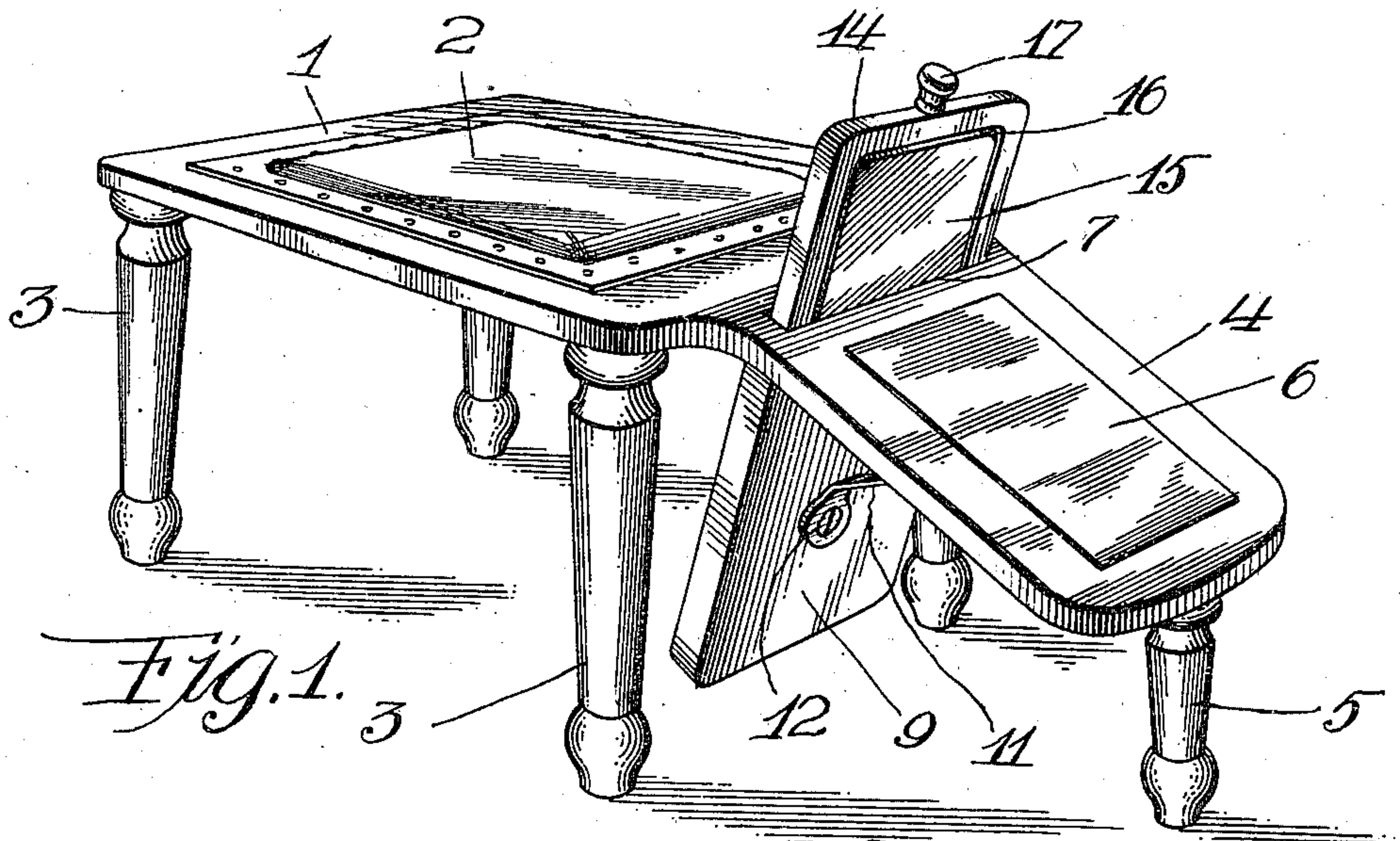


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB GASSEL, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Salesmen's Stools, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to a shoe salesman's stool, and more particularly to that type of stool used in shoe stores and departments by salesmen for supporting a customer's foot while the shoe is being tried or fitted.

The object of the invention is to provide a stool of the above type with a mirror or reflecting plate that can be easily moved into position to enable a customer to see his or her feet in the mirror while being fitted with shoes, thus relieving a customer of the inconvenience and possible embarrassment of rising and going before a mirror to observe the front appearance of the shoes.

A further object of the invention is to provide a stool of the above type with a mirror that will be normally housed in a safe position until it is desired to use the same, the mirror being easily placed in a useful position when a customer desires to observe the appearance of a fitted shoe.

These and such other objects as may hereinafter appear are attained by the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter specifically described and then claimed.

Reference will now be had to the drawing forming a part of this specification, wherein there is illustrated a preferred embodiment of the invention, but it is to be understood that the structural elements thereof can be varied or changed without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

In the drawing:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of a stool constructed in accordance with my invention, and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same.

In the accompanying drawing the reference numeral 1 denotes a seat for a salesman, said seat being provided with a suitable cushion 2 and supported by legs 3. The front side of the seat 1 is provided with a foot rest 4, which preferably slants downward to the front at an appropriate inclination to afford a comfortable position for the customer's foot, the forward end of the rest being supported by a center leg 5, while

the top of the rest is provided with a piece of rubber or other material 6 to prevent the customer's foot from slipping upon the rest.

The rest 4 at the juncture of the seat 1 is provided with a transverse slot 7 and in communication with said slot is the pocket 8 of a casing 9, said casing having the upper edge thereof flanged, as at 10 and suitably secured to the under side of the rest 4. The casing 9 is held in alinement with the slot 7 by an angularly disposed brace 11 connected to the front side of the casing 9, as at 12 and to the under side of the rest 4, as at 13.

Slidably mounted in the slot 7 and the pocket 8 of the casing 9 is a frame or backing 14 for a mirror or reflecting plate 15, said mirror or reflecting plate being held in engagement with the frame or backing 14 by a conventional form of fastening means, as putty or a bead 16. The frame or backing 14 is of a length corresponding to the depth of the pocket 8 and the slot 7, whereby the upper edge thereof will be flush with the upper edge of the foot rest 4, the upper edge of said frame or backing 14 being provided with a knob or handle 17, whereby a salesman can easily raise the frame or backing 14 and permit of the mirror or reflecting plate thereof reflecting the customer's foot upon the rest 4.

When the stool is in use, the mirror 15 is convenient to the salesman should the customer desire to observe the front appearance of shoes fitted upon the feet of the customer, and when not in use, the mirror is fully protected by the casing 9. The casing 9 can be made of metal or of a material similar to the stool, and can be disposed at a desired angle whereby a customer can easily observe the appearance of a pair of shoes without removing the feet from the rest 4.

Having now described my invention what I claim as new, is:—

A shoe salesman's stool comprising a seat, supporting means therefor, a rest projecting from said seat and inclining downwardly and provided at its upper terminus with a transversely-extending rectangular slot, a support for the free end of the rest, a rectangular casing arranged below the rest and having a bottom, side and end walls and further having an open top extending transversely with respect to the rest and communicating with the opening, means

connected at one end to the casing and at
its other end to the lower face of the rest for
fixedly securing the casing in position, and
a mirror shiftably-mounted within the cas-
5 ing and adapted to extend when partially
withdrawn from the casing through said
opening and transversely of the rest where-
by a customer can observe the front ap-
pearance of a shoe while being fitted, said
10 casing depending at an inclination with re-

spect to the seat and said slot having its
side walls inclining and forming a continu-
ation of the inner face of the side walls of
the casing.

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