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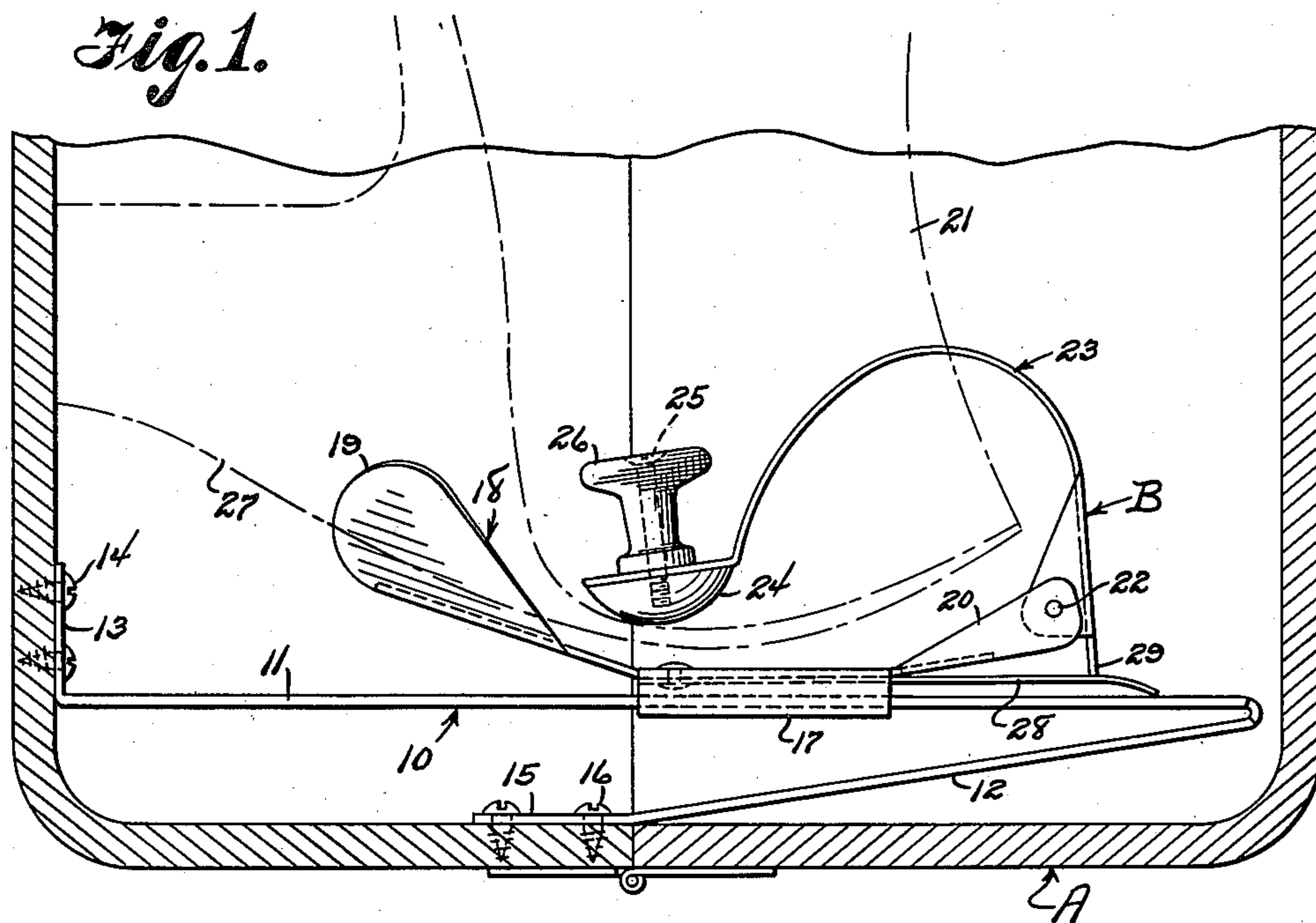


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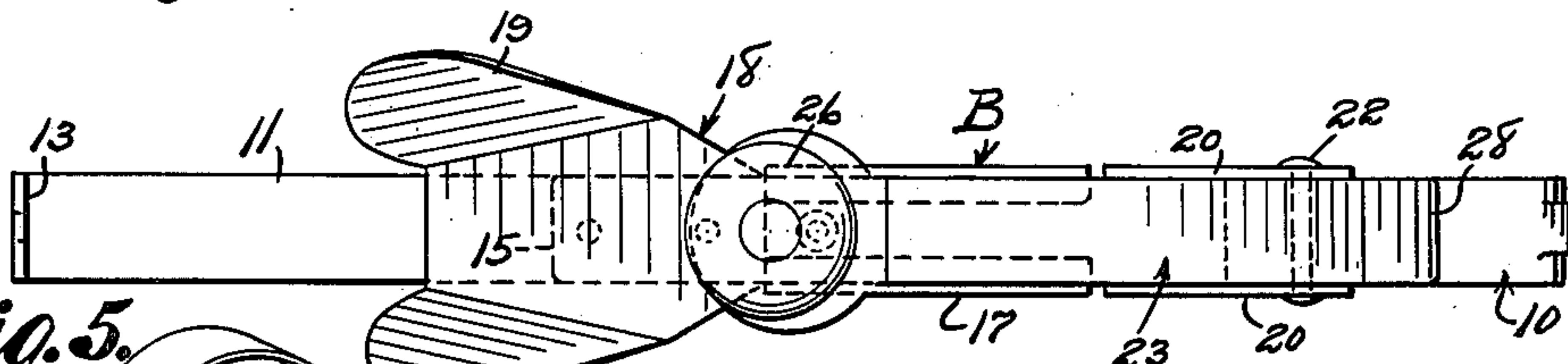


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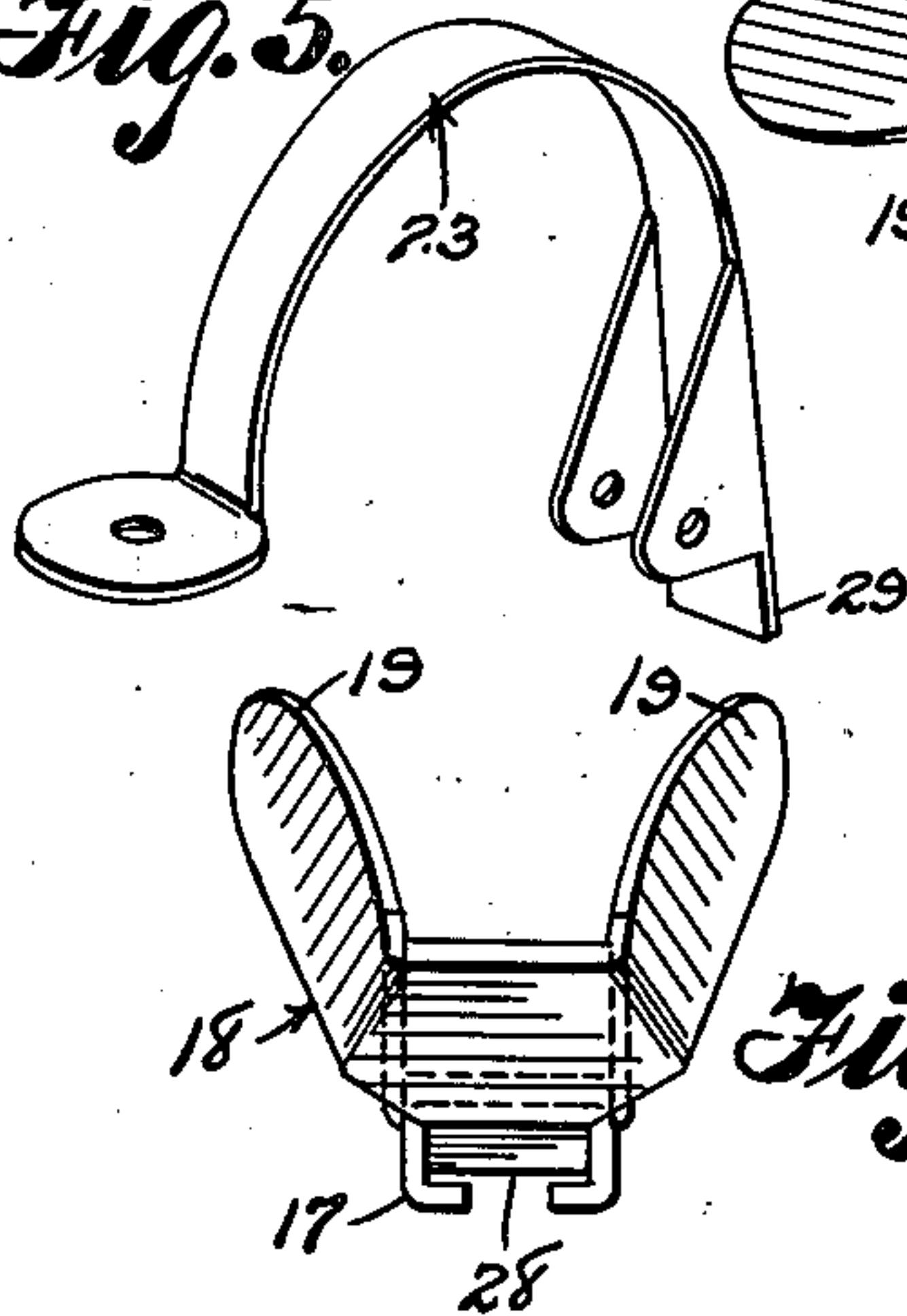


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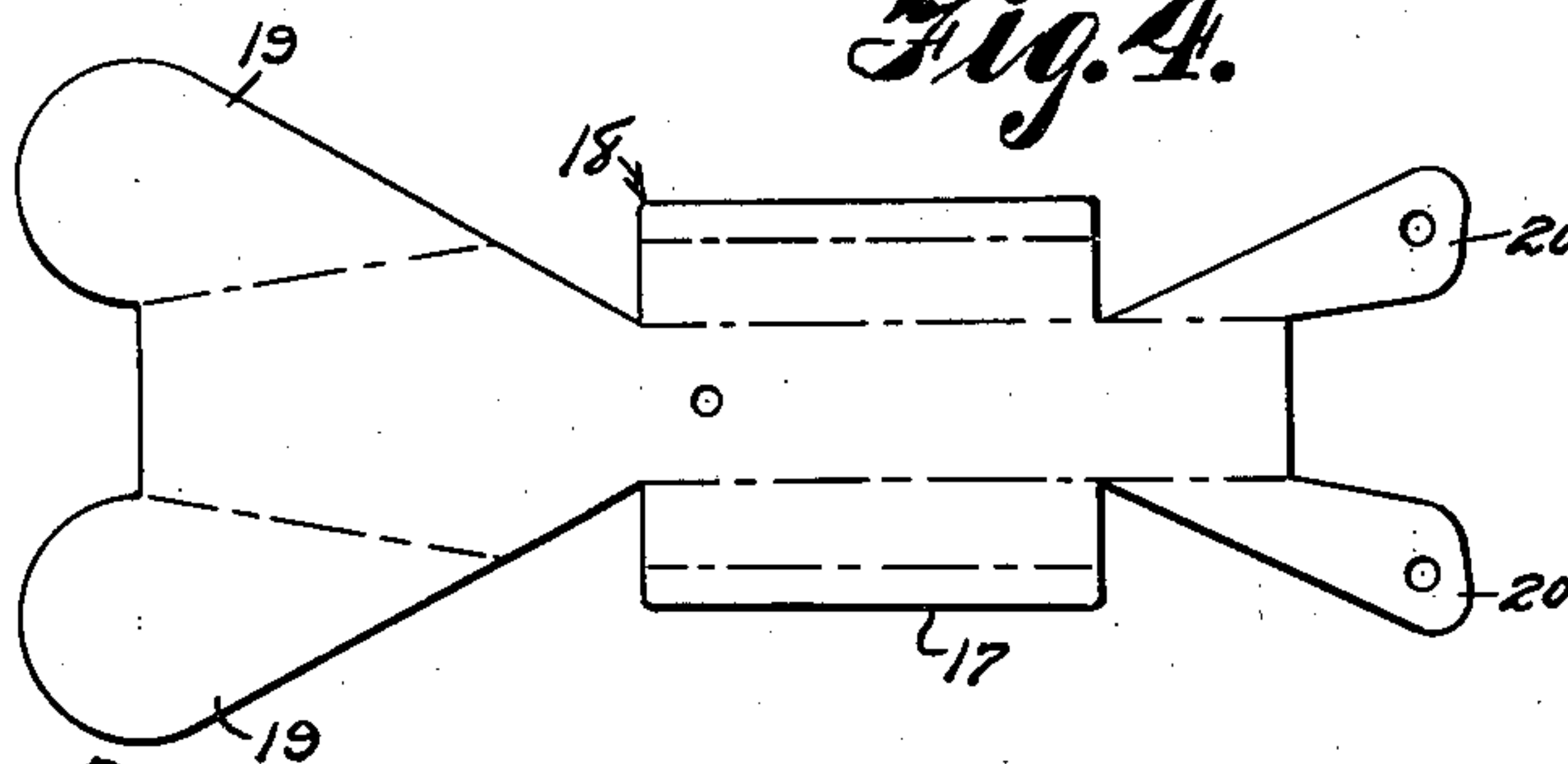
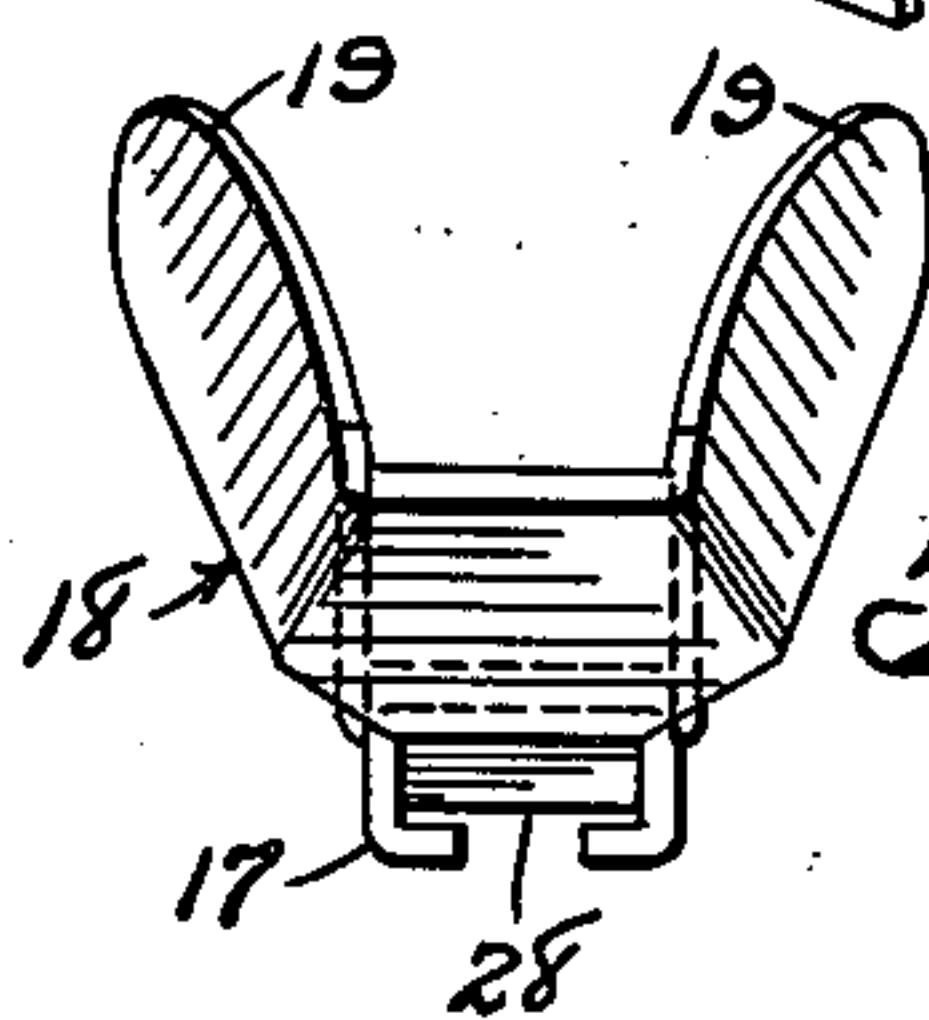


Fig. 3.



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The invention relates to a shoe holder and more especially to a shoe hanger or shoe rack.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of a device of this character wherein a shoe, slipper or the like can be conveniently clamped and held therein whether the same be upon a wall, in a showcase, traveling box or the like, and in this manner assures against untidiness or the said shoe lying loose upon a floor or within an enclosure therefor.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a device of this character wherein shoes can be conveniently held in a determined locality when stored in a cupboard or in a case or otherwise to avoid misplacement especially when the shoes are stored loose and at the same time avoiding damage thereto as might occur when stored loose by contacting with one another.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a device of this character wherein shoes can be hung or held in a neat and tidy order and maintained in a fixed position until removed.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of a device of this character, which is simple in its construction, thoroughly reliable and efficient in operation, enabling the quick and easy placement and removal, and inexpensive to manufacture.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described in detail, illustrated in the accompanying drawing, which discloses the preferred embodiment of the invention and pointed out in the claims hereunto appended.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is a fragmentary vertical sectional view through a case showing the shoe holder constructed in accordance with the invention in side elevation applied thereto.

Figure 2 is a top plan view of the device.

Figure 3 is an end elevation.

Figure 4 is a plan view of a blank from which one part of the holder is made.

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the clamping member of the holder.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views in the drawing.

Referring to the drawing in detail, A designates generally a portion of a case for accommodating shoes, wearing apparel and other articles for their storage and carriage. This case A can be of any approved form of con-

struction and is illustrated merely to show an application of the shoe holder B constituting the present invention and hereinafter fully described.

The shoe holder comprises a bracket 10 made from a single strip of material, preferably metal, having a major straight track portion 11 and a leg or arm portion 12, respectively. The track portion 11 at the end 13 is made secure by fasteners 14 to the case A for the disposition of the bracket 10 interiorly thereof and the leg 12 similarly at the end 15 is made fast by fasteners 16 to the said case.

Movably fitted upon this track portion 11 by a runner 17 is a saddle 18 having outwardly divergent wings 19 at one end while at the other end is formed pivot ears 20. This saddle 18 in its construction and contour allows a shoe, slipper or the like 21 to rest against the same so that the said shoe, slipper or the like will be held fixed in the device in a manner presently described.

Swingly connected to the pivot ears 20 by a pivot 22 is a swingable clamping jaw 23 having at its end remote from the pivot 22 a contact 24, which is made fast to the said jaw by a screw, bolt or the like 25 carrying a hand grip or knob 26. This jaw 23 is swingable to a position for clamping or fastening the shoe 21 seated in the saddle 18 at the heel end thereof and in this manner the said shoe is retained in a fixed position, preferably with the heel proper 27 contacting with a wall adjacent thereto of the case A as is clearly shown in Figure 1 of the drawing.

The runner 17 has fixed thereto a leaf spring 28 which engages the end 29 of the jaw 23 so that through coaction of this end with the said spring the jaw will be held in a thrown position, either in a clamping position or in an unclamping position. The spring 28 frictionally plays against the track portion 11 of the bracket 10 so as to retard free sliding movement of the runner 17 upon the track portion 11. When the shoe 21 is clamped in the saddle 18 by moving the runner 17 on the track portion 11, the location of the shoe in this held position can be changed or altered, the track portion 11 being of a length to permit the shoe 21 when clamped in the holder to be shifted close to one wall of the case A or away from such wall. When the holder is shifted away from the wall, the shoe 21 therein can be readily removed therefrom on the swinging of the jaw 23 to unclamping position.

The contact 24 can be in the form of a pad so as not to mar or damage the shoe 21 when the jaw 23 is in clamping position with relation to the saddle 18 of the holder and the shoe 21 engaged in the latter.

It is to be understood of course that the bracket 10 can be made fast upon a wall, support or within an enclosure adaptable for the storage of articles of wearing apparel or the said device can be fitted in a traveling case or other luggage.

The holder when used will maintain shoes in a fixed condition and at a determined locality resulting in tidiness when stored or in the carriage of such shoe or shoes. This eliminates misplacement of the shoes and avoids the same lying loose upon the floor or within an enclosure.

To swing the jaw 23, which is manually operated, the operator grasps the knob or grip 26 for this purpose and such jaw can be moved to clamping or unclamping positions with dispatch and in a convenient manner.

Shoes held within the holders assure tidiness and neatness when the said shoes are not in use and during storage and carriage thereof.

What is claimed is:

1. A shoe holder of the kind described comprising a bracket having a track portion, a runner movable on the track portion, shoe saddling means on said runner, a clamp included in said shoe saddling means for engaging a shoe when fitting the saddle, and spring means on the runner and engaging the track portion and the said clamp for frictionally holding the runner in an adjusted position on the track portion and also for tensioning the said clamp.

2. A shoe holder of the kind described comprising a bracket having a track portion, a runner movable on the track portion, shoe saddling means on said runner, a clamp included in said shoe saddling means for engaging a shoe when fitting the saddle, spring means on the

runner and engaging the track portion and the said clamp for frictionally holding the runner in an adjusted position on the track portion and also for tensioning the said clamp, and outwardly divergent wings formed on said saddling means.

3. A shoe holder of the kind described, comprising a bracket having a track portion, a runner movable on the track portion, shoe saddling means on said runner, a pivoted clamp on said runner and one end thereof adapted to engage the inside of the shoe for clamping the same on the saddling means, and the opposite end of the pivoted clamp adapted to simultaneously lock the runner on the track.

4. A shoe holder of the kind described, comprising a bracket having a track portion, a runner movable on the track portion, a shoe saddling means on said runner, an intermediately pivoted clamp on said runner and one end adapted to engage the inside of the shoe for clamping the same on the opposite end of the saddling means, a spring carried by the runner and adapted to be engaged by the opposite end of the intermediately pivoted clamp, whereby the spring frictionally locks the runner on the track when the intermediately pivoted clamp is moved into engagement with the shoe.

5. A shoe holder of the kind described, comprising a bracket having a track portion, a runner movable on the track portion, shoe saddling means on said runner, an intermediately pivoted clamp on said runner and one end adapted to engage the inside of the shoe for clamping the same on the saddling means, a spring carried by the runner parallel with the track portion below the pivotal connection of the intermediately pivoted clamp and adapted to be engaged by the end thereof, whereby the spring is forced into frictional engagement with the track portion when the intermediately pivoted clamp is moved into engagement with the shoe.

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