

(No Model.)

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FIG. 1.

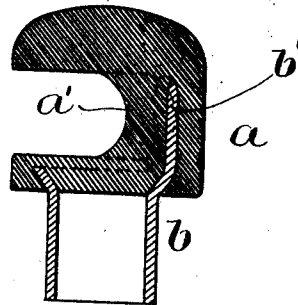
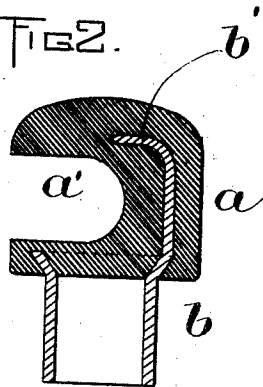


FIG. 2.



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LACING-HOOK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELEAZER KEMPSHALL, of Newton, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Lacing-Hooks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in lacing-hooks; and it consists in the novel features of construction and relative arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described in the specification, clearly illustrated in the drawings, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying sheet of drawings, forming a part of this application, in which like characters indicate like parts wherever they occur.

Figure 1 represents in vertical sectional view a lacing-hook constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a like view of a modification.

Referring to the drawings, in the embodiment of my invention therein shown and selected by me for the purpose of illustration, *a* represents a lacing-hook composed of celluloid or other plastic material, and *b* represents a device by which the lacing-hook is secured to a shoe or other article.

The device *b* is here shown as an eyelet, although any other preferred means may be employed. The eyelet is here shown as anchored to the base of the hook.

b' represents a prong or member extending up from one side of the device *b* into the neck *a'* of the lacing-hook. 35

The prong or member *b'* serves to strengthen the neck to assist in resisting the tendency of the strain of the lacing to break the neck at or near the base. The shape of this prong in cross-section is immaterial, the idea being to extend the fastening device *b* into the neck to strengthen the latter or provide an equivalent means of this sort. It is believed to be unnecessary to illustrate the various modifications to which this extension is susceptible. 45

Having thus explained the nature of my invention and described a way of constructing and using the same, though without attempting to set forth all of the forms in which it may be made or all of the modes of its use, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is— 50

A lacing-hook composed or formed of celluloid, an attaching means secured to the base thereof, having a member extending into the neck of the hook. 55

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, this 30th day of March, A. D. 1897. 60

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