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Shoe Lacer.

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Fig. 1.

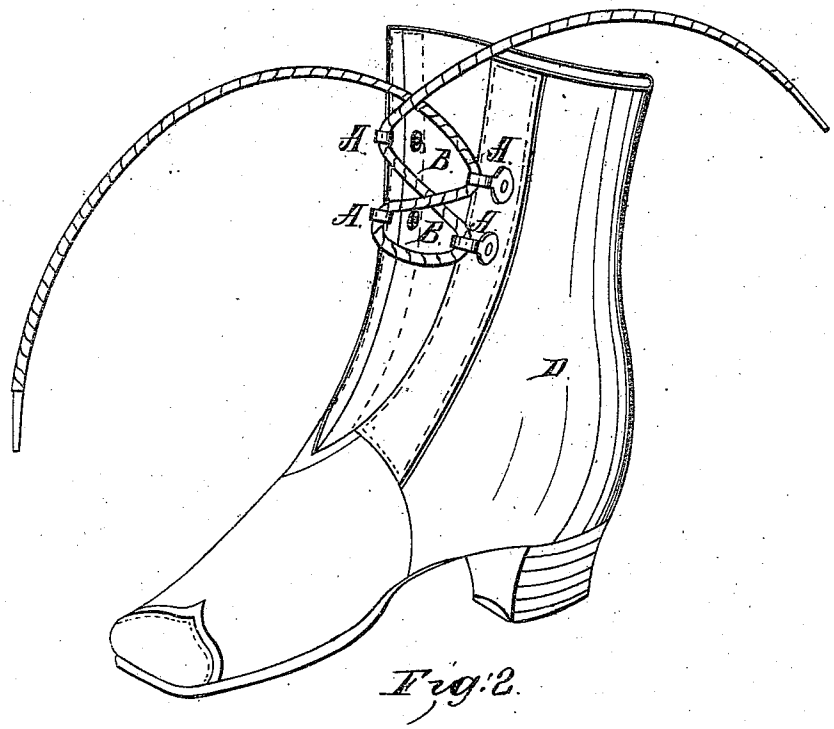

Fig. 2.

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IMPROVED SHOE-LACER.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, D. A. GILBERT, of Morrisville, in the county of Lamoille, and in the State of Vermont, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Lacers; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and the letters of reference marked thereon.

In the annexed drawings making a part of this specification, A represents my improved "shoe-lacer," which is cut by a die from sheet metal, and bent in the form shown in the drawings.

The "lacer" is riveted to a shoe, D, by means of a small pin or rivet, *c*, passing through a suitable hole in the ear of said lacer, and through the material of the shoe, and a small plate, B, placed on the inside of the shoe directly opposite or beneath the ear of the lacer A.

It will be seen that by means of the lacer A, having its eye or hook made in the form shown, a shoe may be laced much quicker than by any other known device, as there is no danger or probability of the string slipping out or becoming detached therefrom, while it receives or catches the string as readily as an ordinary hook, and the said lacer being riveted by means of a headed pin, or pin passing through a plate, B, and then headed at both ends, will be held more securely, and the material will be less liable to rip or tear than by the usual mode of fastening.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The lacer A as an article of manufacture, when made with the end of its hook turned under, in the form shown and described, and used as and for the purpose herein specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand, this 25th day of February, 1868.

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