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Fig. 1.

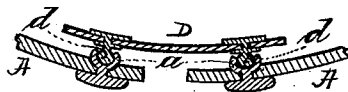


Fig. 2.

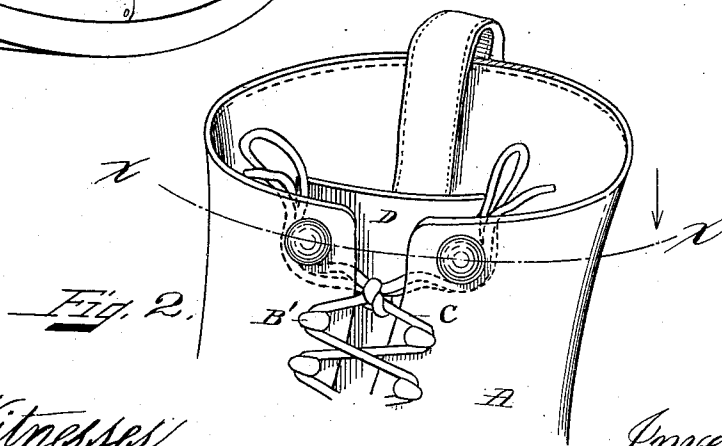


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. WATSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Fastenings, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

This invention relates to that type of lace boots and shoes which are provided with means for detachably connecting the top portions of the uppers and tongues, so that the free portions of the lacing-strings can be secured.

The object of my invention is to provide a boot or shoe with a separable fastening for detachably connecting the top portion of the upper with the top portion of the shoe-tongue entirely independent of the lacing-string, so that after parts of the fastening are connected together the free portions of the lacing-string can be tucked away and secured between the connected upper and tongue, so as to present a neat appearance.

To accomplish this object my invention consists in the features of construction and combination of parts hereinafter described and claimed, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a lace-boot provided with my improved fastening, showing one corner of the upper connected to the tongue and the other corner detached therefrom. Fig. 2 represents an enlarged detail view of the upper end of a lace-boot, showing my improved fastening in use; and Fig. 3 represents a cross-section on the line X X, shown in Fig. 2.

Similar letters refer to similar parts wherever they occur on the different parts of the drawings.

A in the drawings represents an ordinary lace-boot (front or side lace) provided with the usual eyelets B or hooks B', lacing string or cord C, and tongue D, as is common in boots of this kind. In addition to such ordinary fastening device I secure to the upper corners of the tongue D metal ball or snap fasteners

d d, adapted to be locked to metal sockets *a a*, secured in a suitable manner to the upper corners of the boot, as shown. 50

In practice I prefer to make the parts *d a* in the form of what is known as "ball-and-socket glove-fasteners;" but other forms of snap-fasteners may be used on the tongue and boot-upper without departing from the essence of my invention. 55

The boot is laced and its lacing-string tied as usual. The bow and ends of the lacing-strings are then placed between the upper and the tongue and tucked away on the inside of the boot, after which the tongue is fastened to upper corners of the boot, by this means locking the parts *a d a d* together, as fully shown in Figs. 2 and 3 and left-hand portion of Fig. 1, by which the bow and ends of the lacing-strings are concealed and secured in place inside of the boot-upper, thus presenting a very neat and tasty appearance, besides preventing the lacing-string from being accidentally untied, as well as holding the upper end of the tongue and boot-corners firmly secured together, thus preventing the tongue from slipping sidewise inside the boot-upper. 60 65 70

Having thus fully described the nature, construction, and operation of my invention, I wish to secure by Letters Patent and claim— 75

A lace-shoe having the top portions of the upper and tongue provided, respectively, with separable parts of a snap-fastening for detachably connecting the tongue and upper independent of the lacing-string, so that the tongue and upper can be connected and the string subsequently tied and tucked between the connected upper and tongue, substantially as described. 80 85

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, on this 12th day of January, A. D. 1892.

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