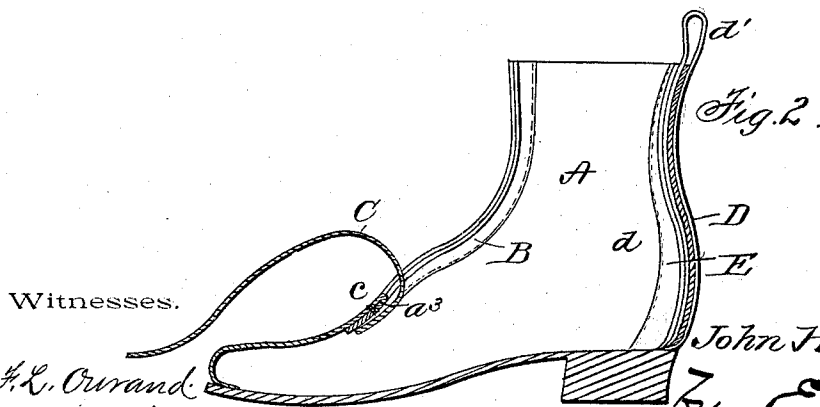
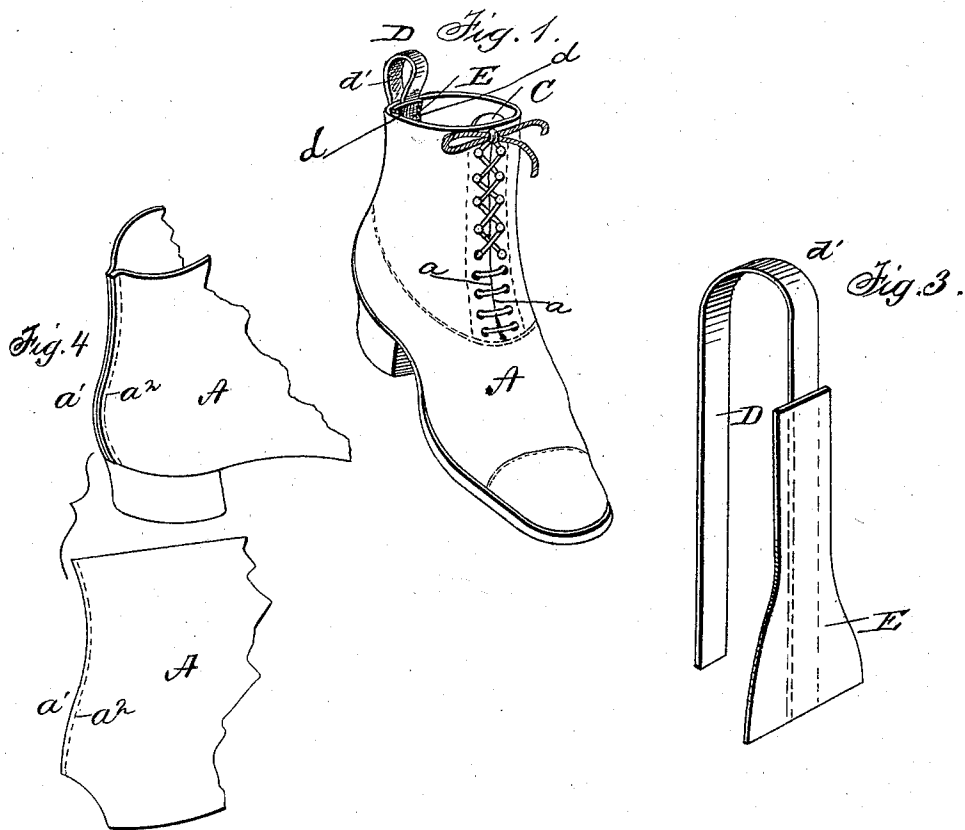


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. CLAPPISON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Easton, in the county of Northampton and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Up-
pers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in shoes.

The invention will first be described in connection with the accompanying drawings and then particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a shoe embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a central sectional view. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the combined back-stay and loop. Fig. 4 represents the back of the shoe-upper, indicating the manner in which the back seam is formed.

Referring to the drawings, A is a shoe-upper cut from one piece of leather and having inner curved edges *a* and back edges *a'*. These back edges, after the usual linings have been attached to the upper, are united by a seam, as shown at *a*² in the upper part of Fig. 4, the said back edges projecting slightly beyond the seam. The inner edges *a* form the open front of the shoe.

D is a stay or loop-strip folded double and arranged with one portion inside the shoe and the other portion outside, the said outer portion resting over and extending to each side of the projecting back edges *a'*. The inner portion covers the back seam inside, and the two portions referred to are secured in place by a row of stitching *d* at each side

of the back seam, as will be fully understood from the drawings. It will also be noted that the said loop-strip D is considerably longer than the back edge of the upper, whereby the folded end of the said loop-strip projects above the top of the shoe at the back and thus forms a loop or tab *d'*, with which to pull on the shoe.

In order to protect the sock of the wearer from being soiled by the inner portion of the loop-strip D a lining-piece E is connected inside said inner loop-strip. This inner lining-piece is wider toward the bottom and is also connected to the lining of the upper.

It will be seen that by my construction the tab formed by the loop-strip at the back of the shoe presents an exceedingly strong device of the kind and one which will not break or become unstitched.

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

In a shoe, the combination, with an upper having a back seam, of a stay-strip folded double and having one portion secured on the outside of the upper and the other portion on the inside of the upper, both portions being over said back seam, the said stay-strip having its double end projecting above the top of the shoe to serve as a pulling-strap, and an inner lining-piece connected to that portion of the stay-strip inside the shoe, said inner lining-piece widening toward its bottom and being secured to the lining of the upper, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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