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Fig. 1.

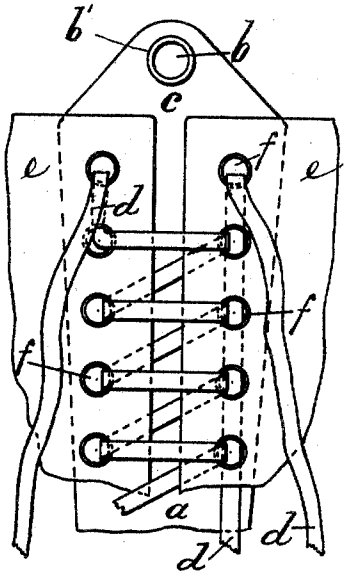


Fig. 2.

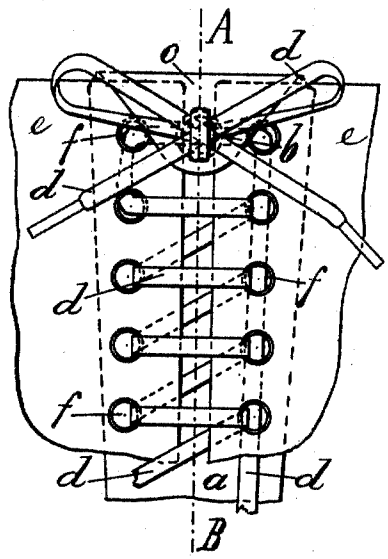
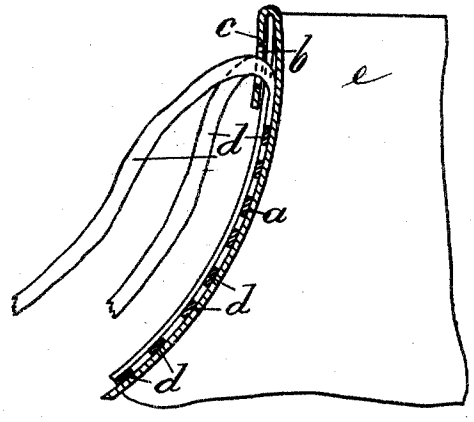


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CARL HERMANN STAMER, a citizen of Germany, residing at Hamburg, Germany, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a shoe having a tongue adapted to be locked against displacement and which exerts a pressure against the knot of the laces, so that the latter will not be apt to open accidentally.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a front view of a part of a shoe embodying my invention, showing the laces open. Fig. 2 is a similar view with the laces closed; and Fig. 3, a section on line A B, Fig. 2, showing the lace untied.

e e are the flaps of a shoe-upper, and *a* is the flexible tongue. This tongue is provided with an upward extension *c*, that projects above the flaps *e* and is perforated, as at *b*, the extension being thus adapted to be folded over the upper edges of the flaps *e*. The perforation *b* is preferably reinforced by an eyelet *b'*, and the distance between it and the upper edge of uppers *e* corresponds substantially to the distance between the two uppermost lace holes or hooks *f* and such upper edge. Thus when the tongue is folded down the perforation *b* will be brought between and in substantial alinement with the two uppermost lace-holes.

In use the lace-strings *d* are drawn through the lace-holes *f* or around the hooks, as usual, and are passed from below through the perforation *b*. The extension *c* is folded down over the upper, Fig. 3, and the knot is tied, Fig. 2. In this way the tongue is locked in position, while the pressure of the foot against the tongue will tend to prevent accidental opening of the knot.

What I claim is—

A lace-shoe provided with an extended tongue having a perforation adapted for the passage of the lace-string, such perforation and the two upper lace-engaging means being substantially equidistant from the top of the shoe-upper, as specified.

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