

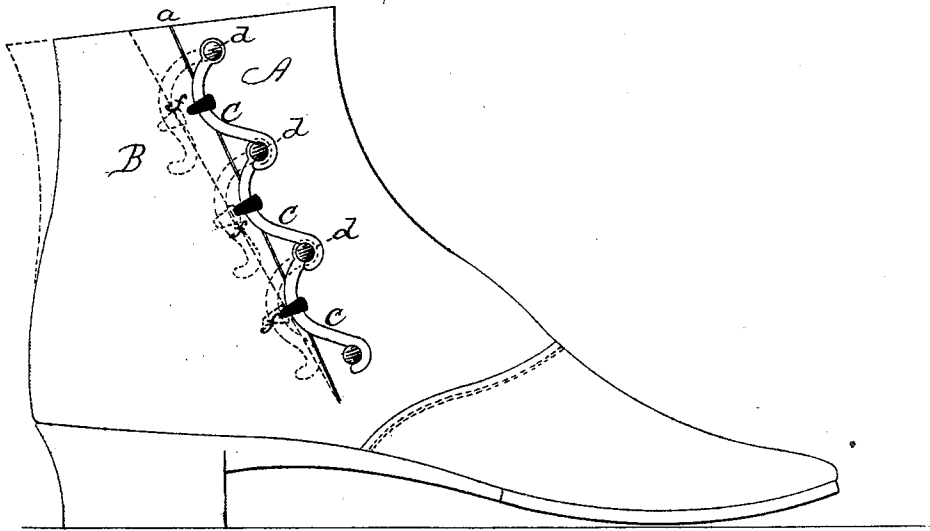
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IMPROVEMENT IN SHOE-FASTENINGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK COELLER, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Shoe-Fastenings; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawing constitutes part of this specification and represents a side view of a shoe with the fastening applied.

This invention relates to a device or substitute for shoe-lacings; and consists in the arrangement of a lever or levers, one end of which is pivoted to one side of the opening, taking into a hook upon the opposite side to draw the two parts together when the other end of the lever is secured to the same part of the shoe to which its first end is pivoted.

I represents the shoe as one open at the side, A being the front, and B the rear portion, divided at *a*, three levers, *b*, being employed for securing the parts together. These levers are pivoted to

the part A at *d* so as to turn freely on their said pivot. *f* is a hook—or may be an eye—through which the lever passes, this eye secured to the other part B. The other end of the lever is formed so as to lock onto a stud or other device on the other part, here represented as onto the pivot of the next lever.

Supposing the shoe to be opened, as denoted in broken lines, and placed upon the foot, the loose end of the lever is then drawn forward to bring the two parts together, and locked in position, as shown in the drawing.

I claim as my invention—

The herein-described shoe-fastening, consisting of the lever or levers C, one end of which is pivoted to one part of the shoe, passing through or in connection with the securing device *f* on the other part, its other end locked or secured to the same part of the shoe to which the first end is pivoted, substantially in the manner described.

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