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BOOTING-JACK.

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Fig. 1.

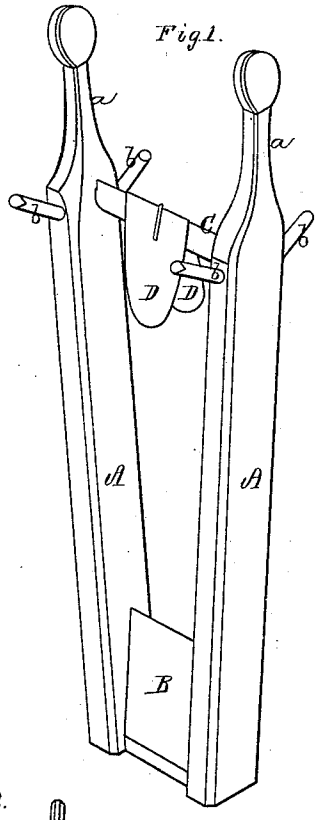


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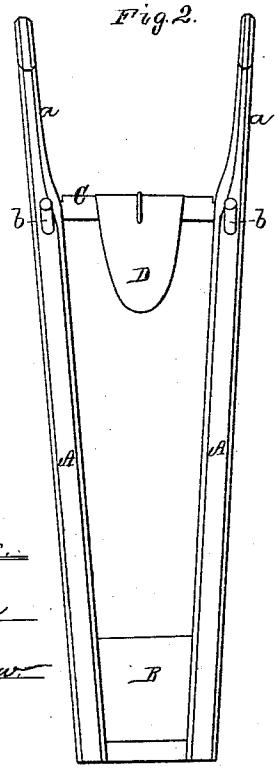
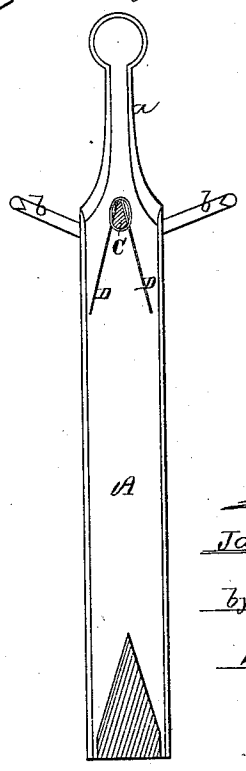


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IMPROVEMENT IN BOOTING-JACKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JARED BUZZELL, of Boston, of the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Booting-Jack; and do hereby declare the same to be described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view, Fig. 2 a front elevation, and Fig. 3 a transverse section, of it.

The article is to enable a person to readily draw a boot on without the necessity of seizing with his hands the straps or loops of the boot-leg and pulling on them.

Men advanced in years, or more or less obese, generally find it difficult to stoop and make the exertion usually required to effect the drawing on of their boots. Such efforts are more or less hazardous, particularly with invalids, or those affected with cardiacal or other organic disease, or inclined to apoplexy or undue tendency of blood to the head. With my booting-jack not only is the operation of getting the boot upon the leg different from the ordinary process of drawing it on by the hands, but this latter is dispensed with, and its risks and dangers consequently avoided.

In the drawings, A A denote two bars, terminating at their upper parts in handles *a a*, and connected at their lower parts by a wedge-shaped connection-piece, B. These bars, arranged with each other in manner as represented, are provided at the bases of the handles with hooks or pegs *b b*, extending from them in manner as represented. There are two of such pegs to each bar, they being projected in opposite directions from it, as shown, such being as and for the purpose hereinafter stated.

To use the booting-jack, a boot is to be hung by its leg straps or loops on two opposite pegs of the two bars, with the heel of the boot resting against the connection or base piece B, and the latter on the floor. This having been done, the person is to seize with his hands the two handles, raise his foot and insert it in the mouth of the boot-leg, and press his leg down into the boot. From this it will be seen that there is no pulling by the hands required to get the boot on, but simply a pushing down of the leg into the boot while supported by the stand or jack.

Furthermore, there is between the two bars A A, just below the handles, a rock-shaft, C, pivoted in the bars, and provided with one or two thin metallic tongues or guides, D D, extended down from it, as represented. When a boot is hung on a pair of the pegs one of such tongues extends within the mouth of the boot-leg, and serves to guide the heel of a person's foot into the said mouth.

With two pegs to each bar, and projecting from it in manner as represented, a pair of boots may be hung on the jack, which, after one boot of such pair may have been drawn on one leg, may be turned so as to enable the other boot to be similarly drawn on the other leg. Besides this the jack becomes a useful stand to sustain a pair of boots after they may have been cleaned.

I claim as my invention—

The combination of the rock-shaft C and the tongue or tongues D D with the two bars A A, arranged, connected, and provided with pegs *b b*, as described.

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